

## Election: Retired Member Place 10



**Name:** Michael Benson

**Department from which retired:** Financial Services

**Last Position Held:** Chief Administrative Officer

**Length of City Employment:** 19 years, 2 months

**Relevant Experience/Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree in accounting

MBA with focus in Finance and Accounting

Served seven years on the City's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Committee

Currently serving in my ninth year as a trustee of the City of Austin Employee Retirement System.

1 year Chair

2 years Vice Chair

5 years Investment Committee Chair

2 years Audit Committee Chair

Member on multiple other committees

Excellent attendance and preparation record for meetings

CFA Institute Investment Foundations certificate holder

Astute understanding of the retirement system and its needs

**Reason for wanting to serve on the Board of Trustees:**

I would like to continue serving on the Board of Trustees to help ensure the long-term viability of the pension trust. I have a passion of helping people prepare for retirement.

The city's retirement plan is a great benefit and shoulders much of the burden of a sustainable retirement for our employees. I want to continue the work the Board and staff have started to improve the plan's long-term sustainability for current and future employees and retirees. I feel it is important to have continuity on the Board as there is a learning curve for new trustees.