



Employees' Retirement System
of the State of Hawaii

Catherine Chan re-elected to Board of Trustees

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University of Hawaii-Manoa professor Catherine Chan won re-election to the teacher seat on the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii.



Chan received 18,185 votes or 74.9% of the 24,281 votes cast to defeat UH-Manoa professor Lynne Wilkens, who received 6,023 votes in the election conducted by ERS's vendor KMH LLP. About 131,000 ballots were mailed to the ERS membership, which includes active employees, inactive vested members and retirees who are eligible to vote. The election results were certified by an independent panel and accepted by the trustees at its meeting on Dec. 13.

Chan, who has served on the board since Jan. 2, 2016, begins her new six-year term on Jan. 2, 2022.

The teacher seat can be filled by a member of the ERS who is classified as a "teacher," which includes teachers or an educational officer certified as a teacher by the Department of Education, or a dean, professor instructor, and lecturer of the University of Hawaii and the community college system.

The [Board of Trustees](#), the governing body of the ERS, is comprised of eight members, including four elected by the membership: two general employees, a teacher, and a retiree. Board chairman is Emmit Kane.