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## **Notice of Nomination Period for the Board of Retirement Retired Member 8th Seat Special Election to be Held April 10, 2026**

Notice is hereby given by the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association (MCERA), pursuant to the [Board Election Policy](#), that **April 10, 2026 is hereby fixed as the date on which an election will be conducted** to elect one Retired Member to the Board of Retirement. Incumbent Richard Shoemaker will resign on January 30, 2026. The successful candidate will complete the remainder of his term which ends November 30, 2026.

- Requirements:
1. Shall be a Retired Member of the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association.
  2. Shall submit:
    - a) Declaration of Candidacy
    - b) Candidate Statement of Qualifications (200 Words or Less)
    - c) Statement of Economic Interest (CA Form 700)

Board members need to possess the ability to fulfill the fiduciary duties required under the law to ensure that MCERA is appropriately governed and managed. The overriding goal of the Board is to serve the best interests of members and beneficiaries, and to protect the assets of the Association. The duties and responsibilities are fully described in the [Board of Retirement Charter](#). A Board member shall be available to attend regular Retirement Board meetings, usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., special meetings held for a specific matter, and educational sessions related to Board responsibilities. In person attendance is required unless just cause or disability exception applies. Remote attendance guidelines are explained in the [Board Meeting Remote Attendance Policy for Trustees](#).

### **Declaration of Candidacy Forms are Due no later than 5:00 pm on February 13, 2026.**

Candidates must complete and file Candidacy Forms with the required Candidate Statement of Qualifications of 200 words or less and Statement of Economic Interest (CA Form 700) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday February 13, 2026. Submit forms to MCERA at 625-B Kings Court, Ukiah, CA 95482 or email to [retirementassociation@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:retirementassociation@mendocinocounty.gov) (preferred). Late submissions will not be accepted.

If by 5:00 pm on February 13, 2026 only one member has been duly nominated in accordance with the rules established for the holding of such election, the Board of Supervisors shall order that no election be held and shall cast a unanimous ballot in favor of such nominated member.

If by 5:00 pm on February 13, 2026 more than one member has been duly nominated in accordance with the rules established for the holding of such election, MCERA shall distribute ballots to all eligible retired members no later than February 23, 2026. Ballots must be returned to MCERA by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2026. The canvas of the votes will commence at 9 a.m. Friday April 10, 2026. For additional information please contact MCERA at 707-463-4328.

Dated this 5th day of January 2026.  
Doris L. Rentschler, Executive Director