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Organization of the Board of Trustees

During the November 16, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting, elected trustees were sworn in and took their oath of office. Elected Teacher Trustees Paula S. Barajas and Tammie F. Vinson will serve three-year terms through November 2026. Elected Pensioner Trustees Lois Nelson, Mary Sharon Reilly, and Maria J. Rodriguez will serve two-year terms through November 2025. View vote totals and certified election results at central.

At the meeting, the Board of Trustees elected officers and chairs of standing committees for 2023-2024.

Officers of the Board of Trustees:

- President, Jeffery Blackwell
- Vice President, Jacquelyn Price Ward
- Financial Secretary, Mary Sharon Reilly
- Recording Secretary, Lois Nelson

Standing Committees Chairs:

- Claims and Service Credits, Lois Nelson
- Finance and Audit, Mary Sharon Reilly
- Investments, Jacquelyn Price Ward
- Pension Laws and Administrative Rules, Quentin S. Washington

Find a complete list of committee descriptions and assignments <u>here</u>.



CTPF Elected Trustees: Teacher Trustees Paula S. Barajas and Tammie F. Vinson (standing). Pensioner Trustees Maria J. Rodriguez, Lois Nelson, and Mary Sharon Reilly (seated).



CTPF Officers: Vice President
Jacquelyn Price Ward and President
Jeffery Blackwell (standing). Recording
Secretary Lois Nelson and Financial
Secretary Mary Sharon Reilly (seated).

Member Statements Available at myCTPF.org

Annual Member Statements for active members are now available in the *my*CTPF Member Self Service Portal. Statements were <u>not</u> sent by mail. Members should register at <u>myCTPF.org</u> to access their statements.

CTPF members who have not yet retired receive an annual Statement of Estimated Contributions and Benefits that summarizes contributions and service credit as reported by the employer(s) for the previous fiscal year (fiscal years run July 1-June 30). Members with enough service to vest will also see an estimated pension amount.

Find more information at ctpf.org/memberstatements.

Register Today for CTPF's Member Self-Service Portal, myCTPF

The <u>myCTPF</u> Member Self-Service Portal includes helpful features for active and retired members:



- View and update address information (if you are not currently contributing to CTPF).
- View and update phone number and email addresses.
- View your benefit status information.
- View and download 1099-R and pay advice(s) (pensioners)
- View and download your annual Member Statement if you have service credit with CTPF.
- Request an estimate of your CTPF retirement benefit (if you meet the eligibility requirements).

Register today at myCTPF.org.

1099-R Address Change Reminder

The deadline for retired members to submit an address change to CTPF for the 2023 1099-R mailing is **December 15, 2023**. Address changes cannot be made over the phone.

Retirees can make address changes in the <u>myCTPF Member Self-Service Portal</u> or complete a CTPF Change of Address form. Call Member Services at 312-641-4464 to request a form. Your identity will be verified before the form is issued.

Completed forms can be returned by email to imaging@ctpf.org, fax, or mail.

Retirement Counseling

Do you have questions or need retirement counseling?CTPF's Member Services team offers phone, video, and inperson counseling appointments. Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org to schedule an appointment. **Note:** Walk-in appointments are not accepted. Visitors need to be added to the building's



security list in advance of their visit. Members visiting CTPF must present a valid, government-issue photo ID to the building's security team. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a health screening form are required upon entry (<u>form available here</u>). Visit the <u>Office Information</u> page to prepare for your visit.

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.

Is Your Beneficiary Up-to-Date?

The survivor and death benefits provided by CTPF are an important part of a family's financial future. CTPF uses Form 105, a <u>Designation of Beneficiary form</u> to determine who receives any available lump-sum death benefit or refund of contributions. The designation does **not** affect or determine survivor pension benefits, which are only payable to an eligible spouse or minor child. A member may change the designation at any time by submitting a new CTPF Form 105. The designation form

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becomes effective when the original signed and notarized form is received and approved by the CTPF office. The form must be received by CTPF prior to the member's death.

Life events like marriage, divorce, and birth of a child can affect who you want named as your CTPF beneficiary, so be sure to update your information as necessary. Find the form at ctpf.org/designate.

Private Teaching Service Purchases

State certified teachers or administrators previously employed by a private school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education who have 10 years of CTPF service, may be eligible to purchase private teaching service. The member must meet certain eligibility requirements, and complete CTPF Form 685. Applications for this service must be received prior to the deadline of May 13, 2024. Find more information here.

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 December 2024 is listed below.

Month	Last Day to Submit an Address or Tax Withholding Change	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
December 2023	November 14, 2023	November 29, 2023	December 1, 2023
January 2024	December 14, 2023	December 28, 2023	January 2, 2024
February 2024	January 17, 2024	January 30, 2024	February 1, 2024
March 2024	February 14, 2024	February 28, 2024	March 1, 2024
April 2024	March 15, 2024	March 28, 2024	April 1, 2024
May 2024	April 16, 2024	April 29, 2024	May 1, 2024
June 2024	May 16, 2024	May 30, 2024	June 3, 2024
July 2024	June 13, 2024	June 27, 2024	July 1, 2024
August 2024	July 17, 2024	July 30, 2024	August 1, 2024
September 2024	August 16, 2024	August 29, 2024	September 3, 2024
October 2024	September 16, 2024	September 27, 2024	October 1, 2024
November 2024	October 17, 2024	October 30, 2024	November 1, 2024
December 2024	November 13, 2024	November 26, 2023	December 2, 2024

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.

Calendar of Events

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at ctpf.org/calendar.



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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 90,000 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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