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## **Candidates Announced in LASERS Board Election**

**Baton Rouge** – Six candidates are running in the 2017 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees Election. Three open seats must be filled by active LASERS members and one by LASERS retirees.

A random drawing was held to determine ballot positions for the candidates.

The four candidates for the three active positions, in ballot order, are: Kevin Shannahan, a Medicaid Analyst with the Louisiana Department of Health; Beverly Hodges, Undersecretary with the Department of Natural Resources; Janice Lansing, Chief Financial Officer for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and Lori Pierce, an Investment Officer with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury.

The two candidates for the one retiree position, in ballot order, are Kathy Singleton and Barbara M. McManus, both retired from the Department of Social Services.

The 13-member policy-making Board has fiduciary oversight over LASERS. Members include six elected active members, three elected retired members, and four ex officio members including the State Treasurer, Commissioner of Administration, Senate Retirement Committee Chair, and Member of the House Retirement Committee appointed by the Speaker.

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 100,000 members. LASERS Benefits Louisiana by paying over \$1 billion in annual benefits to beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for the state.

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