



TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD
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July 2026

Teachers' Retirement Board General Election Process

Per Chapter 167(a) section 183l (2), (3), (4) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) there is an election for active & retired board seats on or before July 1 for a term of four years. All members of the system have the opportunity to vote for any candidate in either election. Active teachers shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired. Retired members of the system must nominate a member who is collecting a benefit and deemed retired in the system.

Effective July 1, 2023, legislation was passed for an additional election for two retired board seats on or before October 1 for a term of four years. Only retired members of the system collecting a benefit are eligible to nominate or vote in the election process.

The notification for interested candidates will be posted on the agency website in accordance with Sec. 10-183l (2), (3), (4) at such time either the active or retired board seats are up for election. The notification will be posted under latest news on the agency website. Interested candidates will have a minimum of two weeks to register in person at the agency and must provide a 150-word biographical sketch, proof of ID, and sign a letter of intent provided by the agency at registration.

The petition process announcements for the July and October 2027 seats will be posted independently on the website under latest news and have separate registration periods. Interested candidates who register for the July and October 2027 seats during the registration process will have four weeks to obtain signatures by way of electronic petitions in the fall of 2026. Active board seat petitions require 200 signatures; retired board seat petitions require 50 signatures.

Retiree candidates may petition for either the July or October retiree seats but not for both as an individual cannot campaign for or hold two Board seats at the same time.

Retiree candidates must certify that they are seeking to petition for only one Teachers' Retirement Board seat in the 2027 election cycle when registering.

If a retiree submits a petition for both the July and October seats, only the first petition will be accepted, the petition filed later will be rejected.

Candidates will receive confirmation they have met the qualifications to be on the ballot at the first board meeting no more than four weeks from the conclusion of the electronic petition and verification process.

Candidates have the opportunity to withdraw anytime during the electronic petition campaign. Should a candidate withdraw after 48 hours of the candidate confirmation there is no guarantee they will be removed from the election ballot due to the schedule for ballot preparation and distribution.

Voting for either the active or retired board seats will begin approximately four to six weeks after candidate verification based on the vendor's capabilities to ensure the voting requirements are accurate and complete. At such time the announcement of the election voting dates will be posted on the website. The voting period for the election will be five weeks. The July and October elections for the 2027 board seats will be administered concurrently in early 2027.

Electronic ballots will be provided in active board seat elections. Electronic and paper ballots will be provided in retired board seat elections.

Candidates will be notified of the results at the first board meeting upon the completion of the election and tabulation process.