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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide, protect, and enhance the present and future economic well being of members, pensioners and beneficiaries through efficient and effective management of benefit programs, investment practices, and customer service, and to commit to earning and keeping the respect and trust of the participants through quality service and by protecting retirement benefits, in compliance with applicable laws and standards.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The **SUCCESS** of the Fund is due to its **MEMBERS**, and we **LOOK FORWARD** to working with all of you as we **BUILD** on and **LEARN** from our past **ACHIEVEMENTS** to make **2018** another **SUCCESSFUL YEAR**.



Charles A. Burbridge
Executive Director

I wish I could begin this message the same way I began last year's—celebrating a World Series win for the Cubs—but that just wasn't in the cards for Chicago this year. But that doesn't make 2017 a year any less worthy of reflection and celebration for CTPF and our members.

As always, 2017 was a busy year for CTPF, and one in which we saw a lot of change and continued growth. Perhaps most notable was Governor Rauner signing Senate Bill 1947 into law on August 31, 2017. This legislation changes the Illinois school funding formula by requiring the State to pay the long-sought normal cost of Chicago's teachers' pensions. This change would have never come about were it not for the tireless work of our members educating legislators about the importance of fully funding pensions, and so we thank you all for your efforts.

Another victory for pension funding was CTPF's receipt of the Chicago Board of Education's full pension payment for Fiscal Year 2017.

Our ongoing antitrust lawsuit involving the world's largest banks also cleared a major hurdle when it was ruled that the suit could proceed, and the CTPF Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adopt a resolution affirming its commitment to U.S. infrastructure investment.

The CTPF office hired and onboarded more than 30 new employees in 2017 to fulfill a wide range of roles across several departments, allowing us to continue expanding and improving upon the services we offer our members. 2017 was also the first year that CTPF coordinated the Reciprocal Conference, bringing together all of the organizations covered under the Illinois Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act for a day and a half of learning, collaborating, sharing, and networking.

The success of the Fund is due to its members, and we look forward to working with all of you as we build on and learn from our past achievements to make 2018 another successful year.

CTPF PRESENTS 2017 DIVERSITY REPORT

CTPF's year-end report on diversity delivered to the Governor's office highlighted the Fund's more than \$4 billion in assets invested with Minority, Women, and Disabled Business Enterprise (MWDBE) firms during the 2017 fiscal year.

CTPF has seen dramatic growth in MWDBE investments since its program began more than 20 years ago. The Fund invested 6.1% of assets in MWDBE-owned funds in 1996, growing total investments to 38% at the end of June 2017. The complete 2017 Diversity Report can be found on www.ctpf.org.



Left to right: Yosangel Haddad, Senior Vice President, Callan Associates, Inc., Brianne Weymouth, Senior Vice President, Callan Associates, Inc., Ron Peyton, Executive Chairman, Callan Associates, Inc., Angela Miller-May, CTPF Chief Investment Officer, and Charles A. Burbridge, CTPF Executive Director.

CTPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

CTPF is governed by a 12-member Board of Trustees who serve staggered terms. Elections are scheduled each November to fill open positions. Elections were completed on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Due to the number of candidates not exceeding the number of open positions, the CTPF Board elections for two Teacher Trustee positions and one Principal/Administrator Trustee position were cancelled as uncontested. Tina Padilla and Gregory Redfeairn were elected as Teacher Trustees to serve a term from November 2017-2020, and Jerry Travlos was elected as Principal/Administrator Trustee to serve a term from November 2017-2019.



Left to right (Front row): Mary Sharon Reilly, Walter E. Pilditch*, Lois W. Ashford, and Maria J. Rodriguez. (Back row): Bernice Eshoo, Jerry Travlos, Gail D. Ward, Gregory Redfeairn, Jay C. Rehak, Mark F. Furlong, Jeffery Blackwell, and Tina Padilla.

Seven Pensioner Trustee candidates were certified to run for three open positions, and the three elected to serve a term from November 2017-2019 were Walter E. Pilditch*, Mary Sharon Reilly, and Maria J. Rodriguez.

Trustee Installation

The Trustees installed re-elected members, elected officers, and appointed committee chairs on November 16, 2017.

Officers for 2017-2018

Jay C. Rehak, <i>President</i>	Gregory Redfeairn, <i>Financial Secretary</i>
Lois W. Ashford, <i>Vice President</i>	Bernice Eshoo, <i>Recording Secretary</i>

*Sadly, Trustee Pilditch passed away on December 24, 2017. A special vacancy committee named by the Board of Trustees will recommend an individual to be appointed Pensioner Trustee until the next election in November 2018.

REMEMBERING CTPF TRUSTEE WALTER E. PILDITCH

Walter E. Pilditch, a CTPF Trustee for more than 20 years, passed away on December 24, 2017, after a brief illness.

The roles Trustee Pilditch undertook for CPS include elementary school teacher and assistant principal, high school principal, magnet school director, and school supervisor for the Bureau of Human Resources. He served as a CTPF Trustee for 20 years, first representing active Principals/Administrators, then representing Retirees. During his time as a Trustee, he served on several committees, in addition to holding the positions of Board Vice President and Financial Secretary.



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In addition to his work with CPS and CTPF, Trustee Pilditch was extremely active in his local community, having been involved in the Lions Club, the Beverly Improvement Association, and the CPS Science Fair Board. He was especially proud of his work with the Boy Scouts of America, which he joined at age 12 and which eventually led to him becoming a Scoutmaster and Treasurer for the troop in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. For his long-term involvement with the Scouts, he was given the highest honor of the Silver Beaver Award.

While we are all saddened by his loss, we also know that Trustee Pilditch's legacy lives on in the Fund he helped to build and lead, and in the lives of countless young people for whom he served as a mentor and guide. We are grateful for the time he shared with us.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 2 New Years Day | Office Closed
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Office Closed
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Investment Committee Meeting | 9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 12 Lincoln's Birthday | Office Closed
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 19 President's Day | Office Closed
- 19 Retirement Seminar | 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
Hilton Oak Lawn

MARCH

- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Investment Committee Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Retirement Seminar | 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
Harold Washington Library

APRIL

- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.

MAY

- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 29 Memorial Day | Office Closed

JUNE

- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.

JULY

- 4 Independence Day | Office Closed
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.

Board of Trustees and Investment Committee meetings are held in the CTPF office and open to the public. Confirm meeting times/dates at www.ctpf.org.

OFFICE/MAILING ADDRESS

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 203 North LaSalle Street | Suite 2600
 Chicago, Illinois 60601-1231
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www.ctpf.org | memberservices@ctpf.org
 Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | M-F

JOIN CTPF FOR A RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Monday, February 19, 2018

Hilton Oak Lawn*
9333 South Cicero Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453
9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Register by February 9 to receive your pension estimate

*FREE guest parking available

Tuesday, March 27, 2018*

Harold Washington Library Auditorium
400 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605
9:15 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Register by March 20 to receive your pension estimate

*Social Security Administration present

9:15 a.m. Session: Enter through the Plymouth Court Entrance, doors open at 9:00 a.m.



CTPF 2018 Retirement Seminars

If you're considering retirement in 2018, please join CTPF for a retirement seminar. These seminars provide a one-stop shop for retirement information, including a general overview of the CTPF and CPS retirement processes.

CTPF's Member Services Department will be available at all seminars to answer individual questions, assist with completing forms, and provide notary

services. Representatives from the Social Security Administration and CPS will join CTPF representatives for the retirement seminars (Social Security Administration will only attend the March 27, 2018, seminars).

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND SEATING IS LIMITED.

Register Online:

www.tinyurl.com/2018ctpfseminar

Call CTPF Member Services:

312.641.4464

Schedule Your Personal Benefits Consultation

When planning for retirement in 2018, it can be beneficial to make an appointment to meet with a Pension Resource Specialist for a retirement consultation.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. These personalized meetings allow you to discuss your retirement situation in depth, so be sure to bring your questions and relevant career information, such as hire dates and the names of schools where you have

worked. CTPF strongly recommends scheduling appointments. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis, between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

CTPF is located at 203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois. The CTA's blue, green, brown, pink, purple, and orange lines all stop inside the 203 North LaSalle building at the Clark/Lake stop.

Parking is available in the building and discounted vouchers are available for \$18 (check or money order only, no cash).



EMAIL | memberservices@ctpf.org
CALL | 312.641.4464

Speak to a Member Services Rep.,
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Preparing for Retirement

It's not too early to start preparing for the retirement process by doing research and organizing your information. The steps you take now can ensure a smooth retirement transition in June.



DO SOME HOMEWORK

Every retirement situation is different, and evaluating your options takes time and energy. CTPF has helpful information online to get you started; visit the Leaving Employment section under "Active Members" on www.ctpf.org.

Be sure to check with your current employer to learn about the resignation process. You should also contact any previous employers to obtain the necessary paperwork if they are part of the Reciprocal Pension System. You can learn more about the employers covered under the Illinois Reciprocal Act under "Reciprocal Systems" on www.ctpf.org.

REGISTER FOR A 2018 RETIREMENT SEMINAR



Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 or register online at www.tinyurl.com/2018ctpfseminar for one of the Retirement Seminars being offered on February 19 or March 27. These seminars provide an overview of the retirement process and can help you jump start (or complete) your retirement application.

REGISTER YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL WITH CTPF



CTPF sends regular updates and information to retirees via email. You will lose your employer-provided email account when you retire, so be sure to register your personal email address with CTPF. Find a registration link on www.ctpf.org.

FOLLOW CTPF ON SOCIAL MEDIA



To stay up-to-date on pension news, follow CTPF on social media. Not only will you find retirement information and important dates, but also news and facts about pension funding. We are active on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

CTPF DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY **FORM 105**
Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600 | Chicago, IL 60601-1231
Phone: 312.641.4464 | Fax: 312.641.7185 | www.ctpf.org

The Designation of Beneficiary form allows CTPF members to designate individuals who will be paid any available lump-sum death benefits at their death. It does not affect or determine survivor benefits, which are only payable to an eligible spouse or minor child. CTPF will not accept forms with cross outs, white-out information or alterations. This form becomes effective when the original signed, notarized form is received by the CTPF office.

BENEFITS PAYABLE UPON DEATH

Depending on the member's status at the time of death, CTPF provides the following lump-sum benefits to the beneficiaries of a deceased member:

- A lump-sum death benefit and/or
- A refund of contributions that the member made to the Fund, which are remaining at the time of the member's death.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION 1 – MEMBER INFORMATION

Please provide all requested applicable information.

SECTION 2 – PRIMARY BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

Enter the requested information for each beneficiary.

HOW ARE BENEFITS PAID? Death benefits are paid to:

- The primary beneficiary designated by the member on the latest Designation of Beneficiary form on file with CTPF.
- The alternate beneficiary designated by the member, if no primary beneficiary survives.
- The member's estate, if no primary or alternate beneficiary survives.

WHO CAN BE NAMED AS A BENEFICIARY? Any person or trust may be designated as a primary or alternate beneficiary. If you name a trust, provide the legal name of the trust and/or trustee, the trust number, the date established, and the contact information for the trust. A creditor (i.e. bank, credit union or loan company) **MAY NOT** be named as a beneficiary.

ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARIES: If you wish to name more than four primary beneficiaries, cross out the words "Alternate Beneficiary" in section 3, and write your initials and continue.

NAMING A MINOR: Death benefits payable to a minor are paid in care of the minor's guardian or custodian under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.

DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS: If more than one person is named as beneficiary, all will share equally in the benefit unless specific shares (percentages) are written in the " % Share" box. If you enter percentages, the total must equal 100%. If specific shares are written in, the benefits will be distributed as directed.

- If a named beneficiary does not survive, his or her shares will be distributed among any surviving beneficiaries.

SECTION 3 – ALTERNATE BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

Alternate beneficiaries receive death benefits if no primary beneficiary survives. Follow the directions in section 2.

SECTION 4 – SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION

Sign and date the form in the presence of a notary. The notary signing this form may not be named as a beneficiary.

RETURN THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL: CTPF will not accept a faxed or e-mailed version of this form. Make a copy for your records and send the original to:
Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600,
Chicago, IL 60601-1231

CONFIDENTIALITY: The information contained on your form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as required by law. If you cannot locate a copy of this form or recall your named beneficiary, contact CTPF.

You can find this form on our website:
http://ctpf.org/active_members/memberapplications.htm

Call Member Services, 312.641.4464, if you have questions.

Is Your Beneficiary Information Current?

It's important to keep your Designation of Beneficiary information up-to-date with CTPF.

If you're new to the process of retiring with CTPF, it can be hard to picture yourself at retirement, but planning for retirement began with your first day of employment. CTPF members do not contribute to Social Security, so understanding your CTPF benefits and how to protect them is an important element of your future financial security.

One of the most important documents is your Designation of Beneficiary information. Life events such as marriage, birth of a child, divorce, or death may necessitate changes to your designation. If you've recently experienced one of these life events, are unsure if your beneficiary information is up-to-date, or have never designated beneficiaries with CTPF, please take a few minutes to complete the Designation of Beneficiary form (*Form 105*) available on www.ctpf.org. The form needs to be signed in the presence of a notary, and we recommend making a copy for your records. The original, notarized copy should be submitted to the CTPF office at:

Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund
Attn: Member Services Dept.
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600
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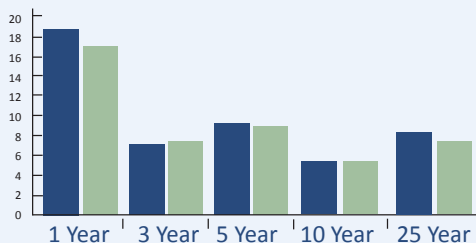


Financial Snapshot

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

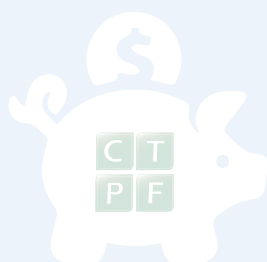
As of November 30, 2017

	NET RATE OF RETURN	TOTAL FUND BENCHMARKS
1 Year	18.10%	17.56%
3 Year	7.45%	7.23%
5 Year	9.57%	9.26%
10 Year	5.46%	5.46%
25 Year	8.09%	7.82%



■ RATE OF RETURN
■ TOTAL FUND BENCHMARKS

As of November 30, 2017, the approximate current value of CTPF's investments was \$10.9 billion.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

CTPF is governed by a 12-member Board of Trustees: six elected by active members, three elected by pensioners, one elected by the principals/administrators, and two appointed by the Board of Education.

TEACHER TRUSTEE ELECTION*

November 7, 2017, CTPF will hold an election for Two (2) Teacher Trustees to serve three-year terms from November 2018-2021.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for Teacher Trustee must be a member, other than a Principal/Administrator, as defined in 40 ILCS5/17-106. A candidate must be nominated by a petition signed by at least 200 contributors who are not Principals/Administrators, as provided in 40 ILCS 5/17-139(1) and have been assigned on a regular certificate for at least 10 years in the Chicago Public Schools or charter schools within District 299 as of October 1, 2018.

NOMINATION PACKETS AVAILABLE

Individuals who meet the criteria listed above can request a nomination packet from the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund office beginning February 15, 2018. Call Gail Davis at 312.604.1400, ext. 402, or email elections@ctpf.org to request a packet. Completed petitions and candidate resumes must be submitted to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund office, 203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois 60601-1231, on or before the close of business at 5:00 p.m. (CDT), Monday, October 1, 2018.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION EVENTS

February 15, 2018	Nomination packets available.
October 1, 2018	Nomination packets due to CTPF by 5:00 p.m.
November 1-7, 2018	Election materials distributed in schools and online voting available for Teacher Trustee election.
November 7, 2018	Voting closes for election at 5:00 p.m.

*Elections for one (1) Pensioner Trustee will also be held on November 7, 2018. Find the CTPF Election Policy and additional information on the Election Central page at www.ctpf.org.

CTPF ADOPTS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT RESOLUTION

During its meeting on September 21, 2017, the CTPF Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adopt a resolution affirming its commitment to U.S. infrastructure investment.

Citing the critical role that infrastructure plays in delivering economic growth, reducing poverty, and addressing development challenges, the resolution recognized that U.S. infrastructure investments safeguard the health and safety of our collective society and are in the best interest of the Fund and its members.

The Trustees considered evidence offered by the American Society of Civil Engineers in their "2017 Report Card for U.S. Infrastructure," which evaluated U.S. aviation, bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, solid waste, transit, and wastewater and gave these facilities a D+ overall rating. Furthermore, the Trustees noted that recent natural disasters have underscored the need to rebuild, maintain, and improve aging U.S. infrastructure systems to address long-term issues of urbanization and climate change.

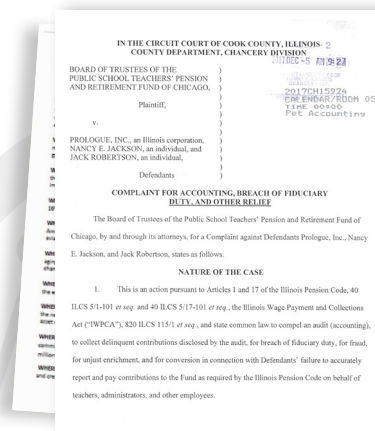
The formal resolution can be found on www.ctpf.org.

CTPF Files Suit Against Prologue, Inc.

CTPF filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court against Prologue, Inc., the operator of the now-closed Joshua Johnston Charter School for Fine Art and Design (Johnston). The suit alleges that between at least January 2013 and June 2016, Prologue failed to report the employment of licensed teachers and to pay pension contributions to CTPF as required by the Illinois Pension Code on behalf of those teachers.

CTPF filed the suit after an audit of Prologue's finances by a CTPF-engaged outside accounting firm, for the period January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, revealed widespread underreporting of pensionable wages and a failure to pay required contributions on behalf of licensed personnel at Johnston. The school received more than \$9.3 million in public funds from the Board of Education between 2013 and 2016. The audit found more than \$1.4 million in underreported wages and more than \$130,000 in unpaid pension contributions during the audited period.

Additional information about this lawsuit can be found in the press release on www.ctpf.org.



STAFF UPDATES



MILLER-MAY APPOINTED CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Angela Miller-May has been promoted to Chief Investment Officer (CIO). As CIO, Miller-May oversees CTPF's globally diversified multi-billion dollar portfolio of cash, equities, fixed-income, real estate, and alternative investments – and ensures the plan's growth and long-term prosperity through the continued prudent management of its \$10.8 billion investment portfolio. She previously served as CTPF's Director of Investments for over two years. Miller-May earned her M.B.A in Accounting from DePaul University Kellstadt School of Business, her B.A. in Economics from Northwestern University, and is a candidate for CAIA certification. She is a proud member of Women Investment Professionals (WIP) which promotes the economic advancement of women, a member of Institutional Limited Partner Association (ILPA), and a member of the National Association of Securities Professional (NASP).



CTPF WELCOMES INTERNAL AUDITOR

Adriane D. McCoy, CIA, CGAP, CFSA, CFE, CAMS, CISA, CRP, has served as the Internal Audit Director for the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund since November 2017. McCoy is an audit and accounting professional with over 25 years of experience in the public sector and financial services industries. Prior to joining the CTPF, she served as the Division Manager of Audit for the Regional Transportation Authority.

Her professional experience includes internal audit and risk management for denominational pension and health benefits organizations. McCoy also held audit management positions at Bank One (J.P. Morgan Chase) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Her audit advisory experience includes internal audit, risk management, fraud investigations and litigation services engagement management for KPMG, LLP and RSM McGladrey, Inc.



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Email your story about how your school stands out to socialmedia@ctpf.org and we may contact you for a School Spotlight feature.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

CTPF is a member-focused organization, and every year we strive to provide exceptional customer service. Here is a snapshot of highlights from Fiscal Year 2017*

 69,348 member calls received and answered	 4,289 1:1 office consultations with members
 2,289 member email inquiries answered	 728 members served at retirement seminars
 10,269 members assisted during the Health Insurance Open Enrollment period	 \$1.4B in service retirement payments made to members

*2017 fiscal year, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

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