# Pension E-News





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## **CTPF Trustee Bernice Eshoo Announces Retirement**

CTPF extends its congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy, and productive retirement to CTPF Trustee Bernice Eshoo, who announced her retirement from CPS after 34 years of service. A tireless advocate for students, Trustee Eshoo has been a dedicated volunteer for various student-focused organizations and has served on several other committees and boards in addition to her duties as a CTPF Trustee.

With her retirement, Trustee Eshoo has also resigned from the CTPF Board of Trustees. Trustee Eshoo was appointed to the CTPF Board of Trustees in July 2013 and reelected in 2016. She served in a variety of leadership positions, including Recording Secretary and co-Chair of the Personnel Committee. She is also a Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) elected trustee and executive board member, and has chaired the CTU scholarship committee while also serving on several other committees.



"On behalf of our Board of Trustees and the CTPF staff, I offer sincere thanks to Trustee Eshoo for her years of dedicated service to CTPF and its members, and wish her all the best in her retirement," said Charles A. Burbridge, CTPF Executive Director.

## **Trustee Vacancy Declared: Applications Due July 6**

In accordance with the Pension Board Bylaws, following Trustee Eshoo's resignation, the Board declared a vacancy in a Teacher Trustee position. The Vacancy Committee appointed by Board President Jay Rehak includes Trustees Lois W. Ashford (chair), Jeffery Blackwell, and Mary Sharon Reilly. The committee will evaluate candidates and make a recommendation to the Board at the next regular meeting on July 19, 2018. The individual appointed to fill the position will serve until this fall's annual election in November.

#### **Candidate Eligibility**

Any eligible active teacher may ask to be considered to fill the vacancy. A candidate for the Teacher Trustee position must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Member, other than a Principal/Administrator, as defined in 40 ILCS 5/17-106; and
- Have been assigned on a regular certificate for at least 10 years in the Chicago Public Schools or charter schools within District 299 (this includes anyone who is licensed and has worked in the Chicago Public Schools or Charter Schools for at least 10 years on a regular certificate, including as a substitute).

#### **Applications**

To apply for the vacant Teacher Trustee position, please submit a resume and a candidate statement to Charles A. Burbridge, Executive Director, <u>elections@ctpf.org</u>, no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, July 6, 2018. The Vacancy Committee will meet prior to the next regular Board of Trustees' meeting to review applications and evaluate the candidates.

## A New and Improved CTPF Website

CTPF received an overwhelming response when we surveyed members to find out what they most wanted in our redesigned website. With that feedback in mind, we have developed a new and improved website that offers:

- A clean, uncluttered design
- A simple navigation
- Clearly designated sections for different audiences
- A newsfeed for sharing key news, updates, and information
- Easily accessible forms
- Visible alerts for deadlines and emergency notifications
- A search bar

And much more.



Additional features and services are currently in development as we expand upon our new digital initiative.

Visit the new CTPF site at <a href="www.ctpf.org">www.ctpf.org</a>, and thanks to everyone who offered invaluable feedback that aided in this endeavor.

## 2018 Notice of Trustee Elections

#### CTPF will hold elections for:

- Two (2) Teacher Trustees to serve three-year terms from November 2018-2021 (voting November 1-7, 2018)
- One (1) Pensioner Trustee to fill a vacancy for the term ending November 2019 (voting October 19-November 7, 2018)

See schedule below for further details on voting.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Candidates**

Individuals who wish to run for office must meet the following criteria as of October 1, 2018:





- 1. be a Member, other than a Principal/Administrator, as defined in 40 ILCS 5/17-106;
- 2. have been assigned on a regular certificate for at least 10 years in the Chicago Public Schools or charter schools within District 299 (this includes anyone who is licensed and has worked in the Chicago Public Schools or Charter Schools for at least 10 years on a regular certificate, including as a substitute); and
- 3. 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).

#### **Pensioner Trustee candidates must:**

- 1. be a service, reciprocal, or disability pensioner receiving monthly payments from the Fund; and
- 2. be nominated by a petition signed by not less than 100 pensioners, as provided in 40 ILCS 5/17-139(2).

#### **Nomination Packets**

Individuals who meet the criteria listed above can request a nomination packet from the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund. Call Gail Davis at 312-604-1400, ext. 402, or email <u>elections@ctpf.org</u> 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	5:00 p.m. (CDT) nomination packets due to CTPF
October 19, 2018	Election materials mailed and online voting available for Pensioner Trustee election
November 1, 2018	Unique voter identification numbers to be distributed by this date for Teacher Trustee election
November 1-7, 2018	Online voting available for Teacher Trustee election through November 7 at 5:00 p.m. (CDT)
November 7, 2018	Voting closes for all elections at 5:00 p.m. (CDT). All mail-in ballots must be <b>received</b> by this date
November 13, 2018	Trustees sworn in during CTPF Board of Trustees meeting

Additional information about the elections and the current election policy can be found on www.ctpf.org.

## **CTPF Welcomes Chief Benefits Officer**

Rosemary K. Ihejirika, MBA, joined CTPF in May 2018 as Chief Benefits Officer. Ihejirika previously served as Benefits Manager for a self-insured health system, where she oversaw plan design, systems implementation, benefits administration, communications development, member services, and vendor relationships for the employee and member life cycles. She has worked in the benefits field for more than 24 years in both private and public funds, and recently returned to Chicago from Springfield, IL. Ihejirika's experience includes programming and business analysis, and she holds a BA from the University of Port-Harcourt and an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management.



CTPF is committed to protecting our members' data, and in an effort to improve the security of your personal CT This letter co applicable to

information, we have eliminated the use of social security numbers throughout most outbound correspondence. All CTPF members now have a unique Member ID; active members can find their Member ID on their Statement of Estimated Contribution and Benefits (sent in the fall), and retired members can find theirs on their pay advices. See the Your Member ID information sheet for illustrated examples of where to find your Member ID.

You still have the option of using the last four digits of your social security number when communicating with CTPF in writing, or your full social security number when contacting our office via phone. If you have any questions about your Member ID, please contact Member Services, 312.641.4464.

## **UnitedHealthcare Clarification**

Retired members participating in the UnitedHealthcare Group Medicare Advantage PPO health insurance plan may have recently received a letter from UnitedHealthcare in regards to the provider network at Northwest Medical Group (NMG). NMG continues to be in-network through January 1, 2019. Please know that after January 1, 2019, your plan will continue to cover care from NMG providers, and your share of the cost will be the same with no impact to your plan or coverage cost. We apologize if this notice caused any confusion or inconvenience. Please contact UnitedHealthcare, 888.223.1092, with any questions or concerns.



#### **CTPF Features**

## **Retired Members: Are You Redefining Retirement?**



What are you doing to stay active, creative, engaged, and involved in your retirement?

Email your story about how your retirement is unique to socialmedia@ctpf.org and we may contact you for a Redefining Retirement feature.

## **Active Members: Does Your School Shine?**



What is your school doing to be creative, innovative, and to make a difference for students and faculty?

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

## **Pension Payment Schedule**

The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through October is listed below. <u>Click here</u> for a printable PDF of the full schedule.

Month	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
July 2018	June 28, 2018	July 2, 2018
August 2018	July 30, 2018	August 1, 2018
September 2018	August 30, 2018	September 4, 2018
October 2018	September 27, 2018	October 1, 2018

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Board of Trustees and Investment Committee meetings are held in the CTPF office at 9:30 a.m. and are open to the public. Confirm meeting times/dates at <a href="https://www.ctpf.org">www.ctpf.org</a>.

JULY	<ul> <li>3 - CTPF office will close at 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>4 - Independence Day   Office closed</li> <li>19 - Board of Trustees meeting   9:30 a.m.</li> <li>20 - Investment Committee meeting   9:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
AUGUST	<ul><li>16 - Board of Trustees meeting   9:30 a.m.</li><li>23 - Investment Committee meeting   9:30 a.m.</li><li>23 - Technology Committee meeting</li></ul>
SEPTEMBER	3 - Labor Day   Office closed 20 - Board of Trustees meeting   9:30 a.m.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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