



NOTICE OF ELECTION

September 25, 2024

To members and retirees of the Holyoke Retirement System:

Notice of Election

Election Date: **Friday, December 20, 2024**

Time: **8:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m**

Place: **City Council Chambers**

Holyoke City Hall

536 Dwight St, Room 10

Holyoke, MA 01040

Purpose

To elect **First Member** of the Holyoke Retirement Board. This position is currently vacated by John “Jack” McCarthy, a retired Holyoke Fire Fighter who passed away on 09/03/2024. The term of office is **three (3) years** commencing on January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, section 20(4)(b), and 840 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 7.00, the Holyoke Retirement Board shall be required to conduct an election of the Elected Member’s position on the Holyoke Retirement Board.

Candidates

Members in service and retirees of the Holyoke Retirement System.

Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers will be available to pick up at the Holyoke Retirement Board on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. We are located in Room 207 of the City Hall Annex. Nomination Papers must be returned to the Retirement Board Office, no later than 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Names of those candidates who have secured twenty (20) signatures of active or retired members of the Holyoke Retirement System will be placed on the Ballot.

Absentee Ballots

Active members and inactive members may, upon timely request, vote by absentee ballot only if he or she:

- (a) will be absent from the city or town where the polling place is located during the hours that it will be open;
- (b) will be unable to cast his or her vote in person on the day of the election for reasons of religious belief; or
- (c) will be unable to cast his or her vote in person at the polling place by reason of medical condition.

Requests for absentee ballots shall be in writing and shall be filed no later than seven business days before the election. Absentee ballots shall be counted only if received by the board no later than the time fixed for the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

An absentee ballot will be mailed to all retirees, along with return instructions.

After the Election, ballots will be counted and certified. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Holyoke Retirement Board at (413)322-5590.

Sincerely,

Celeste Fernandez

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Election Officer / Assistant Executive Director