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RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
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**THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ELECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING** was taken by Jeana Boggs,
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APPEARANCES :

COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

MR. JOHN R. WHALEY, CHAIRMAN

DR. ERIC MACKEY, VIA WEBEX

ALSO PRESENT :

MR. DON YANCEY, RSA DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MS. LEURA CANARY, RSA LEGAL COUNSEL

MS. DEBORAH KIRK, COMMUNICATIONS

1 MR. WHALEY: Okay. We will go
2 ahead, if we can, and start our TRS
3 Election Committee meeting.

4 MS. KIRK: Eric is here.

5 MR. WHALEY: Okay. Dr. Mackey is
6 here.

7 MR. MACKEY: I'm here.

8 MR. WHALEY: We have three members
9 of the Board total: That's Kelly Butler,
10 Dr. Mackey, and myself. And we do have two
11 of the members present. Dr. Mackey and I
12 are present. So, we are able to conduct
13 business.

14 And so, at this time, I would like
15 to call this meeting to order and ask for
16 an approval of the minutes of the September
17 15, 2020, meeting.

18 MR. MACKEY: I so -- I move we
19 approve the minutes.

20 MR. WHALEY: Okay. Thank you, Dr.
21 Mackey. And I will second that. All in
22 favor say "aye."

23 (Committee members saying

1 "aye").

2 MR. WHALEY: Any opposed, like
3 sign?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WHALEY: So, that would -- the
6 motion would pass.

7 Okay. At this time, we need to
8 certify the election results that
9 Mr. Yancey talked about at the end of our
10 last meeting. So, I would like to call
11 upon Deborah Barrett -- I mean, Deborah --
12 Deborah Barrett was only my mind but she is
13 retired -- Deborah Kirk to lead us through
14 this portion.

15 MS. KIRK: Okay. In front of you,
16 you should have the election results. Now,
17 just a recap, at the beginning of
18 this election, we did have an issue with
19 ballots. It was a coding issue.

20 MR. WHALEY: Deborah, do I have
21 that?

22 MS. KIRK: Yeah.

23 MR. WHALEY: Is that it?

1 MS. KIRK: Yes.

2 MR. WHALEY: Okay. Thank you.

3 MS. KIRK: Okay. So, just a recap
4 on the coding error just so it's --
5 everyone is kind of up to date on that.

6 There were ballots that were
7 mailed to superintendents, and they
8 received the support personnel ballot which
9 they should not have done. They were all
10 contacted. Those ballots were excluded by
11 the election company, and they did not
12 count.

13 Then there was another issue where
14 a few teachers, a little over 1,200,
15 received the support personnel ballots
16 instead, and so those were excluded. The
17 teachers were contacted and new ballots
18 were sent immediately. And all the
19 candidates were notified of this issue.

20 We are going to work -- As soon as
21 this election is certified, we are going to
22 work with ITS and make sure this coding
23 issue doesn't happen again. We are putting

1 in place some double-checks on the files.

2 So, we don't anticipate this
3 happening again, but I just wanted to make
4 sure that everyone was clear on that.

5 For the results, we did have four
6 different positions. The first one for
7 Higher Education Number 2, we had Kelli
8 Shomaker, the incumbent, and her opponent
9 Jeremy Reed. Kelli did win that by a
10 landslide. She had 2,393 votes to 634.
11 So, she will be reelected. There was 9.46%
12 turnout in that election.

13 For the second position, it was
14 Principal; that was Jeff Cole, the
15 incumbent. And his opponents were Thomas
16 Jones and Anthony Jason Davidson. There
17 will be a runoff because no one receive the
18 majority of votes. But the runoff will be
19 between Jeff Cole and Thomas Jones.

20 Now, those ballots will go out in
21 January and be due back in February, and
22 then we will meet to certify those. That
23 was a 7.14% turnout for principal.

1 For Support Personnel Number 2,
2 that was Russell Twilley, the incumbent,
3 versus Amy Knight Fowler. Ms. Fowler won
4 with 1,199 votes to 782. And that was
5 5.18% turnout.

6 And the last one was Teacher
7 Number 3. That was Charlene McCoy's
8 position and versus Mary Beth Tate. Mary
9 Beth Tate did win with 1,005 votes to 926.
10 The total turnout for that was 4.38%.

11 MR. WHALEY: Okay. All right.
12 So, we have this report available to us
13 with the winners and then one runoff.

14 MS. KIRK: Correct.

15 MR. WHALEY: Okay. So, we need a
16 motion to certify the election results as
17 given by Ms. Kirk.

18 MR. MACKEY: I make the motion we
19 certify the election results as read out.

20 MR. WHALEY: I second that. And
21 we vote for that. All in favor say "aye."

22 (Committee members saying
23 "aye").

1 MR. WHALEY: Very good.

2 MS. KIRK: I have signature sheets
3 for y'all to sign.

4 MR. WHALEY: Okay.

5 MS. KIRK: And I can get that over
6 to Dr. Mackey, as well.

7 MR. WHALEY: Okay. Is there
8 anything else that you have today?

9 MR. MACKEY: Tuesday -- Well, if
10 you need it before Tuesday, they are
11 actually running stuff back and forth. I
12 am getting a daily mail delivery to the
13 house.

14 MS. KIRK: Okay.

15 MR. MACKEY: So, if you need it
16 before then, I can get it over here.

17 MS. KIRK: Okay. I'll just
18 contact Leeanne then.

19 MR. WHALEY: Do you have anything
20 else?

21 MS. KIRK: No. That was it.

22 MR. WHALEY: Okay. All right.

23 Motion to adjourn?

1 MR. MACKEY: I move we -- let me
2 ask this question before we adjourn.

3 I know Deborah probably said this.
4 But when is the runoff election?

5 MS. KIRK: It will be January.

6 MR. MACKEY: January. Okay.

7 MS. KIRK: I believe it's -- I
8 believe it's January 7th through
9 February 9th.

10 MR. MACKEY: That's fine. That's
11 fine. I was just going to -- after the
12 holidays. That sounds good.

13 MS. KIRK: Yes. Yeah.

14 MR. MACKEY: I am good to move we
15 adjourn, then. Thank you.

16 MR. WHALEY: Okay. And I second
17 that motion. All in favor say "aye"?

18 (Committee members saying
19 "aye").

20 MR. WHALEY: Any opposed, like
21 sign?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. WHALEY: So, we will adjourn,

1 and hopefully we will have a great
2 Christmas and be back here early in the
3 winter. Okay? Thank you.

4 MR. MACKEY: Yeah. Everybody be
5 careful. Merry Christmas.

6 MR. WHALEY: Thank you, Dr.
7 Mackey.

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9 (Conclusion at 11:48 a.m.)

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IN RE: Meeting Agenda

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