

PERA Board of Trustees 2019 Election-Retiree Position

Board and Ballot Position	Candidate Name	How long have you been a PERA member?	How long were you employed in your most recent PERA position? What are your major responsibilities?	Education – What is your highest degree attained?	Other Relevant Experience:	What special contribution do you believe you would make to the PERA Board?
Retiree 1	<p>LORETTA NARANJO LOPEZ</p> 	PERA Member in good standing for 41 years and one of the two longest-serving PERA Board Members.	I dedicated 25 years of employment with the City of Albuquerque plus 12 years of Trustee service on the PERA Board. On the PERA Board, I focus on (a) ethical governance and overall aspects of PERA, (b) maximizing investment returns, and (c) fighting to preserve retirees' well-deserved benefits.	Masters of Community and Regional Planning, MCRP, which complements my business education and investment skill.	During my 12 years on the PERA Board, I have consistently championed the need to improve investment returns and I have vigorously defended retiree benefits. I help improve investment returns by holding staff accountable and by networking across the nation with accomplished investors. I lead an effort to preserve COLA benefits for PERA Members.	On the PERA Board, I have the strongest knowledge, skill and experience in investing.
Retiree 2	<p>ROBERT SHILLING</p> 	I have been a PERA member for 28 years. I joined the New Mexico State Police in 1992 I was appointed Chief of the New Mexico State Police in 2011 before retiring in 2013.	I was employed with the New Mexico State Police for the last 21 years of my career. As Chief, my major responsibilities included: -Oversight and management of an operating budget in excess of \$100 million. -Leadership, supervision, and management of 600+ commissioned personnel and 120 civilian personnel.	I currently possess 100 hours in undergraduate studies. I also have several hundred hours of advanced training in myriad topics and I have successfully completed Northwestern University's 'Staff and Command' as well as the FBI's National Executive Institute.		I will bring to the Board a tenacious, professional, no-nonsense approach to the representation of my fellow PERA retirees. Good governance requires order and rule of law.
Retiree 3	<p>JEFFERY RIGGS</p> 	Thirty-four years, including 17 years DFA -State Budget Division; 5 years Deputy Director Educational Retirement Board; 4 years PERA Board.	While Deputy Director of the Educational Retirement Board I was Acting Director a year. My duties encompassed all aspects of managing the pension fund including member services, retiree payroll, investments, and fiscal administration.	BBA-New Mexico State University; MBA-New Mexico Highlands University. Certified public pension plan policy. Certified Governmental Financial Manager (inactive).	After my late wife and I were honorably discharged from the Army I attended NMSU and NMHU. Raising our family in her native New Mexico I was fortunate to have a successful career building effective teams to accomplish goals and overcome obstacles.	I will always ensure my fiduciary responsibilities are first and foremost, build consensus on the Board, promote retiree concerns to protect our retirement. I will lead by example, reinstitute accountability from the Board and staff.
Retiree 4	<p>JACQUELINE Y. GEOFFRION</p> 	I have been a member since September, 1992, a retired member since January 1, 2013. My total years as a member, both active and retired, is 27 years.	I retired from Taxation & Revenue Dept in December, 2012, as IT Database Bureau Chief/IT Manager.	Bachelor's of Arts (Cum Laude) – Computer Information Systems/ Minor Business Administration, May 1992	Throughout my career I had opportunities to engage in numerous cost-saving projects. As IT Manager/Project lead, I saved NM \$15 million by bringing MVD into compliance with Federal regulations. I improved NM payroll (approx. 20,500 checks issued bi-weekly) application to run from 4.5 hours to 20 minutes, for a significant savings to the State.	I believe that my analytical skills accompanied with my knowledge of financial accounting will be a positive asset to the board. I would commit to doing my best to serve the board and to represent retired PERA members.