

George Dale**Clinton, MS**

Former MS Department of Insurance Commissioner
Teacher, Coach, and Principal in Moss Point
Governor's Office Chief of Staff
Mississippi College, B.S. and M.S. in education

Candidate Statement

As a retired state employee with over 50 years of state service I feel that my experiences in government provide me the necessary experiences to serve on the PERS Board. As a former school teacher, Chief of Staff for a Governor and 32 years as the elected Commissioner of Insurance, I believe I have a good understanding of the concerns of members of PERS. In addition, during my government employment I also managed multi-million dollar budgets. I want to not only make sure that the Plan is solvent for me, current retirees and all future retirees.

Dr. Philip Pepper**Canton, MS**

Former Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning State Economist
Economic & Employment Impact Analyses
Sales & Income Tax Revenue Analyses
Projections
University of Illinois, Ph.D.

Candidate Statement

As a native Mississippian with over 30 years invested in Mississippi public service, I am a strong proponent of the State fulfilling its legal and good faith obligations to all PERS retirees. As state economist for Mississippi, I served on the Revenue Estimating Committee and made presentations on the economy and the revenue outlook to both the full legislature and committees. I've visited across the State making presentations on the local, regional, and State economies. I am uniquely qualified to combine a technical understanding of the economy and the legislative revenue process with the best interests of our retirees.
