

Pension E-News



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CTPF is committed to doing our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the health, safety, and wellbeing of all CTPF Members, the Fund continues to deliver all member services remotely. Our Member Services counselors are taking calls in "real time" during normal business hours. The physical office remains closed to all but essential employees whose duties cannot be performed offsite. In-person services and counseling are suspended until it is safe to resume these operations.

Jeffery Blackwell Named Interim Executive Director

The CTPF Board of Trustees voted to name Board of Trustees President Jeffery Blackwell Interim Executive Director of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF). Blackwell's appointment ensures seamless operations during the search for a permanent executive director.

Jeffery Blackwell, President of the CTPF Board of Trustees and Interim Executive Director stated, "The Board of Trustees has developed a transition and recruitment strategy for Fund leadership. This new role is a short-term bridge to ensure continuity of service to our valued members as we continue the search for a permanent Executive Director. My priority has always been and will continue to be the stability and success of the Fund."



Jeffery Blackwell

[Find more information here.](#)

CTPF Trustees Honor and Remember Karen Lewis

During their February 9, 2021, special meeting CTPF Trustees observed a moment of silence and honored the memory of CTPF member and Chicago Teachers Union President Emerita Karen G.J. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2021, after an extended battle with brain cancer. She was 67 years old.

[Find more information here.](#)



Karen Lewis

Board of Trustees Election Update

CTPF will hold two elections in 2021. Teachers will elect two representatives and Pensioners will elect three representatives. The CTPF Board of Trustees has approved changes to its Election Policy to ensure that the election can continue efficiently and safely during the pandemic.



1. The Board will allow Teachers and Pensioners to collect validated digital signatures on petitions in addition to traditional paper petitions.
2. Voting materials for Teachers and Pensioners will be distributed by mail (pensioners have always had materials distributed by mail and teachers had materials distributed by mail in 2020).
3. Voting materials will be mailed to Teachers and Pensioners as soon as possible after candidates are certified (instead of requiring the mailing on or after October 17), and voting will open for Pensioners and Teachers the day materials are mailed.

2021 Nominating Petitions

Nomination petitions will be available on February 16. Contact Election Coordinator Gail Davis: 312.604.1400, ext. 402, or email elections@ctpf.org to request a packet.

Visit ctpf.org for additional information.

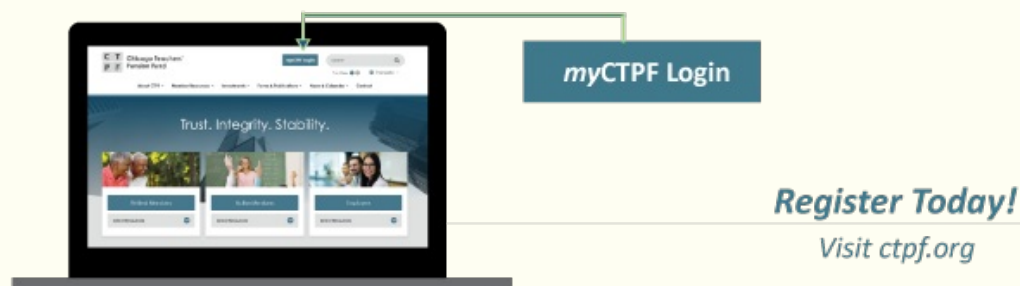
Register Today! *myCTPF* Member Self-Service Available

CTPF has launched its new Self-Service Portal, *myCTPF*, and thousands of members have already signed up for this convenient option. Members who register for *myCTPF* create their own 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.

myCTPF is available to all CTPF members who complete the one-time registration process.

Members will access the system from a "button" at ctpf.org, and must have their 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.



2021 Retirement Webinars

If you're considering retirement in 2021, you're invited to join the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) for a retirement webinar. These webinars provide retirement information, including a general overview of the CTPF and CPS retirement processes. Webinars will include time for Q&A to help answer your questions.

Monday, February 15, 2021

Webinar | 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Register by February 5th to receive a pension estimate in time for the webinar.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Webinar | 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Register by March 19th to receive a pension estimate in time for the webinar.



Registration for all webinars is available at ctpf.org/calendar.

Estimates



Members who register in advance (see deadlines above) will receive a pension estimate delivered electronically via secure email. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date by calling Member Services at 312.604.1400.

Submit Forms Electronically

During the pandemic, U.S. Mail processing is delayed. 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 processing. After documents are sent via fax or e-mail please send the originals to CTPF.

CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources

CTPF has created our COVID-19 Response website ctpf.org/covid-19. This website link provides you with CTPF up-to-date information on the Fund's operations during the pandemic.

	<p>Call or Email Member Services</p> <p>While CTPF remains closed to all but essential employees, new software makes it possible for Member Services counselors to resume answering calls in "real time," and to provide all call center functions. Calls will be answered during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Members who need assistance should call 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org.</p>
	<p>Submit Documents Electronically</p> <p>U.S. Mail processing has been delayed due to the pandemic. Currently, members should anticipate at minimum a two-week delay in the processing of documents sent via U.S. mail. CTPF strongly encourages all members to submit 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.</p>
	<p>Help with Scanning</p> <p>Need to scan a document to email to CTPF but you don't have a scanner? A printer or smartphone scanning app or smartphone camera can help you get the job done. Click here for more information on scanning.</p>
	<p>Remote Notary Available</p> <p>CTPF now offers remote notarization for CTPF documents. Members who would like to use remote notary services should call 312.641.4464 or email Memberservices@ctpf.org, and request a video conference for notarization. Find more information here.</p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

STAY CONNECTED & SPREAD THE WORD

While we must be physically apart, we will continue to email regularly to keep you updated on the ever-evolving situation. 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. Register for email updates [here](#).



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