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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council

Attn: Executive Secretary

Room 409, City Hall

100 N. Holliday Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0044 – Employees’ Retirement System – Board of Trustees –
Membership and Qualifications

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0044 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would add an additional trustee from the City School System to the Board of Trustees for the Employees’ Retirement System. It also clarifies that two of the Trustees must have experience in investment management or a related field. The bill makes the necessary changes to the numbering in Section 5 of Article 22 of the City Code.

The City has the power to “establish and maintain a general system of pensions and retirement benefits” in the City. City Charter, Art. II, § (24). As this bill is in accordance with that power, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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