
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DIVISION 6. - FIREFIGHTERS PENSIONS^[7]

Sec. 2-307. Board of trustees; powers and duties.

(a) Membership; term.

- (1) The sole and exclusive administration of and responsibility for the proper operation of the system and for making effective the provisions of this division are hereby vested in a board of trustees. The board is hereby designated as the plan administrator. The board shall consist of five trustees, two whom, unless otherwise prohibited by law, shall be legal residents of the city, who shall be appointed by the North Port City Commission; and two of whom shall be members of the system, who shall be elected by a majority of the firefighters who are members of the system. The fifth trustee shall be chosen by a majority of the previous four trustees as provided for herein, and such person's name shall be submitted to the North Port City Commission. Upon receipt of the fifth person's name, the North Port City Commission shall, as a ministerial duty, appoint such person to the board as its fifth Trustee. The fifth trustee shall have the same rights as each of the other four members appointed or elected as herein provided and shall serve a two-year term unless he or she sooner vacates the office.
- (2) Each resident trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of two years, unless he or she sooner vacates the office or is sooner replaced by the North Port City Commission at whose pleasure he or she shall serve.

Each member trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of two years, unless he or she sooner leaves the employment of the city as a firefighter or otherwise vacates his or her office as trustee, whereupon a successor shall be chosen in the same manner as the departing trustee. Each trustee may succeed himself or herself in office. DROP participants can be elected as but not vote for elected trustees. The board shall establish and administer the nominating and election procedures for each election. The board shall meet at least quarterly each year. The board shall be a legal entity with, in addition to other powers and responsibilities contained herein, the power to bring and defend lawsuits of every kind, nature and description.