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OF CHICAGO**

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August 3, 2026

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**NOTICE OF AN ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF
ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER MEMBER
OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE FIREMEN'S
ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO**

Under provisions of Section 6-175 of Chapter 40, Act 5, Article 6 of the Illinois Pension Code, an election will be held to fill the office of **Active Firefighter Member Trustee** of the Retirement Board which becomes vacant December 1, 2026, by reason of the expiration of the term of a present incumbent.

Ballots will be mailed to all persons eligible to vote no later than **September 22, 2026**. Person's voting must return their ballots to the Retirement Board of the Fireman's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (the "Retirement Board") c/o The "Independent External Election Administrator" by mail.

NO BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER 8:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 20, 2026, WILL BE COUNTED. The counting of the ballots will begin on October 20, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m., in the office of the Fund.

Every fireman, as defined by the Illinois Pension Code, chapter 40, Act 5, Section 6-175, who is employed by the City of Chicago as of August 31, 2026, is eligible to be a candidate in this election. Candidates whose employment is terminated for any reason prior to October 20, 2026, however, shall no longer be deemed to be eligible candidates. Any votes cast for any such terminated candidate shall be voided.

Every fireman who is employed by the City of Chicago as of August 31, 2026, and every fireman who is in receipt of Duty Disability, Occupational Disease Disability or Ordinary Disability benefits as of August 31, 2026, is eligible to vote in this election.

SUMMARY OF RULES GOVERNING ELECTION

A copy of the full and complete Procedural Rules Governing Election adopted by the Retirement Board will be provided to any eligible voter upon request and are available at the Fund's website fabf.org. Persons who desire to run as a candidate for the office to be filled in this Election may register in person at the office of the Fund, or by delivering a properly completed original Statement of Candidacy (Exhibit "A") to the office of the Fund, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., September 8,

2026, through September 11, 2026. Statement of candidacy forms received either by delivery or by mail will not be accepted if they arrive at the Fund prior to 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026, or after 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2026. In the event that only one eligible participant declares their candidacy in the Election for Active Firefighter Member Trustee, the Election Committee shall declare that candidate the winner and no Election will be held. All participants will be notified of the decision.

In the event that no eligible participants properly declare their candidacy within the aforementioned time frame, all participants will be notified, and a new election timetable will be established, including an extended time for candidate registration to be determined by the Election Committee.

All ballots must be submitted by mail to the post office box indicated on the ballot return envelope. Only one ballot may be submitted in each return envelope. **NO BALLOT RECEIVED AFTER 8:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 20, 2026, WILL BE COUNTED.** The ballots will be retrieved from the post office box no earlier than 8:00 A.M. on October 20, 2026, and will be brought to the office of the Fund where they will be counted. Clerks of Election will be supervised by the Independent Election Administrator.

Any person eligible to vote who does not receive ballot materials may deliver to the Retirement Board a written Request for Ballot (Exhibit “B”), no later than 3:00 p.m. October 13, 2026. If a person submitting a written Request for Ballot (Exhibit “B”) is eligible to vote, the Independent Election Administrator will mail ballot materials to the requesting party.

Each candidate for Election, upon request, will be provided with Poll Watcher Credentials (Exhibit “C”), but may not have more than two (2) poll watchers present observing the proceedings at any time. Poll watchers shall present their credentials, if requested, to the Clerks of Election.

There shall be an Election Committee as determined by the Retirement Board. A majority of this Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Election Committee will determine the eligibility of candidates and will certify the results of the election to the Retirement Board at the next regular meeting thereof.

The names of candidates will NOT appear on the ballot in the order of registration of candidacy. Instead, the order of the presentation of candidates’ names on the ballot will be determined by a lottery to be held Monday, September 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Fund. Candidates will be listed on the ballots by their formal names registered and no nicknames will be allowed.

In the event there is a tie vote for Active Firefighter Member Trustee, as certified by the Independent Election Administrator, the Retirement Board shall declare that a runoff election be conducted pursuant to an amended timetable in accordance with these rules on or before November 30, 2026.

Any request for a recount or other challenges to the results of the Election as certified by the Independent Election Administrator must be presented in writing no later than seven (7) days after the votes have been tallied by the Clerks of Election. Certified election results will be provided to each candidate via the email provided on their Statement of Candidacy, posted in the Fund office, as well as on the Fund’s website at fabf.org. The Retirement Board may, at its discretion, grant a request for a recount or otherwise grant such relief as is appropriate.

Retirement Board of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago
Election Committee: Chairperson Joe Senorski, Co-Chair Anna Valencia, and Brandon Keller