

Cheatham, Foster keep chair, vice chair roles on CERS Board at annual meeting

George "Lisle" Cheatham II and J. Michael Foster re-elected CERS Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively

George "Lisle" Cheatham II and J. Michael Foster were unanimously re-elected to their roles as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) Board of Trustees. The votes took place at the CERS Annual Meeting on April 15. Trustees vote on board leadership each year at the Annual Meeting.

M. Cheatham was originally selected as the Chair at the CERS Board's Annual Meeting on April 8, 2024. He was elected Chair unanimously at the 2025 Annual Meeting. He was appointed to the CERS Board by Governor Andy Beshear in 2021.

He was nominated for appointment by the Kentucky School Boards Association. He previously served as CERS Vice Chair.

He is also a member of the KPPA Board and the CERS Investment, Finance, Audit, Actuarial, and Personnel committees, the CERS Ad Hoc Employer Reporting Review Committee, and the KPPA Ad Hoc Regulation Committee. His full bio can be found on our website, here.

Mr. Foster was appointed to the CERS

Board by Governor Andy Beshear in 2021. He was nominated for appointment by the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). He serves as the Chair of the CERS Actuarial Committee and Vice Chair of the CERS Personnel Committee. He was originally elected Vice Chair of the CERS Board at the CERS Annual Meeting on April 8, 2025.

"I want to thank each of you for your vote of confidence in one more year as your chair," Mr. Cheatham told CERS Trustees following his re-election as Chair. "I enjoy it and it's been an honor. I think we've all worked to make the system better for our beneficiaries and stand up to make sure we're providing the type of oversight and fiduciary duty that was envisioned by separation in House Bill 484 (2020)."

As Chair, Mr. Cheatham has overseen the implementation of governance and oversight initiatives established by House Bill 484. The Board has moved forward on several key priorities, he said, including:

- launching the first ever enterprise-wide review of Limited Partner

Agreements to strengthen investment oversight and reduce costs,

- establishing a new framework for employer audits, and
- working with investment consultant

Wilshire to develop a private equity pacing strategy that raises the portfolio allocation to private equity to its 8% target from 5% currently, thus adding diversification and increasing risk-adjusted returns.

The Board also moved toward resolving several longstanding legal matters. "While some of those matters remain ongoing, the progress made is important," Mr. Cheatham said in an annual update. "It reflects our determination to bring clarity to legacy issues, reduce uncertainty where possible, and keep the focus of the system where it belongs – on serving our members and protecting the financial integrity of the trust."

As of June 30, 2025, the CERS Board oversaw \$20.2 billion in pension and insurance assets in plans covering 295,273 active, inactive, and retired members.

For more information about CERS, and KPPA, visit the About section of the KPPA website

Scams on the rise: Avoid becoming a victim of impersonation scams

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In the last several weeks, the Public Protection Cabinet says it has seen a rise in impersonation scams across the state, including scammers posing as Kentucky State Police, the Transportation Cabinet and the Energy and Environment Cabinet. Follow these tips from the Federal Trade Commission to avoid becoming a victim: --Don't wire money or use gift cards, cryptocurrency or a payment app to pay someone who says they're with the government. Scammers know it's hard to track these types of payments and just as hard to get it back.

--Don't give out your financial or personal information to someone posing as the government. If you think a call or message could be real, hang up the phone and call the government agency directly at a number you know is correct.

--Don't trust your caller ID. Your caller ID might show the government agency's real phone number or name — such as "Social Security Administration." But caller ID can be faked. It could

be anyone calling from anywhere in the world.

--Don't click on links in unexpected emails, texts or social media messages. Scammers are good at making these messages look like they are from a government agency but are designed to steal your money and personal information.

"Scams are cruel and cost Kentuckians money that could be going toward rent, groceries, retirement and more," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Our law enforcement officers are committed to protecting our people, including by tracking down scammers and helping bring them to justice. This partner-

ship will give Team Kentucky more tools to prevent scams and protect Kentuckians' hard-earned dollars."

According to the most recent FBI report on internet scams, Kentuckians are losing more than \$74 million dollars annually to cyber scammers. With the integration of technology in our everyday lives and the emergence of artificial intelligence, scams are on the rise and more sophisticated than ever. Education and awareness are the keys to protecting people from financial loss.

Kentuckians can report scams to the Attorney General's office by filing a Scam Report.

Deadline for news and advertising

The deadline for all issues, is 2 pm CT Friday

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THE DATES



ATTENTION GREEN COUNTY VOTERS

The online portal to request an absentee ballot can be found at vrsws.sos.ky.gov/abrweb/. It opened on April 4 and will close on May 5. If you are unable to mark a paper ballot due to disability, contact the county clerk's office to request an accessible absentee ballot. All mail-in absentee ballots must be received at the county clerk's office by 6 p.m. on Election Day.

In-person excused absentee voting will be available May 6 through May 13. (Certain eligibility requirements must be met to qualify for this)

Early in-person voting will be held at the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 14 to May 16. **Any registered Green County voter is eligible to cast their vote during this time.**

No in-person voting will be available on **MONDAY, MAY 18.**

Election day voting will occur from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 19.

POLLING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY GREEN COUNTY VOTING CENTERS INCLUDE:

- EAST & SOUTH PRECINCTS**
Green County Fire Dept., 105 Dakota Meyer Dr., Greensburg
- WEST & NORTH PRECINCTS**
Green County Ext. Office, 298 Happyville Rd., Greensburg
- NORTH SUMMERSVILLE**
Summersville Fire Dept., 6054 Hodgenville Rd., Summersville
- ALLENDALE PRECINCT**
Allendale Vote Building, 9015 Hodgenville Rd., Summersville
- PIKEVIEW PRECINCT**
Ebenezer Presbyterian, 4172 Blowing Springs Rd., Greensburg
- EXIE PRECINCT**
Exie Fire Dept., 8629 Edmonton Rd., Greensburg
- DONANSBURG PRECINCT**
Grab Fire Dept., 401 Grab Rd., Greensburg
- PIERCE PRECINCT**
Pierce Vote Building, 5125 Hwy. 218, Greensburg

YOU MUST VOTE AT THE PRECINCT IN WHICH YOU LIVE.

More information relating to the Green County primary election, including a sample ballot, will be published in the coming weeks. For questions or more information in the interim, contact Green County Clerk's Office at 203 W. Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 or call 270-932-5386.

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Almost 9 out of 10 newspaper readers vote in local elections.

	Ky adults	Newspaper readers	Non-newspaper readers
Vote in state/national elections	69%	71%	60%
Vote in local/school board/city elections	84%	86%	72%

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Source: The Kentucky State Study 2023: Conducted by Coda Ventures, Base: Total adults