



**CITY OF ATLANTA**  
**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION INVESTMENT BOARD**

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**DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND**

TO: CITY OF ATLANTA RETIRED EMPLOYEES  
Firefighters' Pension Fund

FROM: Tarlesha Williams Smith, Esq., Commissioner, Human Resources

DATE: July 31, 2023

RE: Election of one (1) City of Atlanta Retired Employee Representative to the  
Firefighters' Pension Fund Administrative Committee

A special election will be held for one (1) City of Atlanta Retired Employee Representative to the Firefighters' Pension Fund Administrative Committee. The Administration Committee will meet bi-monthly to consider and approve service pension and disability pension applications submitted by participants in the Firefighters' Pension Fund. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve the remainder of the three-year term which is to end December 31, 2025.

Please accept this letter as notice of the candidates running for this position. Biographies for both candidates can be found on the back of this letter. The voting period for this election will be September 1, 2023 through September 8, 2023. The election ballots will be mailed August 25, 2023. The election ballots will be counted on September 18, 2023.

**City of Atlanta Firefighters' Pension Fund Candidates**

1. George Howell
2. Walter Waddell



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#### **George W. Howell, III**

- Served the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (1991-2019)  
Served as Firefighter, Fire Medic, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, and Section Chief of EMS
- Served as City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department Pension Board Trustee (Active Employee) until boards were merged  
Worked with third party pension administrator, vetted investment advisors, confirmed investment strategies with fund investment advisor, liaised with custodial bank on behalf of the pension board.
- Served as Board Chairman – Fire Science Technology Program – Atlanta Technical College
- Served as Board Chairman – Emergency Medical Services Technology Program – Atlanta Technical College
- Serves as the Atlanta Representative for Police and Fireman’s Insurance Association (2018-Present)
- Education:  
Atlanta Technical College- Fire Science Management  
Reinhart College - Business Management
- Acknowledgements:  
Co-wrote the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (S.A.F.E.R) in 2012. Atlanta Fire Rescue Department was awarded 10 million dollars through the US Fire Administration.  
The SAFER Grant was created to provide funding directly to the fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities.  
Atlanta Fire Rescue Department- Professional of the Year (2009)

#### **Walter D. Waddell, Jr.**

Hello, my name is Walter Waddell and I am a retired Captain from the City of Atlanta. I served the City of Atlanta from 1990 to 2020 and I am still proud of my contributions today. I am 53 years old, still in good shape, and would like to get back involved in the workings within the pension arena. I would not have a problem being an asset until December 31, 2025 and would be my honor to do so. Please place my name in consideration for the Firefighters' Pension Fund as a qualified candidate to become a representative.