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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2008
TO: Teachers Retirement Board
FROM: Bob Conlin, Deputy Secretary
SUBJECT: Teachers Retirement Board Member Criteria

This memorandum is for information purposes only. No Board action is required.

At the December Board meeting, the Board expressed interest in a future discussion about the diversity of the Board. This memorandum, which identifies the criteria applicable to Board members, is intended to aid any future discussion of the issue.

By statute, Teachers Retirement Board members are either appointed by the Governor or elected by certain Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) members to staggered five-year terms. There are 13 Board members. The Governor appoints four members and the remaining nine are elected.

The law requires that a person seeking nomination or election to the Board satisfy certain criteria in order to be eligible for the seat. The following lists identify the various criteria for each seat on the Board based upon whether the seat is elected or appointed. For elected seats, the list also identifies persons eligible to vote in the elections.

Elected Seats

1. City of Milwaukee teacher who is a participant in the WRS (elected by Milwaukee Public School teachers who are participants in the WRS).
2. Annuitant who was a teacher participant in the WRS (elected by annuitants who were teacher participants).
3. Public school teacher from a participating Wisconsin Technical College district who is a participating employee in the WRS (elected by participating Wisconsin Technical College teachers).
4. Public school teacher (elected by public school teachers).

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5. Public school teacher (elected by public school teachers).
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9. Public school teacher (elected by public school teachers).

Seats Appointed by Governor

1. Public school administrator who is not a classroom teacher.
2. Member of a school board.
3. University of Wisconsin (UW) teacher participant in the WRS, but from a different campus than the other UW teacher participant.
4. UW teacher participant in the WRS, but from a different campus than the other UW teacher participant.

For those seats that are elected, the Department of Employee Trust Funds (Department) publishes notice of any election to be held, the nomination timetable, and instructions for prospective candidates in the Department's newsletter and on its internet site. A candidate for a seat must submit to the Department a nominating petition containing between 25 and 50 valid signatures of participating employees or retirees eligible to vote in that election. The candidate must also submit biographical or other information of no more than 100 words. The Department sends this information to eligible voters along with the ballots.