



**APRS**  
AUSTIN POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## 2023 APRS Board of Trustees Retiree Member Election

The ballot order of candidates was determined by a random drawing.

### Carl Zimmerman

I'd be honored to serve the retired officers of APD for another term as a Board Trustee for the Austin Police Retirement System. I've tried my best to keep all the members informed on the Board Decisions on issues that impact us and the retirement system. In these uncertain times, you can rest assured that I will continue to look after the best interests of our fund and its members.

Carl Zimmerman

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### Michael Cowden



My name is Michael Cowden and I retired July 2021. I will be finishing my term as an active-duty representative and running as a retiree representative.

I first ran for the APRS board 4 years ago due to a lack of urgency to fix the system. I was told *"If you think you can do better you can have my job and if you see me running for the door then worry"*. I was at a loss for words and felt the system could do better. Myself, Scott Askew and Nick Moore decided to run for office.

In the midst of the defund movement and a slowing economy we were able to get a law passed to fix the system. The work put in by the board, Pattie

Featherston, Tyler Link and the APRS staff was amazing. When the system was fixed, I talked to one of the members who was voted out. They stated *"sometimes you need another set of eyes to look at things differently and push a different way"*. I have no ill will towards any of the members who were voted out but felt their time had run its course.

In the 4 years I have been on the board I am proud of the work we have accomplished and would like to continue looking at things with a new vision. I can promise you I will continue to push for best practices and benefits that are supported by our experts.

Cowden

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