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Election Certified; Pension System Welcomes New Trustee

The 2009 Trustee Election and a Special Election were held simultaneously, and the results are in.

In the Trustee Election, Police Trustee Place 1, Fire Trustee Place 1, and Police Pensioner Trustee, and Fire Pensioner Trustee were up for election.

In the special election, the remaining term of Fire Trustee Place 2 was up for election, after the resignation of Gary Edge.

Rick Salinas was the only new Board Member elected, and was seated on the Board immediately after the election results were certified at the April 9 Board Meeting.

The results of the election are posted on page 2.



Former Trustee Gary Edge (left) welcomes new Trustee Rick Salinas to the Board of Trustees.

At the May 12 Board Meeting, the Pension System Board and Staff will honor Gary Edge for his 14 years of service as a Trustee.

A Message from Gary Edge

Congratulations to Rick Salinas for winning the special election of Fire Trustee Place 2. Rick did an excellent job winning the position without a run-off and securing more than 53% of the votes cast. I wish Rick the best of luck and hope he enjoys serving the membership in years to come.

I would like to thank the staff of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System for all the help

and support they gave me in the past 14 years as a trustee to the board. I would also like to thank the staff for all the work and services they have provided for our membership.

Thank you to my fellow trustees that served with me on the board and the support that they gave me during my tenure.

Gary W. Edge

Former Fire Trustee

2009 Election Results

Police Trustee Place 1

Steve Umlor

Steve Umlor 75%
Eric Jez..... 25%

(604 total votes)

Fire Trustee Place 2

(Special Election to fill the
unexpired term of Gary Edge)

Rick Salinas

Rick Salinas 53%
Rick Lee 17%
Michael Buehler 13%
Greg Sturch 12%
James Braddock 3%
Dicky Ewing 1%

(670 total votes)

Fire Trustee Place 1

Gerald Brown

unopposed

Police Pensioner Trustee

John Mays

unopposed

Fire Pensioner Trustee

Richard Wachsmann

unopposed

News Briefs

Annual Police Memorial Ceremony set for May 13

The City of Dallas Police Memorial ceremony is scheduled for 12 noon on May 13. The names of all fallen DPD officers will be read, and Officer Norman Smith, who was killed in January, will be added to the Memorial.

Sign Up for Classes Now!

The next PREP Class is May 20, and Financial Planning is June 16. To register or for more information, e-mail kristenh@dppf.org or call Kristen Holcomb at 214.638.3863.

www.dppf.org

Currently at our Website, you can find:

- Answers to the most frequently asked questions
- The latest news from your Pension System
- Agendas of all Board meetings (posted 72 hours in advance of each meeting)
- Minutes of previous Board meetings
- Web Member Services — Allows you to securely sign-in and review your Pension information
- Pension System forms
- Active and Pensioner Newsletters
- ... And More!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 12: Quarterly Board Meeting
- May 13: Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony
- May 14: Regular Board Meeting
- May 20: PREP Class
- May 25: Office closed (Memorial Day)
- June 11: Regular Board Meeting
- June 16: Financial Planning Class

Have Questions About Pension Service Purchase?

Have you been on or expect to go on Military Leave?

What happens if you have to take Family Medical Leave? Did you take a refund after a previous period of employment with the Department? Have some of your contributions been withdrawn because of a divorce settlement?

See below for how you can maintain or increase your Pension Benefit despite such absences or withdrawals.

The “Basics”

The pension benefit you will receive is based on your years of Pension Service and your Computation Pay. Generally, you will earn Pension Service for each day you are in Active Service as a Police Officer or Firefighter for the City of Dallas until you become a DROP participant or exceed 32 years of Pension Service. Also, no Pension Service will accrue, and your service date will be adjusted, for any period under suspension or other absence without pay, except as noted below.

You need at least five years of Pension Service credit to be eligible for a service pension benefit.

Pension Service Purchase

- You may purchase additional Pension Service under the following restricted circumstances:
- Uniformed Service Leave Payback—A period of uniformed military service leave as defined under the Uniformed Services Employment

and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

- Other Periods of Authorized Absence—A period of absence, such as family medical leave pursuant to the federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or any official leave authorized by your Department Chief and certified by the Chief as being for the benefit of the Department. This must be approved prior to the absence, and required contributions paid during the absence.
- Repayment of Withdrawn Member Contributions—Repayment of previously withdrawn contributions from the System

Payment for Pension Service Purchase

If you purchase Pension Service under one of the provisions above, you may pay by one or a combination of the following means:

- Direct, after-tax, payment by check
- Tax-deferred rollover or transfer to the System of funds from another qualified plan or IRA as permitted by Internal Revenue Code
- Transfer of funds from the City’s 457 deferred compensation plan as authorized by that plan.

You may choose to purchase all or a portion of the Pension Service available for purchase. If you choose to purchase only a part of the available Pension Service, you may do so in whole year increments only, except for any

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

James F. Anderson
Larry Bassett
Charles S. Bell
Bernardo Croitoru
James C. Jackson

POLICE

Patrick Genovese
Grover S. Howell
William R. Langston
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Elmer V. Reedy
Joseph P. Richtsmeier
Peter A. Serrano
William J. Skinner
Teresa A. Turko
James A. Wallace

remaining balance of less than a year. The System will determine the cost of a partial purchase based on the most recent years available to you for purchase.

Dealing with a Divorce Settlement

Although not a service purchase, a Member also may repay the Member contributions withdrawn by the Member’s former spouse as the result of a divorce settlement under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO). If this choice is made, the entire amount withdrawn must be repaid.

You should contact a Benefits Counselor at 214.638.3863 for more information if you are interested in any of the Pension service purchase opportunities, or QDRO repayment described above.



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First Responder
May 2009

From the Administrator

By Richard L. Tettamant, Pension System Administrator



We want to congratulate Rick Salinas, and welcome him to the Board of Trustees. Rick was elected to fill the unexpired term of Fire Trustee, Place 2. Complete election results are included in this newsletter on page two.

Also, we want to thank Gary Edge for his 14 years of service as a Fire Trustee on the Board. We will feature more about Gary in next month's newsletter. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone, or by e-mail at info@dpfp.org.

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