# Pension E-News





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## **2021 Trustee Election Update: Candidates Certified**

The CTPF Election Committee met on October 4, 2021, to certify candidates in the upcoming Board of Trustees elections.

- Seven (7) pensioners have been certified to run for three Pensioner Trustee positions.
- Four (4) active contributors have been certified to run for two Teacher Trustee positions.

# Elections \* 2021 \*

#### **Pensioner Candidates Certified**

- Lawrence "Larry" Milkowski
- Regina O'Connor
- Maria J. Rodriguez
- Lois Nelson
- Therese M. Boyle
- Mary Sharon Reilly
- Kathleen Cleary Powers

Click here to view the official election certification.

**Teacher Candidates Certified** 

- Tammie F. Vinson
- Victor Ochoa
- Quentin S. Washington
- Karyn L. Aguirre

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#### Voting

Voting credentials will be sent to all eligible teachers and pensioners by U.S. Mail and email on October 18, 2021, by CTPF's election agent (YesElections). Voting will open on October 18 at 8:00 a.m., and continue through 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2021. All teachers and pensioners with a valid email address on file will receive credentials by email on October 18.

All Teacher Trustee voting will be online. Pensioners have the option of voting online or with a paper ballot. All Pensioner ballots mailed in must be **received** by Friday, November 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **More Information**

Find additional information on CTPF's Election Central page.

# **2022 Annuitant Health Insurance Open Enrollment**

#### **2022 Premium Subsidy**

August 19, 2021, the Board of Trustees voted to continue the Health Insurance Premium Subsidy at **60%** for 2022. Find more 2022 Health Insurance Information at **Open Enrollment Central**.

#### 2022 Health Insurance Handbook

Access the 2022 Health Insurance Handbook online at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/2022handbook">ctpf.org/2022handbook</a>.



#### **Open Enrollment Education Week Webinars**

CTPF hosted Open Enrollment Webinars and audio presentations during the week of October 4 – 8 to educate members about CTPF's health insurance plans. Find webinar presentations and recordings at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/open-enrollment">ctpf.org/open-enrollment</a>.

#### **Health Insurance Survey**

We have launched a survey to gather additional information about our Open Enrollment communications and materials. You can access the survey and share your opinions here.

## **Open Enrollment: What Not To Do**

CTPF's <u>Open Enrollment runs concurrently with the Medicare Open Enrollment</u>, (October 15 through December 7). During this annual window, Medicare eligible participants can enroll in coverage. However, if you enroll through one of the many plans advertised heavily on television, radio, social media or multiple solicitations, you will be **disenrolled** from your CTPF health insurance plan. If you later decide that you are unhappy with a non-CTPF plan

and want to rejoin a CTPF plan, you must wait until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you have a qualifying event. You can only rejoin a CTPF plan without a qualifying event once in your lifetime.

The decision to change plans should be carefully evaluated based on individual needs. Members who choose to enroll in an **additional** plan through the Medicare Open Enrollment period will be **disenrolled from all CTPF plans by Medicare.** 

Members with questions about plan options or coverage can email Member Services, **Memberservices@ctpf.org**, or call 312.641.4464.

## myCTPF Member Self-Service Available

Join the thousands of members who have registered for myCTPF, the Member Self-Service portal. Members who register for myCTPF create a unique User ID and password. Once an account is created, members can use myCTPF to securely access CTPF documents and information. Registered members can:

- View address/contact information on file with CTPF.
- Retirees can view and download a 1099-R and pay advice(s). Members who need replacement copies of their 2020 1099-R can download them from the portal after registering.
- Active and inactive members can view and download their annual Member Statement.

Access the system from a "button" at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org">ctpf.org</a>, and you must have a CTPF Member ID to register. Two-factor authentication ensures secure access. Active members can find their CTPF Member ID on the Member Statement. Retirees can find their Member ID on a pay advice from the Fund.



### **CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources**

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CTPF has implemented the following changes for the health and safety of all:

- In-person appointments and services are suspended.
- Phone assistance, video counseling, and remote notarization appointments are available. Members should call 312.641.4464 or email <u>memberservices@ctpf.org</u> for assistance.
- US Mail processing may be delayed. Send benefit applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf or .jpg format) to <a href="mailto:imaging@ctpf.org">imaging@ctpf.org</a> to ensure prompt processing.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/calendar">ctpf.org/calendar</a>.

#### **CTPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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#### STAY CONNECTED & SPREAD THE WORD

CTPF will continue to share information at <u>ctpf.org</u> on social media, in E-Lerts, and in E-News.

We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 89,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please consider forwarding this email to a friend who may be a fellow member or pensioner.

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