



RETIREMENT SYSTEMS DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees

FROM: Steven C. Toole, Executive Director

DATE: April 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel

I am seeking your approval to appoint members to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel. Four of the five appointments expired on January 16, 2018.

As per North Carolina General Statutes, the Advisory Panel meets at least annually to prepare an annual report to the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) Board of Trustees regarding the status and needs of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund.

The Advisory Panel consists of seven members:

1. Executive Director of Retirement Systems Division (Chair)
2. Designee of the State Insurance Commissioner
3. Five members to be appointed (four-year terms) by the LGERS Board of Trustees:
 - a. Paid firefighter
 - b. Volunteer firefighter
 - c. Paid rescue squad worker
 - d. Volunteer rescue squad worker
 - e. Member of the public at large

One member of the Advisory Panel appointed by the LGERS Board of Trustees must be a member of that Board. Kevin Gordon, paid firefighter, fills this requirement, and his term does not expire until March 31, 2020. Members of the Advisory Panel may succeed themselves if reappointed by the LGERS Board of Trustees.

Following collaboration with Treasurer Dale R. Folwell, CPA, and key stakeholders, staff recommends the following appointments to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel:

- **Volunteer Firefighter:** reappoint Dean Coward for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2022
- **Paid Rescue Squad Worker:** reappoint Gary Whithman for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2022
- **Volunteer Rescue Squad Worker:** reappoint Debra Poe for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2022
- **Member of the General Public:** Appoint Fred W. Beroth for a four-year term through January 16, 2022

Resumes are attached for your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.