

OGB Policy & Planning Board election to be held in May

Four seats on the Office of Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board are up for election in 2008, representing the following groups of OGB plan members:

- Employees of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the Department of Social Services (DSS);
- Employees of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD);
- Teachers and other public school employees; and
- Retired teachers and other retired public school employees.

OGB sent out notices in early April requesting nominations and received nominations for two of the four seats by the May 2 deadline.

Jackie Self, a current board member who represents teachers and other school employees, was the only person nominated for that seat. He will continue to serve on the board.

Lauren G. Guttzeit, of DHH, and Kenneth J. Krefft, of DSS, are both candidates for a single seat that represents employees of both agencies. (DHH and DSS were once a single, larger agency.) Only OGB plan members now employed at DHH or DSS are eligible to cast votes in this election. Ballots will be mailed May 28, and the last day to vote is June 20. Plan members can vote by mail, online or via telephone. The winner will be sworn in at the July board meeting.

OGB received no nominations for the seat representing DOTD employees or the seat representing retired teachers and other school employees. In accordance with state law, the board will fill these vacancies by appointment. Appointees will serve until the next scheduled election in 2010.