



## **CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD**

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### **DRAFT MINUTES** **February 11, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was held virtually on February 11, 2026. The meeting convened at 3:01 p.m.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Myers, Vice-Chair, Retired Teacher Member  
Carrie Cassidy, Active Teacher Member  
Joslyn Delancey, 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  
Stephen McKeever, Active Teacher Member, AFT  
Gregory Messner, Office of Policy and Management  
Jon Moss, Active Teacher Member  
Keith Norton, State Department of Education  
Edwin Vargas, Retired Teacher Member  
Ted Wright, Office of the State Treasurer

#### **ABSENT:**

Clare Barnett, Chair, Retired Teacher Member

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Helen Sullivan, Administrator  
Charlene Hill, Assistant Administrator  
Bob Ribera, Fiscal Administrative Manager  
Amanda Harley, Associate Retirement & Benefits Officer  
Naomi Calvi, IT Analyst

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Terry DeMattie, Segal Consulting  
Virginia McGarrity, Robinson & Cole  
Ben Mobley, Cavanaugh Macdonald  
Todd Green, Cavanaugh Macdonald  
Alisa Bennett, Cavanaugh Macdonald  
Nicolette Niedzwiecki, OFA  
Alex Taylor, The Hartford  
Rachel Runkle, OPM  
Tammy Gowash, ARTC  
Susie Hackel  
Kendra Norman  
Rita McDougald-Campbell  
Janice Markey  
Sylvia Kambas  
Karen Nagy  
Roni Krisavage  
Janet Racanello  
Lillie Feierabend  
Joann Forman  
Chris Mastropieri  
Nancy Kasowitz  
Barbara Oppedisano  
Maureen Homan  
Laurie Maria Cabral  
Sarah Helm  
Diane Mooney  
Rhea Klein  
Mary Hendrickson  
William Murray  
Linda S Mardin  
Beatrice Llewellyn  
Walt Ciplinski  
Judy Fitz  
Mary Kay Rendock  
Barbara Barry  
Kevin Fenton  
Sandra Bove  
Diane Devizia  
Fonda Green  
N Moskowitz  
Karen Klein  
Judy Burr  
Joe Vincenzi  
Christine Diehl

Vivian Baker  
Kate Lunnie  
Dennia Kelly  
Dorothy Wallace  
Nancy Culliton  
Daria Plummer  
Ryan Thompson  
Linda Wegener  
Simone Le Coutre  
Anita Denigris  
Mary Sue Feige  
Dorothy Drobney  
Katherine Ellis  
Susan Schmidek  
Monica Peterson  
Patricia Moore  
Kathy Hennessey  
Newton Clark Jr.  
Carmen Tate  
Don Desautels  
Andrea Abbott  
John Vecchitto  
Brenda Murphy  
Lori-Ann Gibb  
Kristin Grose  
June Bray  
Patricia Marcinczyk  
Nancy Sasso Janis  
Sandra Avery  
Althea Carr  
Mary Moninger-Elia  
Mary Ellen Mininchello  
Mary Stephenson  
Saundra Stephenson  
Kerry Kiy  
Dorothy Evans  
Robin Rockafellow  
Ron Benner  
Elizabeth Pierce-Fortin  
Pat Saylor  
Gail McCarthy  
Mary Ann Weber

## **Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson, Bill Myers called the regular meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board to order at 3:01 p.m.

### **1. Approval of the GASB Nos. 67 and 68 Pension Valuation report as of June 30, 2025 presented by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting.**

Todd Green and Ben Mobley, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, provided information regarding the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 67 and 68 pension Valuations.

The GASB 67 and 68 reports apply to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (AFCR) and do not affect funding calculations. These reports determine how liabilities are calculated and what assets can be used against those liabilities. The results are based on the market value of assets; they do not use smoothing.

A discussion followed.

A motion was moved by Greg Messner and seconded by Joslyn Delancey to approve the June 30, 2025 GASB 67 and 68 reports. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

### **2. Approval of the GASB Nos. 74 and 75 Retiree Health Insurance Plan report as of June 30, 2025 presented by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting.**

Alisa Bennett, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, provided information regarding the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 74 and 75 pension Valuations.

GASB No. 74 report provides the actuarial information for the Plan required under GASB No. 74 for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025.

GASB No. 75 report establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for governmental employers who sponsor or participate in other OPEB plans.

A discussion followed.

A motion was moved by Keith Norton and seconded by Jon Moss to approve the GASB 74 and 75 reports. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

### **3. Approval of November 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was moved by Jon Moss and seconded by Keith Norton to approve the regular meeting minutes for the November 12, 2025 meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

#### **4. Agency report provided by Administrator Helen Sullivan:**

##### **Health Insurance Update:**

Open enrollment has concluded. There is a total of 33,086 members enrolled. There are 28,434 on the MA plan, and 4,600 on the MS plan. There were 400 members who moved between the MA and MS plans. Open enrollment was extended for a couple weeks due to heavy call volume and requests for additional meetings. Almost 2,000 members attended sessions online and 3,600 attended in person. Since November, Aetna received 34,642 calls, The Hartford received 6,000 and TRB received over 1,500 calls. The calls were regarding open enrollment, questions about the new carriers and enrollment inquiries. Helen provided additional details regarding some of the questions members had. Helen thanked Tammy Gowash (ARTC), CEA, CEAR and all of the ambassador groups for helping to disseminate information. Helen also thanked Dan and Danielle with Aetna for their assistance.

A discussion followed.

##### **Member Annual Statements and 1099Rs:**

Annual statements went out in January to active teachers. Statements are sent out electronically and districts receive a copy to disseminate to members as well. Statements for inactive and state of CT employee teacher members will be sent out this month. 1099Rs were sent out at the end of January. The call volume has been standard for both the annual statements and 1099Rs. There is a dedicated center on our website if members have questions or need to request duplicates.

##### **Regulations Update:**

Helen advised that she, Bill, Charlie and Virginia met yesterday to finalize changes to the regulations that needed to be updated. The process is moving forward to the next steps which is to bring those updates to OPM for review. The process does take approximately a year because there are multiple steps. Helen thanked Virginia for her guidance and the TRB staff for their review of the regulations throughout the process.

##### **CORE-CT Update:**

Helen advised that the CORE project is in the beginning design phase of phase 3 of the project. The project has now turned into a 3-year project. There is a lot of data that needs to be updated and customized for our TRB members. There have been some staff changes as well on both the OSC and Accenture side. There is a committee overseeing the project, so we are continuing to move the project along.

#### **5. Approval of the Administrator's actions regarding:**

- a. Granting of service retirement benefits for the months of November and December 2025 and January 2026.
- b. Survivor benefits for the months of November and December 2025 and January 2026.
- c. Reports & recommendations of the Medical Review Committee regarding applications for Disability Payments as presented to the Medical Review Committee at the November and December 2025 and January 2026 meetings.

A motion was moved by Jon Moss and seconded by Joslyn Delancey to approve the granting of retirement service, survivor benefits and applications for a disability

allowance for the months of November and December 2025 and January 2026. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

**MATTERS FOR THE BOARD INFORMATION:**

Retirement Statistics for the months of November and December 2025 and January 2026.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rita McDougald-Campbell commented that she has been able to use her insurance with no issues at all. Rita also inquired whether TRB has considered outsourcing customer service and sending out snail mail surveys asking people to fill out updated information for current emails, phone numbers and addresses.

Tammy Gowash thanked everyone behind the scenes at ARTC who did a lot to help her and Amanda at TRB for doing a great job answering all their questions.

Mary Moninger-Elia inquired if the updates to the regulations can be found on the website and also advised that AFT retiree group also did outreach to get information to people. Mary also commented that she is still upset regarding the reduction in the amount the state is contributing to the health fund.

Walt Ciplinski commented that some retired teachers have reported long delays in trying to get phone contact with TRB and suggested taking a look at other ways to do that. He also requested contact information for the escalation team.

Daria Plummer commented that she believes if The Hartford offered those who are still on Medicare Supplement an ID number, it might make things go more smoothly. Daria also shared her appreciation for being able to ask the question and see the meeting virtually.

N Moskowitz shared her concern that when she called The Hartford, the person she spoke to was a little confused regarding the deductible amount and requested that someone talk to them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other comments, a motion was moved by Joslyn Delancey and seconded by Ted Wright to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.