

# Samuel L. Friar



Samuel (Sam) Friar is the former Chairman of the Board of the Pension System and led it through the most turbulent period in its history. Through his leadership and negotiation skills, the Pension System transitioned from imminent insolvency to a projected path to solvency.

Sam retired with the rank of lieutenant from Dallas Fire-Rescue in September 2017 with thirty-three years of service. His last assignment was in Emergency Medical Services where he supervised approximately seventy paramedics who provided medical services to the citizens of Dallas. He was also the initial Program Manager for the department's Wildland Firefighting Program and grew the program into a viable entity capable of deploying nationwide.

Sam also had an accomplished thirty-year military career in the US Army Reserve, retiring in 2009 at the rank of full colonel. His last assignment was the command of an organization in Fort Bliss, TX that had the responsibility of training reserve component soldiers as they were being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sam received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Jackson State University (1979) and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies (2002) from the US Army War College. Sam has taken numerous financial courses including the Pensions and Capital Stewardship Program conducted by Harvard Law School, four pension courses conducted by Wharton Business School, and the prerequisite courses for financial planning at Southern Methodist University.