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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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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: The staff report appears to be tinkering around the edges of changes within ERS, albeit with useful suggestions. The one area that is not addressed is governance of ERS.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that a representative of state worker retirees have a publicly elected position on the ERS Board. Given the increasing number of retirees ERS will be serving and given the baby boomer proclivity for direct involvement in public policy, it would make sense that retirees elect directly one of their own to represent them on the Board. A retiree could run for one of the current elected positions, or a new position could be created specifically for retiree representation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree