

## 2017 Election Candidates - No election; 5 candidates to fill 6 vacancies

1. **Susan Biernacki** – Albuquerque, NM.

“Retired and raised in ABQ, Bachelor’s Degree from UNM, Law Degree from UNM School of Law. Served as an Attorney & Deputy Treasurer for the City of ABQ. Retired in 2013 with 25 years of service. Served on PERA Board of Directors (Municipal Representative) for 17 years, chaired the PERA Investments Committee for more than 10 years. Currently serving on the RPENM Board of Directors as Treasurer. Currently chairperson of the Rio Grande Credit Union Supervisory (Audit) Committee. Currently employed by the Mortgage Finance Authority as their Tax Credit Program Manager.”

2. **Isabel Clendenin** – Albuquerque, NM.

“After retiring from public service in 1994, I became a member of RPENM in 1997. In 1999, I became an elected board member and took on the duties of Treasurer through December 1999 after which I served as Board Secretary until December 2003. I was also Treasurer from May 2002 through May 2009 during which I set up the financial tracking system still in use by RPENM. I returned to the board & the Treasurer position in May 2011, which I maintained until May 2015. I also served on the Chapter 5 board as treasurer for a number of years.”

3. **Joseph Luna** – Estancia, NM.

“My name is Joseph Luna from Estancia, New Mexico. I am a Native New Mexican, retired from two careers. I served 26 years with the Albuquerque Fire Department, retiring as a Lieutenant. I also served 22 years as a Crew Chief with the New Mexico National Guard 717<sup>th</sup>, MEDEVAC unit out of Santa Fe; retiring with the rank of Staff Sargent. I am running for the board of RPENM to help our voice be heard and to protect what all PERA retirees worked so hard for. Whether you retired young, or older, we are all in the same boat with a ‘fixed’ income, whether we choose to go back to work or not.”

4. **Wayne Lucero** – Estancia, NM.

“Wayne Lucero, born and raised in Estancia New Mexico, graduated in 1984. While in high school joined the Army National Guard in 1983 and later transferred to the Air Force after graduating high school. I served for 7 ½ years. I became a Fire Fighter for the City of Albuquerque Fire Department and while working my career, I received a bachelor’s degree in Fire Science from the City Colleges of Chicago. I retired after serving the public for 21 years, and I am a proud member of Local 244. As a board member of RPENM, I would work to address members concerns and bring forth better communication and notifications in regards to our benefits.”

5. **Patricia French** – Albuquerque, NM. *(Current working; non-retired PERA member)*

“Patty is the President of Chapter 5 Retired Public Employees of NM. Her name and bio was submitted by two fellow board members for “Government Employee of the Year.” Patricia (Patty) French started her public service career with the City of Albuquerque in 1988. She was elected to the PERA Board in 2005 and is serving her fourth elected term. She has received the Rio Grande Credit Union Board Literacy Training, Certificate in Public Plan Policy, Certified Investment Institute, International Foundation of Benefit Plan, National Committee Member for National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and has had extensive fiduciary training.”