

Pension E-News



Changes to Voting in Pensioner Trustee Election

Due to US Postal Service mail delays, CTPF is extending the date to return ballots in the **Pensioner Trustee Election**. All ballots must now be **postmarked** by November 6, 2021, and **received** by the Election agent by 5:00 p.m. (CT) on November 12, 2021. CTPF will also offer two drop box locations for pensioners who want to return their ballots locally. This change does NOT impact the Teacher Trustee election, see below for more information.

[Click here to read more about Drop Box options and extended voting](#) for pensioners.

Pensioner Candidate Information (click names for bio information)

- [Lawrence “Larry” Milkowski](#)
- [Therese M. Boyle](#)
- [Regina O’Connor](#)
- [Mary Sharon Reilly](#)
- [Maria J. Rodriguez](#)
- [Kathleen Cleary Powers](#)
- [Lois Nelson](#)

More Information

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

2022 Open Enrollment Period Closes October 31

The 2022 Open Enrollment Period will run from October 1-31, 2021. During this time, annuitants can enroll, add or drop a dependent, or change a health insurance plan or carrier. Changes become effective January 1, 2022.

2022 Premium Subsidy

The Board of Trustees voted to continue the Health Insurance Premium Subsidy at **60%** for 2022.



2022 Health Insurance Information

Find more 2022 Health Insurance Information at [Open Enrollment Central](#). Access the 2022 Health Insurance Handbook online at ctpf.org/2022handbook.

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 recorded presentations at ctpf.org/open-enrollment.

Open Enrollment: What Not To Do

While the CTPF Open Enrollment period ends October 31, the Medicare Open Enrollment period began October 15 and runs 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. [Find more information here](#).

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.](#)

Voting Ends Friday, November 5, 2021, in Teacher Trustees Elections

Voting in the 2021 Teacher Trustee election closes Friday, November 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (CT). All Teacher Trustee voting is conducted online.

Teacher Candidates (click names for bio information)

- [Quentin S. Washington](#)
- [Tammie F. Vinson](#)
- [Victor Ochoa](#)
- [Karyn L. Aguirre](#)

More Information

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

Chicago Teachers’ Pension Fund Now Includes CPS Contract School Employees

Legislation enacted July 1, 2021, changed the retirement plan requirements for educational staff employed by a Chicago contract school in a position requiring certification or licensure. Individuals employed in contract schools on or after July 1, 2021, will be automatically enrolled in the Chicago Teachers’ Pension Fund. Learn more at ctpf.org/Opt-In.

Return to Work Rules Modified

At the September 23, 2021, meeting the CTPF Board of Trustees took action and amended the [Return to Work Rules](#) to define “Days” as excluding an in-service day that a retired teacher must

attend in order to serve as a substitute teacher. The in-service days do not involve classroom teaching and therefore do not constitute re employment as a “teacher,” as referenced in Section 17-149 of the Pension Code.

Section III.E.107 of the Return to Work Rules, “Definition of a Day,” has been changed to include the section italicized below:

III.E.107 Definition of a Day. For purposes of this Article, a retiree shall be deemed to have worked a “day” when an Employer reports the retiree worked for compensation as a Teacher for at least one hour in any calendar day. *However, a “day” shall not include an “in service” day that the retiree must attend in order to qualify as a substitute.*

[Visit the Return to Work page for additional information.](#)

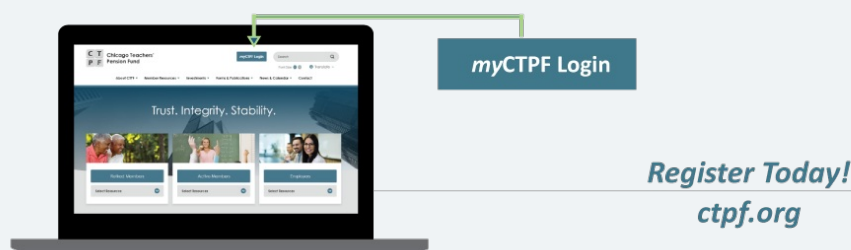
myCTPF Member Self-Service Available

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 ctpf.org, 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

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. 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.

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

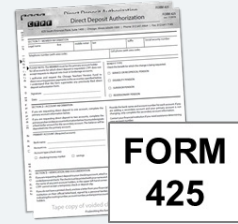
assistance.

- 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 imaging@ctpf.org to ensure prompt processing.

Learn more on the COVID-19 Response Page ctpf.org/covid-19.

Pension Payment Schedule

Given the uncertainties with the COVID-19 outbreak, CTPF encourages all members to switch to direct deposit immediately. Request CTPF Form 425 and submit your documentation electronically to ensure the timely delivery of your benefits. The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through March 2022 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 2021 | October 15, 2021 | October 28, 2021 | November 1, 2021 |
| December 2021 | November 12, 2021 | November 29, 2021 | December 1, 2021 |
| January 2022 | December 15, 2021 | December 29, 2021 | January 3, 2022 |
| February 2022 | January 14, 2022 | January 28, 2022 | February 1, 2022 |
| March 2022 | February 11, 2022 | February 25, 2022 | March 1, 2022 |

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 70½, 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.



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 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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