
MEMORANDUM



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 Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

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Subject: Reappointment of Public Member Trustees and Acknowledgement of Bi-County Open Trustee to the Board of Trustees, Terms Ending June 30, 2029

RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission ("Commission") Employees' Retirement System ("ERS"), I respectfully request that the Commission approve the reappointment of Pamela Gogol as the Montgomery County Public Member Trustee and Sheila Morgan-Johnson as the Prince George's County Public Member Trustee, each for a three-year term, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, and acknowledge Tanya Hankton as the Bi-County Open Trustee for a three-year term, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

BACKGROUND

Public Member Trustee

The ERS Board's Public Member seats are open to Montgomery County and Prince George's County residents. The Board's Administration and Personnel Oversight Committee reviews applicants for this position and recommends appointments to the Board, which forwards its recommendation to the Commission for final approval.

The ERS publicized the Prince George's County and Montgomery County Public Member seats for three weeks on the ERS website and in online publications, including the Maryland Reporter and Patch Media, reaching more than 48,000 newsletter subscribers and 232,000 monthly unique website users. By the deadline, the ERS received applications only from the incumbent trustees, who expressed interest in continuing their service.

Ms. Gogol has served on the Board since 2014 and has extensive experience in finance, risk management, and capital markets. Her background includes work at the Federal Housing Finance Agency and in private consulting, with a focus on housing finance, securities, and regulatory compliance.

Ms. Morgan-Johnson has served on the Board since 2016. Her public pension experience includes serving as Executive Director, Chief Investment Officer, Deputy Director of Finance, and Chief Operating Officer of the District of Columbia Retirement Board. She currently chairs the Board's Investment Monitoring Group.

Bi-County Open Trustee

The Bi-County Open Trustee vacancy was announced on the Commission's intranet site, *InSite*. Eligible merit system employees assigned to Central Administrative Services were invited to apply to fill the vacancy. At the deadline, Ms. Tanya Hankton's application was the only one submitted and in accordance with ERS policy declared the winner by acclamation. At its June 2, 2026 meeting, the Board formally recognized Ms. Hankton as the Bi-County Open Trustee for the three-year term, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

Ms. Hankton has nearly thirty years of public-sector experience, including managing retirement systems and administering the City of Fairfax, Virginia's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, as well as providing fiduciary oversight of the Commission's OPEB 115 Trust since 2018. Ms. Hankton holds a master's degree in accounting/information systems along with other leadership certifications.

Thank you for your action.