



ILLINOIS POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION INVESTMENT FUND

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Authorized Agents, Article 3 Police Pension Funds

FROM: Richard A. White, Jr. Executive Director, IPOPIF

DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: Board of Trustees Election Voter Information Request

As you know, the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) was established in January 2020 and in accordance with the Pension Code, is governed by a Permanent Board of Trustees (40 ILCS 5/22B-101 et seq.). The Pension Code also provides the authority to administer all elections to the Board of Trustees (40 ILCS 5/22B-116).

The Board of Trustees consists of 9 members as follows:

- a. Three members who are mayors, presidents, chief executive officers, chief financial officers, or other officers, executives, or department heads of municipalities that have participating pension funds and are elected by the mayors and presidents of municipalities that have participating pension funds.
- b. Three members who are participants of participating pension funds and are elected by the participants of the participating pension funds.
- c. Two members who are retirees or beneficiaries of participating pension funds and are elected by the retirees or beneficiaries of participating pension funds.
- d. One member recommended by the Illinois Municipal League who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The elected trustees serve four-year terms of office, with an election held every two years which allows for an orderly rotation of board members through the election cycles. The trustees seated in the upcoming election will serve a four-year term of office beginning in January 2025 through December 2028.

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The Board of Trustee seats eligible for election at this time include:

- a. TWO municipal member trustee seats, elected by the municipality representatives.
- b. ONE active member trustee seat, elected by the active law enforcement participants of the Article 3 pension funds.
- c. ONE beneficiary member trustee seat, elected by the retirees and beneficiaries of the Article 3 pension funds.

Eligible electors (voters) for the seats are Article 3 pension fund members for include (1) active law enforcement participants and (2) retirees and beneficiaries of the Article 3 participating police pension funds and (3) representatives of these municipalities.

The IPOPIF does not have a database of the membership of the Article 3 police pension funds, so a critical element in the conduct of this election is the building of the Voter File of eligible electors.

The IPOPIF depends upon the assistance of each Article 3 police pension fund to compile the information on the eligible electors. This Voter File will include the information needed to ensure that every eligible member receives the election materials in a timely fashion so the individual may cast a vote for the candidate of their choice to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The IPOPIF will be constructing the voter file database of the names and contact information of the eligible electors for the election of the Permanent Board of Trustees. The information received will be stored securely and used by IPOPIF's selected election services provider to conduct the trustee election. We can assure you that any unique identifier (such as home addresses and email addresses) will not be disclosed, as that information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA. This information will only be used to send individual election ballots to each active law enforcement member, retiree and beneficiary of the Article 3 police pension funds.

Soon, the IPOPIF will send a separate email to each Authorized Agent that will include two links (one for active law enforcement members and one for retirees or beneficiaries) that will open to a spreadsheet for your completion. The spreadsheet will request the names and addresses of the active law enforcement participating and retirees/beneficiary members for use in the database.



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We request that you complete the necessary information as soon as practical to do so. The information will automatically be sent to the IPOPIF as the form is completed. Please be assured that the information is not visible to or shared with anyone outside the IPOPIF. The failure to provide the requested information may result in your participants and beneficiaries being ineligible and unable to vote in this election.

Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund is a transparent, trusted and financially responsible steward of the pension assets entrusted to our care, and we will diligently serve all our stakeholders. We are dedicated to the mission of providing a dignified retirement for our participants and their beneficiaries.

We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. White, Jr., Executive Director, IPOPIF