

# ELECTION: TYNDALL'S 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**There are three positions open for election on Tyndall's 2025 Board of Directors. Nominations for those positions have been accepted, and candidates have been selected.**

The election for the Board of Directors will take place in the first quarter of this year, and as part of our election procedures, we have provided you with information below regarding the current Candidates, the process of submitting Nominations by Petition, and the balloting procedures.

Election results will be announced at the 69th Annual Meeting. Details about the Annual Meeting will be posted in our branches and on our website on Monday, January 6, 2025. The Annual Meeting is open to all members and is an opportunity to meet the Credit Union's Officials, Management and Staff, all of whom work for you. During the meeting, reports will be presented by the Chairman and Treasurer of our Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, and the Supervisory Committee to update you on the performance of your Credit Union throughout 2024.

## NOMINATIONS BY PETITION

Since balloting will conclude prior to the Annual Meeting, nominations for positions on the Board of Directors will not be accepted from the floor of the meeting. Instead, members 21 years or older, who wish their name to appear on the ballot, must be nominated by petition. Petitions for Nomination, as well as Volunteer Application Forms and Release Authorizations, are available from [administration@tyndall.org](mailto:administration@tyndall.org) or call 850-769-9999. Petitions require the signatures of five hundred (500) Tyndall members over the age of 16. Volunteer Application Forms seek necessary information regarding Candidates' qualifications for the office. The Petition Form, the Volunteer Application Form, the Release Authorization (authorizing a background and credit check), a candidate photo (jpg format; minimum resolution of 300dpi), a biography of 250 words or less, and an Agreement signed by the Nominee stating he/she is eligible to hold the office and will serve if elected, must be submitted to the attention of the Secretary, Board of Directors. All required information must be received to [administration@tyndall.org](mailto:administration@tyndall.org), no later than 5:00 pm on February 3, 2025.

## BALLOTING PROCEDURES

If there is only one candidate for each open position on the Board, there will be no electronic or paper balloting. Instead, a vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting to determine the election of the proposed candidates.

If there is more than one candidate for each open position, electronic/paper balloting will be required, and will begin in February, prior to the Annual Meeting. There will be no balloting at Tyndall branches or by Absentee Ballot. You must be a member as of January 31, 2025, to be eligible to vote.

Detailed voting instructions, along with each candidate's photo and biography, will be provided in the branches and on the Credit Union's website at **Tyndall.org** prior to the election.

If electronic/paper balloting is required and you do not have the electronic device necessary to vote electronically, but wish to cast a ballot, you may phone or write us to request a paper ballot. Requests for paper ballots will be accepted from February 18, 2025 through March 6, 2025. The phone number and mailing address will be provided in the election details that will be posted in the branches and on the Credit Union's website at **Tyndall.org**. Please find each Candidate's photo and biography enclosed.

**We thank you for your membership and encourage you to use your right to vote.**

Sincerely,  
**Frances Martin**  
*Chairwoman, Board of Directors*



# CANDIDATES

## For Tyndall's Board of Directors

As a member of Tyndall Federal Credit Union, you are an owner. As such, you are entitled to vote for those who will represent you on the Board of Directors. Your Board of Directors consists of nine volunteers who usually serve a 3-year term. The Board sets the credit union's policies, guides its strategic planning, and works closely with Credit Union Management to help ensure that Tyndall continues to be one of the top credit unions in the country. Choosing who will represent you on the Board of Directors is a very important decision. This year, there are three positions open for election.

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**Frances  
Martin**

*Incumbent*

Frances Martin is a Healthcare Management Leader with more than 10 years of experience with HCA Florida Gulf Coast Hospital. She is immensely passionate about the community and undertaking volunteer opportunities in many organizations. She is the past chairman and current member of the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Board at Gulf Coast State College, Church, Girl Scouts of the USA, The Salvation Army, and Tyndall Federal Credit Union as a member of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business with a focus in computer science, a Master of Business Administration, and she also holds a Registered Respiratory Therapist degree and credential.



**Rusty  
Thorpe**

*Incumbent*

Rusty Thorpe is a technology leader with more than 31 years of experience with AT&T, retiring in 2021 as manager of frontline customer-facing technicians in field operations. His style of servant leadership helped to foster positive relationships with the employees in his workgroups. Rusty and his wife, Terry, have been married for 36 years. She retired in 2019 after 32 years of teaching special needs children in Bay District schools. They have a grown son, Cory. Cory and his wife, Sarah, have a 6-year-old son named Andruw.

Rusty has served on Tyndall Federal Credit Union's board of directors since March 2022, and currently holds the title of Board Treasurer. He hopes to continue contributing to the mission of providing excellent value for TFCU's membership.



**Randy  
Berling**

*Nominee*

Randy Berling is retired from the Office of the State Attorney, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. Prior to retirement he was employed as the Executive Director responsible for all budgetary issues, personnel matters and implemented the worthless check diversion program and the Victim Advocate program. Prior to his role as Executive Director, Randy investigated criminal cases involving economic crime and consumer fraud. During his professional career, Randy served on numerous local boards such as the Boys and Girls Club, Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida and was a founding member of the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center. Presently he serves as Chairman of the Tyndall Federal Credit Union Supervisory Committee.

Randy is married to his wife Dawn who retired after teaching for 32 years for the Bay District Schools. They enjoy spending time with their daughter and her family who live in Pensacola. Their hobbies include hunting, fishing and outdoor cookouts with friends at their second home in Gulf County, FL.