

**MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM  
2013 EMPLOYEES' SYSTEMS TRUSTEE ELECTION  
CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

**MR. JAMES A. BUSH, JR.**

My goal is to ensure that our retirement check is protected. To ensure that the pension we worked so hard to earn is there for us when we retire. I have served as a Trustee of the Baltimore City Employees Retirement System and the Baltimore City Elected Official Retirement System, a \$1.3 billion dollar Pension Fund. The employees of the City of Baltimore allowed me to serve in this position for ten years, from 1991 to 2001. My fellow board members selected me to serve as their Board Chairman the final three years of my tenure. I resigned this position to take a position at Merrill Lynch, the next step along my journey in finance. Critical investment experience was obtained during my 6 year tenure at Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor. At Merrill my clients included Fortune 500 corporations, State Pension Funds and wealthy individuals. My advice was crucial in helping these complex clients meet their investment objectives. Currently, I am a Budget Analyst with the Maryland Transit Administration. I hold a degree in Business/Finance from The University of Baltimore and a degree in Chemistry from Loyola University in Maryland. I am 51 years old, married and the father of four sons.

Thank you for your vote.

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**MS. LINDA G. TILGHMAN**

A native of Baltimore, I grew up in a family with five sisters and one brother. So I am no stranger to managing limited resources.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Education from Towson University and have thirteen years experience managing budgets and employees in the private sector.

For the past ten years I have worked as a Correctional Officer at Patuxent Institution in Jessup where I enjoy mentoring new employees.

State and university employees like us work hard. And our service should be respected.

We faithfully contribute into our pension system. I want to be a watchdog on our retirement board to protect our contributions and our investment income.

I hope I earn your vote.