

2018 ERS Board of Control Election Candidate Biographies

Norris Green retired as the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) in 2015, with 39 years of service with the agency. Employed by the LFO as a Fiscal Analyst in 1976, he worked his way up the ranks to serve as Assistant Director, Senate Fiscal Officer, and Agency Director during his career. While working at the LFO, Green analyzed all legislation related to the Retirement Systems of Alabama, and his vast knowledge and experience in dealing with the multi-billion dollar Education Trust Fund and General Fund budgets will serve him well as a member of the board that oversees the \$12 billion Employees' Retirement System. Green earned a law degree from Jones School of Law and holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Auburn University. Green joined the 19,000-member ARSEA/APEAL public retiree advocacy group immediately upon his retirement from state service and currently sits on its Board of Directors.

Robert L. Childree has 44 years' experience in financial management and government accounting systems including accounting, budgeting, procurement, HR/payroll, financial analysis, and reporting. After receiving a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Alabama in 1973, he began his accounting career and progressed to being selected State Comptroller in 1987. As comptroller, he directed the development and implementation of the state's first fully integrated financial system in the state which enabled Alabama to account for and report financial transactions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for governments. He produced Alabama's first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which received Alabama's first clean Audit Opinion. Childree, affiliated with significant professional organizations, served as president of the National Association of Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, and the National Association of Comptrollers. He served on notable Boards of Directors, specifically the Association of Government Accountants Financial Management Standards Board (Chair) and the Center for Government and School of Business at Auburn University Montgomery. Highlights of his career include work at the national level on Cash Management and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and work for the Detroit Bankruptcy Court, wherein he analyzed Detroit's financial operation, operational processes, financial reporting, organizational issues, and the disastrous pension plan issues.