



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT BOARD

DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND

TO: CITY OF ATLANTA RETIRED EMPLOYEES
Firefighters' Pension Fund

FROM: Calvin Blackburn, Commissioner, Human Resources

DATE: September 30, 2025

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

An election will be held to select **one (1) Retired Employee Representative** to serve on the **Firefighters' Pension Fund Administration Committee**. The Administration Committee meets **every other month** 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 a **three (3) year term** beginning **January 1, 2026** and ending **December 31, 2028**.

This letter serves as official notice of the candidate running for this position. A biography for the candidate is attached along with your ballot which includes information to vote electronically.

Candidate

1. George W. Howell III
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Retirees may vote either electronically using the online election system OR by using the attached paper ballot. We strongly encourage electronic voting to avoid possible USPS delays. We ask that you vote either electronically or by paper ballot, but not both.

Important Dates

- **Electronic Voting Opens:** November 17, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. EST
- **Electronic Voting Closes:** November 21, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. EST
- **Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than November 21, 2025**
- **Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on December 1, 2025**
- **Votes will be counted December 2, 2025 at City Hall**



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FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Firefighters' Pension Representative - Candidate Brief Bio

GEORGE W. HOWELL III

Served the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD) 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 the Boards were merged.

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 Firemen's Insurance Association. 2018 – Present.

Education:

Atlanta Technical College – Fire Science Management

Reinhardt College – Business Management

Certified Retirement Plan Fiduciary - Basic

Acknowledgements:

Co-wrote the AFRD's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (S.A.F.E.R.) in 2012. AFRD was awarded 10 million dollars through the U.S. Fire Administration. The S.A.F.E.R. Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.

AFRD Professional of the Year - 2009