



Date: June 9, 2026  
To: PERA Board of Trustees  
From: Doug Anderson, Executive Director  
Subject: 2027 PERA Board Election Contract Award

We received one proposal in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a firm to administer the 2027 Board of Trustees election: YesElections, Mineola, New York.

Although only one proposal was submitted, the evaluation committee consisting of Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator; Joshua Harrison, General Counsel; and I reviewed and evaluated the submission. Based on our review, we are confident in YesElections' data security protocols, monitoring processes, and overall methodologies, as well as their ability to deliver a secure, transparent, and successful election experience for PERA's members.

YesElections has more than 18 years of experience administering secure elections and has the knowledge and capacity to support PERA through every step of the election process. The proposal demonstrates a clear understanding of the election requirements, and their prior experience with PERA provides added confidence that they understand the scope and expectations of the election process.

***Summary of Cost Proposal***

Election Management- Includes online voting and digital nominations	\$44, 885.61
Print and Mail Ballots (paper ballots only)	<u>\$79,472.98</u>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	\$124,358.59

**Mailing Fees** - USPS is planning a proposed increase this July 2026, and per piece costs are estimated at \$0.694 per piece for outgoing First Class mail, and \$0.457 per piece for outgoing Marketing (formerly called Standard) mail. Business Reply Mail (BRM) is estimated at \$0.859 each. The total estimated mailing costs below are based on these rates.

Outgoing Postage	\$225,921.29 (estimated, First class mail) \$148,769.49 (estimated, Marketing mail)
Business Reply Mail	\$17,180.00 (estimated, based on 20,000 paper ballot returns)

YesElections can meet requirements using either mailing method. Marketing mail was used for the 2023 elections. PERA does not need to make a mailing choice at this time.

***Staff Recommendation***

Staff recommends that the PERA Board of Trustees award the contract for administration of the 2027 PERA Board of Trustees election to YesElections based on its ability to provide the required services and deliver a secure, transparent, and successful election.