



2023 Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Board (CTRB) Retiree Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Maureen Honan

Maureen Honan was elected to STRB in November 2011 and served until her retirement in 2017. She served on the Appeals and Health Care Committees. As a teacher in Region 15, serving the towns of Middlebury and Southbury, for 41 years she began her career as a fifth grade teacher, then as a special educator and finishing her career as an administrator. As an active teacher, she served as president of the Pomperaug Education Association and negotiated contracts for 34 years focusing on health care, contract language and salary benefits both at the teacher and administrative levels. She served on numerous CEA Committees and on their board. She is currently involved with CEA-Retired focusing on Member Benefits. Maureen served on the NEA Board of Directors for six years. While in Washington, she lobbied the Connecticut Congressional Delegation on the WEP/GPO as well as educational and health care issues.

Mary-Beth Lang

I am an urban educator who taught for 41 years in Bridgeport and continue to volunteer. I served as Bridgeport Education Association President for 6 years negotiating contracts, protecting health insurance, and advocating for teacher rights.

I currently am the Connecticut Education Association Retired Vice President after having served as Treasurer. I am the CEA representative on the executive committee for the Alliance for Retired Americans, and serve on the national task force for the repeal of GPO/WEP. I also serve on the CEA Retirement Commission and have lobbied for retired teacher issues.

I graduated from Purdue University and received advance degrees from Fairfield University.

My proven leadership protecting retired teachers' pension issues would be an outstanding addition to the Teachers' Retirement Board.

Rita McDougald-Campbell

In my 25 years as a public educator, I served as an English teacher, a building administrator, and as a district human resources director. Prior to becoming a public educator/administrator, I worked as a university administrator and in marketing management in both corporate and municipal arenas.

I earned a B.S. and an Ed. M. from Boston University, Secondary English certification from SCSU, and advanced graduate certificates in Educational Administration and Human Resources Management from Sacred Heart University.

In retirement, I have served on boards and committees of ARTC, CEA-R, and GBRTA, tirelessly advocating for retired educator issues. I would be honored to continue that representation as a member of the State Teachers' Retirement Board. I believe my educational preparation and professional experiences have more than prepared me for Board service.

Edwin Vargas, Jr.

Bachelors of Science in Education and a Master's Degree in Public Administration, University of Hartford. Taught in the Hartford Public Schools for 35 years (1972 - 2007). Throughout his teaching career Ed was a Hartford Federation of Teachers leader serving in multiple capacities including president, chief negotiator, and grievance chair. He also held numerous leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels in labor, political, community, nonprofit, and civil rights organizations.

Ed is currently serving as the Gov. O'Neil Endowed Chair and Political Science professor at Central Conn. State University. He previously served as a state legislator for five terms in the Connecticut House of Representatives where he retired as Deputy Speaker. Immediately prior to his retirement he was reelected unanimously by his constituents in Hartford and West Hartford to a sixth term which he chose to forgo when he accepted his current role in academia.

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