



Retirement Board Election Update

As a reminder, the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (MSRB) is currently conducting a regularly scheduled election. Ballots were mailed at the end of October. Votes must be received, or ballots must be postmarked before midnight on November 28, 2025, to the Board's designated agent.

If you need a replacement ballot or have an election question, please call (866) 384-9978, or email Help+MSRB@yeselections.com.

Information on the candidates, as well as additional instructions on how to vote, can be found on [our website](#).

Office of Unclaimed Property Returns Purple Hearts

This fall, Treasurer Goldberg and the Unclaimed Property Division reunited three lost Purple Heart Medals with the recipients and their families. These Purple Hearts are three of six that have been found in unclaimed safety deposit boxes and are being held by the Unclaimed Property Division, which works to return them.

Notice of 2025-26 PRIM Board Election

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.32, §23 (2A)(a), the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) is conducting a regularly scheduled election for the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) representative on the PRIM Board. The elected member will serve for a three-year term without compensation beginning July 1, 2026.

Nomination forms and Election Rules are available through the [Board's website](#). **Completed original nomination forms containing a minimum of 75 active or retired MSERS members' valid signatures must be received by mail at the Board's Boston office, located at One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, by 5:00 PM, Monday, January 26, 2026. PLEASE NOTE: The Board's drop-off hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, except on state holidays.**

Notice to nominees who qualify as candidates will be issued by February 5, 2026. After qualification of candidates, official ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on or about March 27, 2026, and must be returned by May 22, 2026, to the designated mailing address at or before 5:00 PM EST; or electronically submitted



Pictured: Return of Thomas Flynn's Purple Heart. From Left: Christina Lambert (UCP), Treasurer Goldberg, Thomas Brigham (grandson of Thomas Flynn), Brig. Gen. Lisa Ahaesy (National Guard, the branch Mr. Flynn served in)

Anyone who received the Purple Heart gave the last full measure of sacrifice and service to their country. It is the oldest medal awarded to service members wounded or killed by enemy action. To honor that service, Treasurer Goldberg has been determined to get these medals back to their rightful homes.



Pictured: Return of James Mooney's Purple Heart. From left: Treasurer Goldberg, James Mooney

How Are You Doing Financially?

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) invites you to participate in a brief [state-wide survey](#) to understand how MA residents are doing financially. Your anonymous answers will help OEE identify opportunities to expand programs and policies that support

before midnight EST.

You may obtain a complete set of the PRIM Election Rules from the Retirement Board's offices or through its website. If you have any questions, please email Paula Daddona, Director of Member Experience, Communications & Operations, pdaddona@tre.state.ma.us, or contact Francesco Daniele, Director of PRIM's Client Services at (617) 946-8416.

NEW MSRB VIDEO! Judicial Retirement Benefits Overview

Board staff have recently recorded this new video, which provides a general overview of Judicial Retirement Benefits. Retirement benefits for Commonwealth judges are administered by the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (MSRB) as part of the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS). [Click here to watch!](#)

Judicial members who have any questions should consult directly with MSRB staff or refer to [Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 32, Sections 65A through 65J](#).

Special COLA Commission

The Special COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) Commission was established in 2024 with the signing of the FY 2025 budget. Since January 2025, the Commission has met to study cost-of-living adjustments for members of the state employees' and state teachers' retirement systems. Recently, the Commission has been extended until December 31, 2025.

The Commission consists of nine members, which include representatives

economic stability, wealth-building, and aging with dignity for everyone in our state. All MA residents 18 and older are invited to participate. [Learn more.](#)



Board offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025, in observance of the holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Friday, November 28, 2025.

Monthly Coffee or Tea with MSRB Facebook Live Stream



Join us for our [Facebook Live](#) show every first Wednesday* of each month. **Monthly Coffee or Tea with MSRB** is your chance to ask general pension questions to State Retirement Board staff.

Please note that we cannot answer specific questions regarding personal information. Please do not provide us with personal information such as your Social Security number, bank account number,

from Mass Retirees, the Legislature, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF), the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, the State Retirement Board, PERAC, and PRIM.

The Commission plans to prepare a report and submit it to the legislature for consideration.

Did you know?

The GIC (Group Insurance Commission) is a separate agency! If you have questions about your GIC health, dental, and life insurance benefits or premiums, please contact them directly at 617-727-2310 and select option # 2 or complete their online [Contact the GIC](#) request form. Thank you.

Social Security

Social Security is a federal benefit that has nothing to do with state pension benefits. If you have any questions about your social security benefits, please call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213. Telephone hours are 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM local time, Monday through Friday. Automated telephone services are available 24 hours a day. For additional information, visit their website [here](#).

Thank You to Our Veterans

Veterans Day is a time to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Their commitment to service is valued and appreciated by us all. MSRB staff thanks all Veterans for their sacrifice, service, and all they have done for us!

or home address, as Facebook is a public platform that anyone can view.

Email your questions in advance to msrbcommunications@tre.state.ma.us. We hope to see you during our next Facebook Live Monthly Coffee or Tea with MSRB!

If you miss a live stream, you can visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for an archive of videos.

*The schedule is subject to change. Be sure to check our [Facebook web page](#) for updates.

Have You Recently Moved?

If you have moved or are planning to move, it is important to update your mailing address. Please contact your current employer's Human Resources department to make this change. Once your address is updated with your employer, the change will be reflected in the Board's records.

Board staff wishes everyone a happy, healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Is there something you would like us to communicate in an upcoming quarterly ***Active Member eNews Bulletin***? If so, let us know!

Email your request or comments to MSRBCommunications@tre.state.ma.us.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Massachusetts 211

In an emergency, you should call 911. However, who do you call if it's not an emergency, but you still need crucial information in a crisis? For example, finding essential community services for a family member, such as housing information, behavioral health services, or locating the nearest food bank.

Massachusetts 211 is available to help you. With staff members available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you can dial 211 or 1-877-211-6277 to speak with a team member or [visit their website](#) for additional resources.

An Important Note About the MSERS New Member Enrollment Form

If you are a new Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) member, confirm with your employer that they have submitted your ***New Member Enrollment Form*** to the State Retirement Board.

The ***New Member Enrollment Form*** is essential, as it enables our staff to set up your retirement account. Without it, retirement applications may be delayed, beneficiaries may not be accurately recorded, personal information may be missing, and prior public retirement

Contact us:

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One Winter Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Springfield Office:

436 Dwight Street, #109A
Springfield, MA 01103

Tel: 617-367-7770

**Note: MSRB phones are answered
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to
5:00 p.m., except on state holidays.**

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service may not be transferred correctly.

To submit the form to the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (MSRB), download it directly from the [All Forms](#) page on our website. The latest MSRB forms are available on the site.

All MSRB Board publications can be found on our [website](#).

The MSRB Website includes valuable information to prepare for retirement. For example, see the, [MSERS Retirement Benefit Guide](#). This easy-to-read Guide offers guidance and facts to help you understand the State Employees Retirement System and how it impacts you and your account.

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