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Correspondence Memorandum

Date: March 11, 2019

To: ETF Board Election Certification Committee

From: Cheryllynn Wilkins, Election Coordinator
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Subject: Summary of 2019 ETF Board WRS Annuitant Election Results

ETF requests the ETF Board Election Certification Committee certify Mr. William Ford as the successful candidate for the WRS annuitant member seat under Wis. Stat. § 15.16 (1)(d) with the term expiring May 1, 2023.

Attached is the report from the University of Wisconsin Survey Center regarding the results of the 2019 Employee Trust Funds Board Election-WRS annuitant member seat. The report summarizes the number of ballots sent, the votes received and the number of invalid or questionable ballots. Of the 209,337 ballots distributed, 52,143 were received by the deadline with 51,012 votes cast (24.4%). The candidates with the highest vote totals are as follows:

William Ford	17,882
James Van Akkeren	7,718
Edward (Jed) Frees	7,454

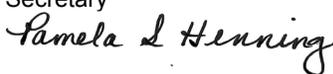
Of the 52,143 ballots received, 2% were determined to be invalid or questionable ballots, which is not unusual. However, of the 263 "no vote cast" ballots, 101 made comment regarding the lack of diversity in the eight candidates on the ballot.

As you are aware, the WRS annuitant seat plus the other board seats are self-nominating. However, to promote greater candidate diversity on the boards, Secretary Conlin has created an internal workgroup to identify ideas on how ETF can encourage diverse member participation in the future.

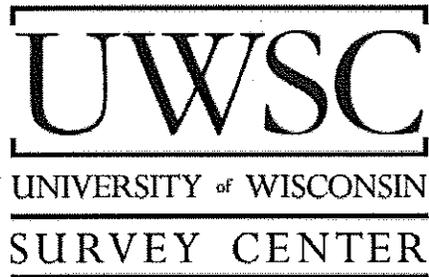
We would appreciate your feedback regarding how to promote greater candidate diversity on the boards. Please contact Cheryllynn Wilkins at (608) 261-0736 or Cheryllynn.Wilkins@etf.wi.gov if you have comments or questions.

Staff will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment: 2019 Summary Results Report to the Election Committee of the Department of Employee Trust Funds Board Election Committee.

Reviewed and approved by Pamela Henning, Assistant Deputy Secretary  Electronically Signed 3/12/19

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REPORT TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS
REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE 2019 EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS BOARD ELECTION – WRS
ANNUITANT MEMBER

Report prepared on 03/05/2019 by Stephanie Hartwig

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS BOARD – WRS Annuitant Member

Total ballots sent	209,337
Ballots received by deadline	52,143
Ballots counted	51,012
Invalid or questionable ballots	1,131
Ballots received after deadline	136

VOTE TOTALS BY CANDIDATE

William Ford	17,882
James Van Akkeren	7,718
Edward (Jed) Frees	7,454
Michael LaFratta	6,325
Christopher Rogers	3,670
William Stebbins	3,668
Phillip Stroupe	2,672
Tim Stellmacher	1,623

INVALID OR QUESTIONABLE BALLOTS

Ballot is not signed	401
Signature does not match name	286
No vote cast	263
Voted for more than one candidate	165
Deceased	7
Ballot is defective	5
Write-in vote	2
Duplicate ballot	2

The precedents regarding committee decisions determining invalid and/or questionable ballots in previous years were reported to University of Wisconsin Survey Center staff responsible for this tally as the above explanation always ruled invalid under Rule ETF 10.10 (11)

The 52,143 total ballots received were fully counted, verified for accuracy and validity, and recorded individually into a spreadsheet to confirm totals.

Ballots will be stored in UWSC locked storage until March 31, 2020 and then shredded unless instructed otherwise by ETF.

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