

## WHAT ACTION WILL THE ERS BOARD TAKE ON COLAs? <u>COME & WITNESS THE VOTE ON JUNE 18.</u>

The Annual Meeting of the Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the ERS offices—Beta Building, Two Northside 75, Atlanta, GA 30318. Since the Board traditionally considers both the July and January Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) at the Annual Meeting, a decision is expected on whether to return COLAs to their historic level (3% per year), keep them at their current level (2% per year), withhold them entirely, or take some other action. Be aware that actions taken by the ERS Board at this meeting will affect every pension payment you receive for the rest of your life!

This meeting is the official Annual Meeting for all the retirement systems administered by the ERS. The ERS practice has been to consider the business for each retirement system in the order listed, *but <u>not</u> to wait until the specific announced time*. The schedule, posted to the ERS website (<u>www.ersga.org</u>), is printed below:

June 18, 2009 -	Annual Meetings
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Investment Committee	8:30 a.m.
Georgia Judicial Retirement System	10:00 a.m.
Public School Employees Retirement System	10:15 a.m.
State Employees' Assurance Department	10:30 a.m.
Georgia Legislative Retirement System	10:45 a.m.
Georgia Defined Contribution Plan	11:00 a.m.
Georgia Military Pension Fund	11:15 a.m.
Employees' Retirement System	11:30 a.m.

## **<u>GSRA members are strongly urged to attend this meeting!</u>** Please plan to arrive early, as space is very limited. See directions below:

**TRAVELING NORTH ON I-75 THROUGH DOWNTOWN ATLANTA "Connector:"** If traveling north through downtown Atlanta, you will be on the "Connector," the combined lanes of I-75 and I-85. After passing the North Avenue exit, move to the extreme right hand lane. This will take you onto I-75 proper when the two interstates split apart, north of town. Northside Drive will be the first exit after the 75/85 split. At the top of the Northside Drive exit ramp (**Exit 252A**), take a left across the bridge. Come to the first traffic light at Bellemeade Avenue (just on the other side of the bridge) and take a left into the ERS complex.

**TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75 TOWARDS DOWNTOWN ATLANTA:** If traveling south on I-75 towards downtown Atlanta, you will exit on the Howell Mill/Northside Drive exit. After exiting, be sure to travel to the second ramp, which is the actual exit for Northside Drive (**Exit 252A**). Take a right at the top of the ramp, then <u>immediately</u> get in the left hand lane so that you can make a left turn at the traffic light at Bellemeade Avenue.

**TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-85 TOWARDS DOWNTOWN ATLANTA:** If traveling south on I-85, exit on to I-75 north (stay in the extreme right hand lane after passing the Lenox/Cheshire Bridge exits; it will be several miles to I-75, but can sometimes be difficult to move to the right). As you transition from I-85 onto I-75 north, move immediately into the extreme right lane to exit onto Northside Drive (Exit 252A). Take a left across the bridge and at the first traffic light, at Bellemeade Avenue (just on the other side of the bridge), take a left into the ERS complex.

The Beta Building will be on your right as you come down the drive. You may park atop the decks or in the underground parking area.