

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Middlesex, ss.**

**Division of Administrative Law Appeals**

**Pamela Jervis,**  
Petitioner,

No. CR-25-0228

Dated: May 23, 2025

v.

**Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement  
System,**  
Respondent.

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

Petitioner Pamela Jervis appeals from a decision of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRS) denying her request to participate in the benefits program known as Retirement Plus. *See* G.L. c. 32, § 5(4).

Appeals from the decisions of the retirement boards are required to be filed “within fifteen days of notification of [the] . . . decision.” G.L. c. 32, 16(4). This statutory rule is “jurisdictional,” *Oxford v. Lawrence Ret. Bd.*, No. CR-18-5, 2023 WL 11806166 (Contributory Ret. App. Bd. May 17, 2023), meaning that “the reviewing [tribunal] has . . . no authority to enlarge the appeal period,” *Commonwealth v. Claudio*, 96 Mass. App. Ct. 787, 792 (2020), or to take any action other than dismissing the appeal, *Phone Recovery Servs. v. Verizon of New England*, 480 Mass. 224, 230 (2018).

MTRS notified Ms. Jervis of its decision in July 2023. She filed her notice of appeal in March 2025, approximately twenty months late. A prior order therefore directed Ms. Jervis to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. She was advised that her failure to respond would result in prompt dismissal.

Ms. Jervis has filed nothing further. Her deadline has expired. It is therefore ORDERED that this appeal is DISMISSED.<sup>1</sup>

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/s/ Yakov Malkiel

Yakov Malkiel

Administrative Magistrate

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons explained briefly in the order to show cause, it also does not appear that Ms. Jervis possesses a viable claim on the merits.