

Pension E-News



Voting Closes in CTPF Board of Trustees Election on Friday, November 3, 2023

Voting in the CTPF **Teacher and Pensioner** elections is now open and closes at 5:00 p.m. (CT), this Friday, November 3, 2023. Teachers vote online and Pensioners vote online or with a paper ballot. All ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. (CT) on Friday so pensioners are urged to vote online at this point to ensure their ballot is counted. Voting credentials were mailed to members' home addresses and the Fund's election agent sent multiple emails with voting credentials to members with email addresses on file.



Teacher Trustee Candidates

Five teachers were certified as candidates for the 2023 CTPF Teacher Trustee Election (*listed in alpha order, click for bio*).

[Paula S. Barajas](#)
[Alison Eichhorn](#)
[Erika Meza](#)
[Tammie F. Vinson](#)
[Philip Weiss](#)



PAULA S.
BARAJAS



ALISON
EICHORN



ERIKA
MEZA



TAMMIE F.
VINSON



PHILIP
WEISS

Pensioner Trustee Candidates

Four pensioners were certified as candidates for the 2023 CTPF Pensioner Trustee Election (*listed in alpha order, click for bio*).

[Lois Nelson](#)
[Mary Sharon Reilly](#)
[Maria J. Rodriguez](#)
[Jack Silver](#)



LOIS
NELSON



MARY SHARON
REILLY



MARIA J.
RODRIGUEZ



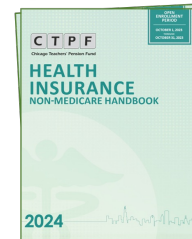
JACK
SILVER

More Information

Find additional information on [CTPF's Election Central page](#).

2024 Open Enrollment Closes Today

The 2024 Open Enrollment Period closes today, October 31, 2023. Today is the last day for annuitants to enroll, add or drop a dependent, or change a health insurance plan or carrier. Changes become effective January 1, 2024. The Board of Trustees voted to continue the 60% premium subsidy for 2024. Visit ctpf.org/open-enrollment for more information. All plans offered in 2023 will be offered in 2024. **You do not need to take any action to stay enrolled.**



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. 2 - 6. Find all webinars on-demand at ctpf.org/open-enrollment.

Open Enrollment Handbook

The 2024 Health Insurance Handbooks offer an overview of Medicare and Non-Medicare plans and costs. The Medicare Handbook was mailed the week of September 18th and both handbooks are posted online at ctpf.org/open-enrollment.

New in 2024

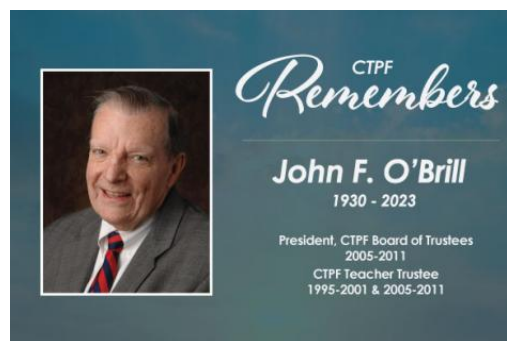
CTPF will offer the Cigna Surround Group Supplement Plan with Express Scripts Medicare (PDP). This is an insured plan that is modeled after Medicare Plan G. This plan is available to members who are Medicare recipients who turned 65 in 2020 or later. For more information about the plan please call the [Cigna Pre-Enrollment line](https://ctpf.org/open-enrollment).

In Memoriam

John F. "Jack" O'Brill

CTPF has received confirmation that former President of the Board of Trustees, John F. "Jack" O'Brill passed on October 16, 2023. He was 93 years old.

Mr. O'Brill was born on October 7, 1930, and was a lifelong resident of Chicago. He earned a BS in education from Northern Illinois University, and completed graduate courses from Loyola University in Administration, Industrial Relations, and Secondary Education. He devoted his career to teaching and served in the Chicago Public School system for a remarkable 54.6 years, retiring from Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative School in 2012 at age 82. [Read more here.](#)



Member Statements Go Green

This fall CTPF will make Annual Member Statements available in the myCTPF Member Self Service Portal. Statements will no longer be sent by mail and members should register at [myCTPF.org](https://myctpf.org) to access their statements. Statements for Fiscal Years prior to 2023 are already available to view in the portal. Find more information at ctpf.org/memberstatements.

Retirement Counseling

Do you have questions or need retirement counseling?

CTPF's Member Services team offers phone, video, and in-person counseling appointments. Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 or send an email to 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-issued photo ID to the building's security team. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a health



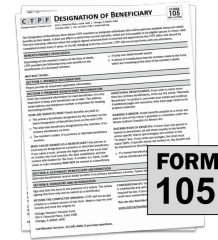
screening form are required upon entry ([form available here](#)). Visit the [Office Information](#) page to prepare for your visit.

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 [Designation of Beneficiary form](#) 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 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](#).

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

The [myCTPF](#) 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).



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 2023 is listed below.

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

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 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 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. Register for email updates [here](#).

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