



Notice of MTRS Board Election

Why is this election being held?

The Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board is composed of seven members: two who are elected by the members; two who are appointed, either by the other members or the Governor; and three who are members automatically because of their office. The election is being held now because the terms of both elected Board members will expire in December 2011.

What is the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System?

The Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRS) is a contributory retirement system governed by the Commonwealth's retirement law, Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The MTRS, which is the largest of the state's 105 contributory retirement systems, provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to Massachusetts teachers, administrators and their families. The MTRS is governed by the Board.

What are the duties and responsibilities of the Board?

The Board, which meets at least once a month,

- establishes the policies, rules and regulations of the agency,
- oversees the dissemination of services and information to its membership of more than 88,000 active educators and 55,000 retirees,
- investigates and votes on all claims for accidental and ordinary disabilities, and
- approves all regular retirement allowances and survivor benefits.

The Executive Director, together with a staff of 80 professionals, implements the programs and policies of the Board.

Who is on the Board now?

The current members are:

- **Jeff Wulfson**, *Chairman and Designee of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education*
- **Steven Grossman**, *State Treasurer*
- **Suzanne M. Bump**, *State Auditor*
- **John A. M. Dow, Jr.**, *elected by the members*
- **Karen Mitchell**, *elected by the members*
- **Linda M. Ruberto**, *appointed by the Board*
- **Ellen T. Hargraves**, *appointed by the Governor*

Who is eligible to run?

You may run if, as of September 1, 2011, you are a member of the MTRS who is:

- actively employed,
- on an authorized leave of absence, or
- retired and receiving a pension from the MTRS.

The term of an elected member is four years. Members serve without compensation.

How do I run for one of these two positions?

If you are interested in running, you first need to obtain nomination papers and the Rules of Election, available upon request from the MTRS's Cambridge office (*see below*), on or after September 12. You will then have to obtain the signatures of at least 100 active or retired MTRS members, and submit your nomination papers by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011. We will validate your signatures and, if you qualify as a candidate, you will have the opportunity to submit a brief biographical sketch, which we will publish and distribute with each ballot.

When will the election be held?

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on or before Thursday, November 10. They must be returned by Monday, December 12.

For more information or to obtain nomination papers, contact:

Board Election 2011 Committee
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This election is being conducted by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board, Joan Schloss, Executive Director, under regulation 807 CMR 2:00 (Rules of Election) promulgated by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board.