



## **CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD**

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# **MINUTES**

**July 17, 2025**

A special meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was held virtually on July 17, 2025. The meeting convened at 3:03 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clare Barnett, Chair, Retired Teacher Member  
William Myers, Vice-Chair, Retired Teacher Member  
Carrie Cassady, Active Teacher Member  
Lisa Heavner, Public Member  
Charles Higgins, Public Member  
Kathleen Holt, Public Member  
Jonathan Johnson, Public Member  
Mary-Beth Lang, Retired Teacher Member  
Jon Moss, Active Teacher Member  
Edwin Vargas, Retired Teacher Member  
Ted Wright, Office of the State Treasurer  
Joslyn Delancey, Active Teacher Member  
Stephen McKeever, Active Teacher Member, AFT

### **ABSENT:**

Gregory Messner, Office of Policy and Management  
Keith Norton, State Department of Education

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Helen Sullivan, Administrator  
Charlene Hill, Assistant Administrator  
Amanda Harley, Associate Retirement & Benefits Officer  
Naomi Calvi, IT Analyst

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Terry DeMattie, Segal  
Nicolette Niedzwiecki  
Tammy Gowash, ARTC  
DeDe Raybuck, UHC  
Alex Taylor, The Hartford  
Pamela Doubek  
William Kiner  
Roger Newbury  
Robert Buck  
Walt Ciplinski  
Miriam Lappen  
Maureen Campbell  
Althea Carr  
Andrea Aron  
Kate Schallau  
Kathy Coyle  
Teresa Sirico  
Nelson King  
Kristen Dockendorff  
Jean Merz  
Catherine Audet  
Rick Asselta  
Norman Winnerman  
C. Wanat  
Amy Jaffe  
Myles Cohen  
Shirley Cowles  
Arlyn Bamberger  
Karen McFarlin  
Hollis Hartford  
Martin Pagnozzi  
Linda Durbin  
Cynthia Barnett  
Norma Cherry  
Dorothy Evans  
Patty Linardos  
Alison Gittleman  
Angela Handa  
Cynthia Adamski  
Harry Kropp  
Jeanne McDonagh  
Maureen Eberly  
Sally Lord  
Betsy Cutting  
Nancy Bremer

Steve Manning, Segal  
Christine Diehl  
Doree Voychick  
Maureen Thompson  
Wanda Ward  
Jennifer lee  
Frank Cooper  
Kathleen Harris  
Sara Kemmer  
Dayle Kimball  
Patricia Farmer  
Kendra Norman  
Carmen Tate  
Lynne McPeake  
Patricia Moore  
Bobbi Burns  
Lynn Griswold  
John Dresko  
Ann Louise Strillacci  
Keith Chumbley  
Amelia Porri  
Robert Manness  
Mary Minichiello  
Donna Wu  
Marilyn Mitchell  
John Kisko  
Eunice Rees  
Beth Daley  
Lee Moxley  
Catherine Nystrom  
(Bolton)  
Bonnie Barnes  
Joseph Jankowski  
Bonnie Lieberman  
Jerry Griffin  
Rachel Wolfe  
Nancy Charest  
Jerry Struzik  
Judith Mueller  
Maryann Blanc  
Christine Keenan  
Cathy Baker  
Judy Brown  
Nancy Toomey  
Barbara Schroeter

Karen Nolen, OPM  
Sue Samsel  
Kathy Hennessey  
Cathy Monaco  
Roberta Goldstein  
Daniel Leone  
Sue Grey  
Fran Giffin  
Patti Fusco  
Marian Arnista  
Rosemary Ahern  
Helaine Maldin  
Marilyn Schwab  
Patricia Pitter  
Linnea Stenberg  
Florinda Hayes  
Gary Chesley  
Joan Geigle  
Carol Joseloff  
Renee Lukaniec  
Jackie Bennett  
Denise Fix  
Mark Fernandes  
Judy Sgaglione  
Janet Leonberger  
Judy Centurelli  
Fonda Green  
Paul Kulikowski  
Paula Bacolini  
Melissa Wells  
Anne Tancredi  
Charlotte Robbins  
Martha Cerrato  
Nancy Gertner  
Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean  
Nancy Kasowitz  
Janice Markey  
Monica Hall  
Ann Santogatta  
Frank May  
Cathy McGarry  
Bob Travers  
Maureen Honan  
Rachel Sexton  
Antonio Palazzolo

Creigh Krin  
Rhea Klein  
Barbara Porter  
Trish McGuire  
Ken Black  
Bob Johnson  
Margaret Rick  
Jacke Bacon  
Frances Schilling  
Sandra Beth Heath  
Roseann Haakerud  
Joseph Pacheco  
Barbara Oppedisano  
Donna DuBaldo  
Thomas Furey  
Rita McDougald-Campbell  
Sue Hart  
Blanca Velazquez  
Gail Martin  
Patricia Nizlek  
Betsy Grant  
Andrea Paoletta

Patricia Marcinczyk  
Peter Weiman  
Nancy Janis  
Bernice Krantz  
Andrew Cimmino  
Karen Horan-Silva  
Susan Schmidek  
Valerie Haberl  
Carol Savago  
Charlotte Cooper  
Ron Benner  
Lorraine Williams  
Darlene Gurnon  
Nancy Valla  
David Winer  
Norma Cherry  
Barbara Smith  
Joseph Vincenzi  
Janet Maffucci  
Kathleen Liftig  
Karen Schmidt  
Bernie Schreiber

Daniel Diodato  
Arthur DeLucia  
Jackel Robinson  
Laura Polakow  
Nancy Zukowski  
Lois Wallman  
Laura Ragonese  
Paul Snyder  
Linda Lambert  
Debby Szajnberg  
Paula McMahon  
Moir Schiffer  
Beverly Raffino  
Maryann Defelice  
Mary Hendrickson  
Nancy Moskowitz  
Nancy Heitz  
Kristin Schuhmann  
Judy Tattar

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson, Clare Barnett called the special meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board to order at 3:02 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of the Retiree Health RFP Subcommittee recommendation:**

Bill Myers (Vice-Chair/retired teacher) served as Chair of the retiree health subcommittee which also included Greg Messner (OPM), Kathleen Holt and Jonathan Johnson (public members appointed by the Governor), and Carrie Cassady (active teacher). The subcommittee was assisted by TRB healthcare consultant Terry DeMattie (Segal Consulting) in the RFP process. Bill provided information regarding the retiree health plans stating that the plans are managed by the Center of Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS). CMS is a federally managed agency who set the guidelines for these plans. The TRB plans are employer group sponsored plans with enhanced benefits for our members. The committee met several times to determine which products would best fit our members. The TRB will continue to offer Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans. Both plans include pharmacy, vision and hearing coverage.

The recommendation to the Board by the subcommittee is to have The Hartford provide the Medicare Supplement plan and Aetna provide the Medicare Advantage and

prescription drug plan as well as the prescription drug for the Medicare Supplement plan effective January 1, 2026. Terry DeMattie explained the member and total cost of the plan.

The member monthly rates effective January 1, 2026 are as follows:

<b>Aetna MA</b>		<b>Hartford/Aetna MS</b>	
Medical/Rx/VH	\$102.00	Medical/Rx/VH	\$259.00
Dental (Cigna)	<u>\$ 56.00</u>	Dental (Cigna)	<u>\$ 56.00</u>
Total	\$158.00	Total	\$315.00

A discussion followed.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Retiree Health RFP Subcommittee recommendation for healthcare vendors Aetna and The Hartford effective January 1, 2026. The motion was moved by Joslyn Delancey and seconded by Jonathan Johnson. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other items on the agenda, a motion was moved by Joslyn Delancey and seconded by Ed Vargas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at: 3:43p.m.