

## 2018 ERS Board of Control Election Candidate Biographies

**John Powell** has been the current Finance and HR Manager at the Scottsboro Electric Power Board for 8 years, and a member of the ERS for 8 years. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1983, with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree. He received his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification in 1993, in Alabama, which remains active. Powell passed the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Series 65 Investment Advisor Representative exam in March 2009. He worked part-time (in his spare-time) for Mainsail Asset Management, an independent wealth management firm in Alabama with greater than \$100 million of assets under management from January 2008-December 2015. Powell has performed compliance matters such as advisor agreements, portfolio review, and executed annual FINRA registrations. He has prepared annual ADV requirements, as well as maintained company policy and procedures manuals. He has also been the Controller for Diolen Industrial Fibers, Inc., in Scottsboro for 15 years (April 1992-July 2007). Diolen had over \$120 million in annual sales and a workforce over 700 employees.

**Steven W. Williams**, the incumbent, has been employed with the city of Robertsdale for 27+ years. He is a Certified Journeyman Electric Lineman, a Certified Level 2 Traffic Signal Technician, and a Certified Work Zone Traffic Control Specialist. He is a Meter-Programming Technician, programming polyphase and single-phase electrical meters. He also ensures meter accuracy and handles consumers' complaints. In his youth, he attended Pensacola Junior College, but due to family obligations was unable to complete studies for his degree. He is a Certified Zoning Board of Adjustment Member with the city of Robertsdale. Williams was also a prior Central Baldwin Education Foundation Board Member, which provides grants to educators to assist with needed projects for classroom use. He was a former Vice President and Board Member of the Central Baldwin Softball League, as well as a softball manager, football coach, basketball coach, and baseball coach. He the father of 7 children with two still of school age that are involved in sports. Williams is a retired Certified Fire Fighter and Captain as well as a past Board Member of the Elsamor Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department.