

Pension E-News



CTPF Commits to divestiture of fossil fuel holdings and/or to investing in viable clean energy sources to fully offset our fossil fuel investments by December 2027



At their October meeting, the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Board of Trustees voted to immediately commit to engagement with fossil fuel companies to encourage them toward a path of clean renewable energy sources and to divest from fossil fuel holdings and/or to invest in viable clean energy sources to fully offset the Fund's fossil fuel investments by December 2027. As of September 2022, CTPF has identified approximately \$350.4 million in coal, oil and gas-related publicly traded debt and equity investments about 3.3% of the total Fund. [Read more here.](#)

2023 Open Enrollment Ends Today for Annuitants

The 2023 Open Enrollment Period will run from **October 1-31, 2022**. During this time, annuitants can enroll, add or drop a dependent, or change a health insurance plan or carrier. Changes become effective January 1, 2023.

The Board of Trustees voted to continue the 60% premium subsidy for 2023.

The [2023 Open Enrollment Handbook](#) is now available online. Handbooks were mailed in mid-September by first-class mail, for delivery by October 1.



2023 Health Insurance FAQs

- [2023 Medicare-Eligible Members FAQs](#)
- [2023 Non-Medicare Eligible Members FAQs](#)

Open Enrollment Education Week

CTPF hosted Open Enrollment Webinars and audio presentations to educate members about CTPF's health insurance plans during the week of Oct. 3 - 7. Find webinar presentations and recordings at ctpf.org/open-enrollment.

Voting in 2022 Teacher and Principal/Administrator Trustee Elections Ends November 4



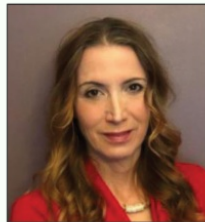
Voting opened October 17, 2022, in the 2022 CTPF Board of Trustee Elections and closes this **Friday, November 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** Voting credentials were mailed to members' home addresses and YesElections, the Fund's election agent, sent emails with voting credentials to members with emails on file. All voting will be conducted online.

Teacher Trustee Candidates (click names for candidate bio)

- [Jeffery Blackwell](#)
- [Catherine Cunningham-Yee](#)
- [Mary Esposito-Usterbowski](#)
- [Jacquelyn Price Ward](#)



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Principal/Administrator Candidates (click names for candidate bio)

- [Nicholas Guerrero](#)
- [Jerry Travlos](#)



NICHOLAS GUERRERO



JERRY TRAVLOS

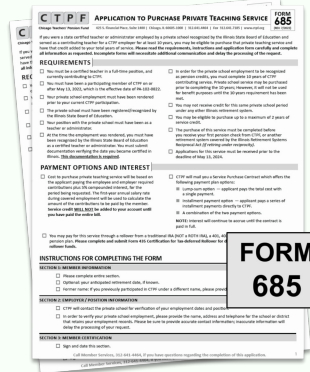
For more information visit Election Central at ctpf.org.

Fall Town Hall Webinar Recording Available

CTPF Executive Director Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., hosted a Town Hall webinar for members on September 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Topics included an end of the fiscal year financial update, 2022 Trustee Elections, and a review of important dates and information for 2023 Health Insurance Open Enrollment for retirees. The **webinar recording is available at ctpf.org.**

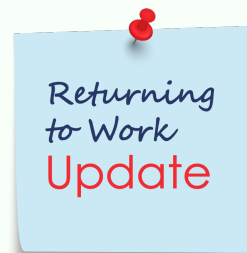
Private Teaching Service Purchase Available

State certified teachers or administrators employed by a private school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, who have served as a contributing teacher for a CTPF employer for at least 10 years, may be eligible to purchase that private teaching service and have that credit added to total years of service. The member must meet certain eligibility requirements, and [complete CTPF Form 685](#). Find more information [here](#).



2022 Return to Work Updates

A CTPF retiree may decide to return to work as a teacher, but there are some rules to be aware of to avoid a pension suspension, cancellation, or possible benefit overpayment. Returning to work on a permanent, annual basis will generally result in your pension being immediately cancelled, to resume only upon re-retirement. In 2022, the Illinois General Assembly passed two measures designed to help address the shortage of substitute teachers/administrators. The Fund also updated its Administrative Rules to align with the new legislation. Find more information [here](#), ctpf.org/returntowork.



QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the policy, please contact Member Services at 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org.

HIPAA Authorized Representative Form

If you want a family member to assist you with health insurance issues, you can submit a HIPAA Authorized Representative Designation form, available at ctpf.org or from Member Services. Your Authorized Representative may discuss your health insurance options, but cannot make care or treatment decisions.

myCTPF Offers Helpful Features

New features have been added to the *myCTPF* Member Self-Service Portal, which is now available to surviving spouses. These updates offer an even more accessible and efficient *myCTPF* experience. Register at myCTPF.org to:

- Request an estimate of your CTPF retirement benefit (for active members who meet the eligibility requirements) and then view, download, and print when they are available.
- View your address, contact information, and benefit status
- Download a pay advice or 1099R (retirees) or Member Statement (members with service credit with CTPF)

Register today at myCTPF.org



Pension Payment Schedule

CTPF encourages all members to switch to direct deposit. Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 to request a direct deposit form. The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through February 2023 is listed below. [Click here for the full schedule.](#)

Month	Last Day to Submit an Address or Tax Withholding Change	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
November 2022	October 17, 2022	October 28, 2022	November 1, 2022
December 2022	November 14, 2022	November 29, 2022	December 1, 2022
January 2023	December 15, 2022	December 29, 2022	January 3, 2023
February 2023	January 17, 2023	January 30, 2023	February 1, 2023

Employee Contribution Reporting

Each pay period, Employers remit employee pension contributions to CTPF. Illinois law requires that these contributions be made within a certain time period. If the Employer does not send the funds within the required time, penalties may be assessed. Find the most recent list of delinquent employers [here](#).

Lost Payees

CTPF is trying to contact members who are over age 72, but who have not commenced benefits or taken a refund of their contributions. If you or someone you know is included on the [Lost Payees Listing](#), please contact Member Services, 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org.

CTPF COVID-19 Operations

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 memberservices@ctpf.org for assistance.
- Because US Mail processing may be delayed, members are encouraged to send benefit applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf or .jpg format) to imaging@ctpf.org to ensure prompt processing.

CTPF Appreciates Your Feedback

CTPF always appreciates feedback on its publications. Complete this brief [survey](#) and help us improve Pension E-News.

Calendar of Events

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event



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CTPF will continue to share information at ctpf.org 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. Register for email updates [here](#).



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