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Agency: BOARD TRUSTEES EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TEXAS ERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Supported: "ensure ERS takes a more holistic approach to managing all of its important functions, advance some of the needed changes already in progress, and make sure agency processes and decisions are well documented, consistent and transparent."

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The ERS Board of Trustees is currently composed of six members. Three members are appointed, none of whom is required to be a state retiree. The remaining three members are required to be active state employees elected by members and retirees of the system. In a survey conducted of our membership, over 90% felt there should be a retiree on the board.

The AFSCME Texas Retirees chapter is requesting that the Sunset Commission recommend to the legislature that "the ERS Board of Trustees membership be more inclusive of retirees and that a retiree may run for one of the elected seats on the ERS board."

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree