



PLEASE NOTE:
DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM UNLESS
YOU WISH TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR
ONE OF THE POSITIONS BELOW.

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NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

2026 FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

This is to file Notice of Candidacy for the following position on the Fulton County Employees' Retirement System Board: (MARK **ONE** SELECTION ONLY)

OR

Peace Officer Retiree Position #7 - Currently Held By: Gary Stiles
Term starting July 1, 2026 and will end June 30, 2030

Retiree Position #10 – Currently Held By: Wanda Messina
Term starting July 1, 2026 and will end June 30, 2030

**MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL, EMAIL or IN-PERSON NO LATER
THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026
NOTE: IF YOU EMAIL THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST ENTER:
"NOTICE OF CANDIDACY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

----- COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW -----
(Please Print Legibly)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Department Retired From _____

Employee ID (from Pay Stub) _____ Retirement Date _____

How Do You Want Your Name to Appear on the Ballot: _____

I certify that I am a retiree participating in the Fulton County Employees' Retirement System, and in the case of Position #7 (Peace Officer), I further certify that I was acting in the capacity of a Peace Officer on the day I retired from Fulton County:

Signature _____ Date _____

***** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE *****

I, SHARON WHITMORE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, ACCORDING TO RECORDS IN THE FULTON COUNTY PENSION OFFICE, _____

IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND IN THE CASE OF THE PEACE OFFICER POSITION (#7), HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT POSITION.

DATE / TIME RECEIVED IN PENSION OFFICE

SHARON WHITMORE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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ELECTION NOTICE

2026 FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

**Position # 7 (Retired Peace Officer), Term expiring 06/30/2030, Currently Held By: Gary Stiles
and**

Position # 10 (Retired Employee), Term expiring 06/30/2030, Currently Held By: Wanda Messina

The Fulton County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Board (Pension Plan) has called an election for **two (2) Retiree members** of the Board (Position #7 -- Retired Peace Officer ONLY). The election will be held:

Thursday, April 2, 2026 through Friday, April 17, 2026.

NOTE: For this election, any Defined-Benefit Retiree can run for Position # 10; however, for Position #7, the Defined Benefit Retiree must have retired as a "Peace Officer" as defined in the **Pension Plan of 1991, Article 1 Definitions, 1.27 Peace Officer**: Any individual who is required by the terms of his employment to be a "fire fighter" or a candidate therefor as defined in **O.C.G.A. § 25-4-1 et seq.**, "Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Act," or a certified "peace officer-law enforcement officer" or a candidate therefor as defined in **O.C.G.A. § 35-8-1 et seq.**, "Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act."

The retired Peace Officer candidate need not have a currently-active Peace Officer certification; however, they must have been acting in the capacity of a Peace Officer on the day they retired from their Fulton County position in either the Fire, Police, Marshal Departments, or the Sheriff's Office.

The candidate receiving the most votes in each of these elections will serve on the Board for their full four-year terms. The position requires attendance at the regular monthly Pension Board meetings as well as other assigned Committee meetings. The person filling this position, if a first-time Trustee, will also be required to complete **8 hours** of education in various applicable areas within a **14 month** period, starting July 1, 2026, per FCERS Board Member Training Policy (A.a.), or, if a previous-serving Trustee, must complete a minimum of **12 hours** of education every **26 months**, per FCERS Board Member Training Policy (A.d.) and State law (**O.C.G.A. §47-1-17**). The regular monthly Pension Board meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month, with Committee meeting(s) taking place before the Pension Board meeting.

All persons who are receiving a pension benefit from the Fulton County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (DB) and wish to be a candidate for either (but not both) of these positions must file a **Notice of Candidacy** (on the reverse side of this form) with the Executive Secretary, Fulton County Finance Department, 141 Pryor Street, Suite 7001, Government Center, between start of business, **Thursday, April 2, 2026** through close of business, **Friday, April 17, 2026**. Fax, email or bring in-person to the Pension office (see top of form).

PLEASE NOTE:

NOTE: You may file a Notice of Candidacy for **ONE position ONLY, as two (2) positions are available during this election period (See Reverse Side).**