

Teachers' Retirement Board



At a Glance

DARLENE PEREZ, Administrator

Established - 1917

Statutory authority – CGS Chapter 167a

Central office – 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Number of employees – 24

Organizational structure - Administrative Division, Benefits Division, Fiscal Division, Information Technology Division

Administration – Personnel

Management of the Teachers' Retirement system is vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board. The following persons were members of the Teachers' Retirement Board as of June 30, 2017:

Ex-officio Members - Appointed by Governor

Honorable Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Designee: Gregory Messner
Assistant Executive Budget Officer
gregory.messner@ct.gov
(860) 418-6225

Honorable Denise L. Nappier, Treasurer
Office of State Treasurer

Interim Designee: Laurie Martin
Deputy Chief Investment Officer
Laurie.martin@ct.gov
(860) 702-3195

Honorable Dianna R. Wentzell,
Commissioner of Education

Designee: Kathy Demsey
Chief Financial Officer
kathy.demsey@ct.gov
(860) 713-6464

Teacher Members - Elected by Teacher Membership

Clare H. Barnett, Chairperson
Retired Teacher
Board member since 7/1/1991

Al Bredehorst
Active Teacher
Meriden Board of Education
Board member since 7/1/2013

Maureen Honan
Active Teacher
Regional School District #15
Established 2011-PA 11-48
Board member since 11/1/2011

Lisa Mosey
Active Teacher
New Milford Board of Education
Board member since 7/1/2015

William Myers
Active Teacher
South Windsor Board of Education
Board member since 7/1/2009

Rosalyn B. Schoonmaker
Retired Teacher
Board member since 7/1/1979

Public Members – Appointed by Governor

Charles B. Higgins
Appointed 2013

Jonathan Johnson
Appointed 2007

Elaine T. Lowengard
Appointed 1994

Vacant
As of 4/19/2017

Vacant
As of 02/05/2015

Mission

The mission of the Teachers' Retirement Board is to administer the State Teachers' Retirement System.

Statutory Responsibility

The provisions of the Teachers' Retirement System are contained in Chapter 167a of the Connecticut General Statutes to provide retirement, disability, survivorship and health insurance benefits for Connecticut public school teachers and their beneficiaries. The benefits of the program are funded by employee contributions, state appropriations and investment income. The program is intended to provide financial security at retirement for Connecticut public school teachers, to replace lost income as a result of disability and to provide benefits to survivors of teachers who die while actively teaching. Members of the system are informed of their rights, benefits and responsibilities to claim benefits by receiving an annual statement of benefits accompanied by a letter from the Administrator, as well as by various publications on our website (www.ct.gov/trb). In addition, individual counseling is available to assist members in the retirement planning process.

Public Service

The agency is committed to providing each member with the necessary information to make intelligent and informed decisions regarding retirement, disability, survivor, and health benefits. Each non-retired member receives an Annual Statement of Benefits that provides a comprehensive record of their earnings history, credited service, and other details of their account. The agency publishes a variety of topical publications and brochures to assist in dealing with retirement issues. The agency continues to improve and expand its website www.ct.gov/trb to provide better and timely access of information to members. The agency is open to the public daily to provide personal service, and agency staff present information at meetings of professional associations of active and retired members, and to representatives of local Boards of Education.

Improvements/Achievements 2016-2017

The Teachers' Retirement Board provides services to nearly 100,000 members at an annual cost of less than \$20 per member which compares very favorably with other similar retirement plans.

	FYE 06/30/2017
AGENCY STAFF	24
MEMBERSHIP	
• Active	50,234
• Inactive	5,904
• Retired	36,274
• Disabled	300
• Deferred Vested	1,450
• Annuity Reserve	1,737
• Non-Vested Inactive	4,595
BENEFITS INITIATED DURING THE YEAR	
• Normal Retirement	1059
• Disability Allowance	43
• Early Retirement	165
• Pro-ratable Retirement	187
• Deferred Retirement	65
• Total Retirements	1,519
• Average age at retirement	63.20
• Average length of service	27.82
• Average salary base	\$92,286
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED BENEFIT INITIATED DURING THE YEAR	
• All Retirements	\$52,131
➤ Normal Retirement	\$60,577
➤ Disability Allowance	\$30,652
➤ Early Retirement	\$51,386
➤ Pro-ratable Retirement	\$22,185
➤ Deferred Retirement	\$16,785

	FYE 06/30/17
RETIREMENT FUND	
RECEIPTS:	
• Members' Mandatory Contributions*	\$297,323,987
• Members' Personal Payments	\$44,891,704
• Other Income**	\$149,766
• Early Retirement Incentive Payments	\$495,853
• Transfer to Health Fund ***	\$(50,504,605)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$292,356,705
EXPENDITURES:	
• Retirement Payments	\$1,889,248,290
• Refunds	\$73,284,401
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,962,532,691
FUND BALANCE 7/1 Market Value	\$15,515,711,903
• Investment Return****	\$2,208,502,962
• State Contributions	\$1,012,162,000
• Plan Distribution	\$(1,669,500,000)
FUND BALANCE 6/30 Market Value	\$17,066,876,865
HEALTH FUND	
FUND BALANCE 7/1	\$78,022,437
RECEIPTS:	
• Active and Retired Teachers'	\$95,690,646
• Investment Return	\$369,000
• General Fund Income	\$19,922,013
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$115,981,659
EXPENDITURES:	
• Health Fund Expenses	\$133,159,614
FUND BALANCE 6/30	\$60,844,482
	FYE 06/30/17

* Includes Mandatory & Voluntary Contributions

** Includes Pension Recoupment

*** Active Member Revenue

**** Includes realized/unrealized gain