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DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION INVESTMENT BOARD

**DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR
GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND, APS**

TO: CITY OF ATLANTA RETIREES AND ACTIVE EMPLOYEES
General Employees' Pension Fund, APS

FROM: Jeffrey B. Norman, Commissioner, Human Resources

DATE: September 30, 2021

RE: Election of one (1) City of Atlanta Representative to the
Defined Benefit Plan Investment Board, General Pension Fund, APS

An election will be held for one (1) representative of the Defined Benefits Plan Investment Board General Pension Fund. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a three (3) year period which is to end December 31, 2024.

Please accept this letter as notice of the candidates running for this position. Biographies have been attached for each candidate. The voting period for this election will be November 15, 2021 through November 19, 2021. The election ballots will be mailed November 8, 2021. The election ballots will be counted on November 29, 2021.

City of Atlanta General Employees' Pension Fund, APS Candidates

1. Quentin Hutchins
2. Gregory Nash



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Atlanta Public Schools Pension Representative - Candidates Brief Bio

QUENTIN HUTCHINS

Mr. Quentin Hutchins has worked for Atlanta Public Schools (APS) for 24 years as a bus operator and now serves as the department's Transportation Specialist. Mr. Hutchins is currently serving his second term as the Atlanta based Vice-President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1644, representing over 1,200 public employees in the greater metro area. Mr. Hutchins has appeared before the Georgia State Legislature as well as the Atlanta Board of Education to advocate for APS staff on matters related to budget allocation, pay raises and the preservation of pension funds. He also serves as an AFSCME Local 1644 delegate at the federal level within the United States Department of Education.

Mr. Hutchins has received formal training in the Financial Standard Code of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. During Mr. Hutchins' first term as a board member, he successfully completed training and received certifications for the City's International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plan, Harvard University's Trustee leadership Forum for Retirement Security, and Georgia's Association of Public Pension Trustees. He also serves as the Vice Chair for the City's General Employee Pension Plan (GEPP) Administrative Committee. Mr. Hutchins has a clear understanding of his role as a Pension Board Trustee as well as his fiduciary responsibilities to APS staff participating in the pension plan.

As your trustee, Quentin pledges to:

- Implement an outreach program to educate pension members
- Be a strong voice to stop cuts to pension benefits
- Hold investment managers accountable
- Represent the fiduciary interest of APS staff
- Fight for lifetime health benefits for APS retirees

Because of his strong advocacy for APS staff pension, Quentin has won the endorsement of AFSCME Local 1644 President, Tracey Thornhill, State Representative Dewey McClain, Atlanta City Councilman, Matt Westmoreland, Atlanta Board of Education Chair, Jason Esteves and Co-Chair, Eshe' Collins, Former Atlanta Board of Education Chair, Courtney English.



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GREGORY NASH

Gregory Sheldon Nash, born and raised in Atlanta, is a product of the Atlanta Public Schools. He has received Bachelor (music) and Doctorate (Leadership) Degrees from Clark Atlanta University and Masters (music) and Educational Specialist (music and leadership) Degrees from Georgia State University.

In 2008, Dr. Nash retired from the Atlanta Public Schools after thirty-seven years of service. In the school system he served as a music teacher, school disciplinarian, grant writer, chaired the leadership team, and tutored students in math and language arts. Other teaching experience has included: Clark Atlanta University; Morris Brown College; Georgia State University; Agnes Scott College and private piano lessons.

His community and civic involvement included: advisor to the Procurement Committee for the city of East Point; vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the city of Atlanta General Employees' Pension; first vice president of Atlanta Federation of Teachers; editor for the Voice of the Union; National Judge for Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Contest and was appointed by the mayor of East Point to the Cultural Enrichment Committee.

Dr. Nash served forty-eight years as director of music in several local churches, recently retiring from St. Anthony Catholic Church in the Historic West End and St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.

Through his travels, Dr. Nash draws from an unlimited reservoir of resources. His travels have encompassed England, Spain, Scotland, Holland, Switzerland, France, Greece, Germany, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Australia and most of the contiguous states of the union.