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**Firefighter Brett Besselman elected to chair HFRRF Board**

HOUSTON (June 20, 2018) – Houston firefighter Brett Besselman was elected Tuesday to become chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Houston Firefighters’ Relief and Retirement Fund. Besselman will take office on July 1, after a two-week transition and training period with current Chairman David Keller who announced his resignation of the position earlier this month for personal and family reasons.

“I am deeply humbled by the Board’s decision today,” Besselman said. “I practically grew up in the pension fund building watching my Dad serve on the Board, so I think this is a great tribute to him after celebrating Father’s Day last weekend. In the coming weeks and months, I will be in close communication with all HFRRF members, both active and retired, as I work to continue Chairman Keller’s legacy of dedicated service.”

Besselman, 33, was elected and sworn in to the Board in October 2016. He was immediately thrust into the contentious issue of the City of Houston’s proposed pension legislation. He’s been a member of the Houston Firefighter Department for nearly eight years.

Outgoing Chairman Keller commented on Besselman’s election: “As the youngest member of our Board, Brett may also be the youngest person elected to chair our pension fund. I think he is uniquely positioned to elevate the pension fund’s larger concern for retirement security to the younger generation of Houston firefighters. But also, by virtue of his retired father Jerry’s experience, Brett has tremendous insight and experience with our operations, history and traditions. I wish him the best of luck going forward and I am confident he has all the qualities for being a great leader long into the future.”