SAMPLE 2019 ERS Board of Control Election Candidate Biographies

Lisa Statum was born in Huntsville and is married to Geoff Statum, a 28-year firefighter with the city of Huntsville. Statum has been employed with Huntsville Utilities for 15½ years. She is currently a Key Accounts Representative where she manages the accounts of fifty of the top consumers of utility services in Madison County. She recently received her Key Public Power Association Executive certification. Statum is a graduate of Buckhorn High School and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Athens State University, where she majored in Business Management with a minor in Project Management. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Delta Mu Delta honor societies for business, a recent graduate of Cohort X of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium, a member of 100+ Women Who Care for Madison County, and an Ambassador for the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Statum volunteers with the Huntsville Firefighters Association in their Breast Cancer Awareness pink t-shirt campaign, Special Needs Christmas Dance, Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp and Boot Drives, Camp Seale Harris for Type I Diabetes, CASA of Madison County, and Food Bank of North Alabama.

Thomas D. Kiel is a lifelong resident of Baldwin County. He is a graduate of Robertsdale High School, South Baldwin Center for Technology, and the Southwest Alabama Police Academy. Upon graduation, he attended technical and training schools earning related certificates within Public Safety and is currently employed as a Police Officer for the City of Robertsdale. In addition, he served as a Firefighter and Fire Investigator for the City of Foley for 13 years. Kiel has served in various leadership roles as a Board Member, Trustee, and Supervisor within Public Safety including being responsible for developing and implementing numerous training courses for the improvement of the Public Safety field. He has received countless service awards and commendations throughout his career. Public Service and Safety has always been of the highest priority for him. As well, Kiel was a founding partner in establishing and organizing a financial investment group, where decisions were made daily involving the successful activity of the investment groups. He has two adult children and a son-in-law, who all work within Public Safety. Kiel currently lives in Foley.