



**CITY OF ATLANTA**

**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT BOARD**

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**DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND, APS**

TO: ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVE EMPLOYEES  
General Employees' Pension Fund, APS Representative

FROM: Calvin Blackburn, Commissioner, Human Resources

DATE: September 30, 2025

RE: Election of one (1) Atlanta Public Schools Active Employee Representative to the  
City of Atlanta General Employees' Pension Fund Administration Committee

An election will be held for one (1) Atlanta Public Schools Active Employee Representative to the City of Atlanta General Employees' Pension Fund Administration Committee. The Administration Committee will meet monthly to consider and approve service pension and disability pension applications submitted by participants in the General Employees' Pension Fund. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a three (3) year period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

Please accept this letter as notice of the candidate running for this position. The biography is attached for the candidate.

The voting period for this election will be November 17, 2025 through November 21, 2025. Votes will be counted December 2, 2025 at City Hall.

**City of Atlanta General Employees' Pension Fund, APS Candidate**

1. Joe Hood



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### GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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#### **Atlanta Public Schools Pension Representative - Candidate Brief Bio**

##### **JOE HOOD**

Joe Hood has been an APS Bus Operator and Trainer for 11 years. He currently serves on several focus groups within APS to ensure policies and procedures are followed. As a Transportation Trainer, Joe instructs and trains new bus operators on current local, state and federal transportation law. Joe was awarded the "Elite Bus Operator" recognition for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Joe has connected with our APS students by mentoring through Everybody Wins Atlanta. As the Chapter Chair of AFSCME for Atlanta Public Schools, Joe is a leading voice on ensuring sufficient funding and support for APS staff. Joe has appeared before the School Board on several occasions to advocate for better wages, benefits and pension on behalf of APS staff.

Joe is active in Atlanta community politics and has helped to lead get out the vote efforts, participated in fundraisers as well as canvassing and phone banking for elected officials that support public employees and the protection of our pension benefits. Joe has served as a Trustee on the City of Atlanta Pension Board for the past 6 years. Joe's recent accomplishment is receiving certification as Lead Driver for Atlanta Public Schools.

Joe has received specialized training from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in the areas of organizing, leadership, politics and governance. Joe will fight to enhance and protect our pension benefits and plans for APS and City employees.