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**State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) Announces its Endorsement of SECU's Board-Nominated Candidates Citing Their Representation for State Employees**

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – The [State Employees Association of North Carolina](#) has announced its support and endorsement for **Robert Brinson, Mark Fleming, Stelfanie Williams, and McKinley Wooten Jr.**, the Board-nominated candidates for State Employees' Credit Union's (SECU) upcoming Board of Directors election. SEANC members are North Carolina's current and retired state government employees, the same as the Credit Union's base membership. Brinson, Fleming, Williams, and Wooten Jr. are all current or former state employees, which was a key factor in the association's decision.

"We have been encouraged over the last year by SECU's current board's extensive efforts to hear SEANC's concerns," said SEANC Executive Director Ardis Watkins. "In our evaluation of all eight candidates seeking election to the SECU Board, we felt the Board-nominated candidates, with their state government experience, would best understand the needs of other state employees."

The SECU Board Nominating Committee announced their nominations July 18. Their selections were the result of a careful and thorough evaluation process for each candidate, identifying individuals eligible for membership on the Board of Directors and evaluating multiple other factors, including merits of the candidates by way of their education; character; professional, board, and volunteer experience; as well as their knowledge of the Credit Union; demonstrated commitment to the needs of all members; and capacity and capability to be an effective addition to the composition of the current SECU Board of Directors.

"We are so pleased to receive SEANC's endorsement of Robert Brinson, Mark Fleming, Stelfanie Williams, and McKinley Wooten Jr.," said SEANC Past President Chuck Stone, who serves as SECU Board Nominating Committee Chair. "All four of these candidates provide strong representation for state employees and their families, and they have shown great dedication and commitment to the organization and our members. Together, our entire Board and SECU's leadership continue to work hard to make a positive difference for our more than 2.8 million members, meeting their financial needs and ensuring our cooperative remains fiscally sound and positioned to serve them well into the future. SEANC's support of our SECU Board and mission of service are greatly appreciated."

Absentee voting for the SECU Board of Directors election opened September 3 and runs through October 1. In-person voting is available during the Annual Meeting to be held October 8 in Greensboro. More information, including a link for eligible SECU members to electronically cast a ballot, is available [here](#).

**About SEANC**

State Employees Association of North Carolina ([SEANC](#)) is the South's largest public worker association with 46,000 members from all 100 counties in the state. Formed in 1945 to give state employees representation in

the General Assembly, today SEANC works to protect and enhance the rights and benefits of current, retired, and future state employees.

### **About SECU**

A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, and federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), SECU has been providing employees of the state of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 87 years. SECU is the second largest credit union in the United States with \$56 billion in assets. It serves more than 2.8 million members through 275 branch offices, over 1,100 ATMs, Member Services Support via phone, [www.ncsecu.org](http://www.ncsecu.org), and the SECU Mobile App.