



Notice of 2025-26 Retirement Board Election

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.10, §18 and c.32, and plan rules, the State Retirement Board (“Board”) will conduct a regularly scheduled election for one of the two elected positions to its five-member Board. The elected member will serve for a three-year term without compensation beginning January 2026.

Nomination forms and Election Rules will be available beginning July 22, 2025, through the Board’s website at www.mass.gov/retirement. **Completed original nomination forms must be received by mail at the Board’s Boston office, located at One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2025. PLEASE NOTE: The Board’s offices are closed to the public.** The Board’s drop-off hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., except on state holidays.

Notice to nominees who qualify as candidates will be issued on or about October 03, 2025.

After the qualification of candidates, official ballots will be issued on or about October 28, 2025, by standard mail. Votes must be received, or ballots must be postmarked before midnight on November 28, 2025, to the Board’s designated agent.

Notice of Proposed Regulation 941 CMR 2.11

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2 that the State Retirement Board (“Board”) will be accepting public comment on proposed regulation 941 CMR 2.11 Electronic Signatures.

941 CMR 2.11 sets forth when Massachusetts State Retirement System members may use an electronic signature in lieu of a wet signature.

The proposed regulation is being enacted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 32, §2(5)(b) and the purpose of 941 CMR 2.11 is to clarify when the use of an electronic signature would be acceptable in lieu of a “wet signature” pursuant to 840 CMR 28.00 et. seq. on board forms.

The Board will accept written comments that are received by the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 9, 2025**. Please send written comments to the Board’s main office at:

**Marko Samardzic Esq.
Associate Board Counsel
State Board of Retirement
One Winter Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108**

Or you may email your comments to:
MSRB-legal@tre.state.ma.us.

You may request a complete set of the Board's Election Rules from the Board's offices or obtain them through the Board's website. If you have any questions, please email the Election Officer, Paula Daddona, Director of Member Experience, Communications, and Operations at pdaddona@tre.state.ma.us, or email msrbcommunications@tre.state.ma.us.

SMART Plan Office Update

The SMART Plan Offices at One Winter Street, Boston and Worcester are closing on October 1, 2025. The SMART Plan team will continue with 1-to-1 consultation at their Regional Offices in Waltham and Springfield. MSRB has been informed communication will be made available to state employees soon

Did you know, on January 9, 2025, Governor Healey Officially Renamed Executive Office of Elder Affairs to "Executive Office of Aging and Independence"

A press release on January 9, 2025, announced that Governor Maura Healey signed legislation to officially rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the "Executive Office of Aging & Independence." Part of the renaming was done to emphasize the value of independence for older adults and to distance away from the negative stigma associated with aging.

Governor Healey explained the reason for the change, saying she wants "residents to feel reflected in our agencies and to know where to turn when they need support."

For more information, you can read the

Written comments received after the deadline set forth above will not be part of the Record and will not be considered by the Board.

A copy of the proposed amendments regulation may be viewed on the [SRB Website](#), or you may obtain additional copies of the proposed regulatory action by contacting the Board's Associate Board Counsel, Marko Samardzic, **617-367-7770 ext. 344**, or at MSRB-legal@tre.state.ma.us.

Update on The HERO Act

The HERO Act enacted on August 8, 2024, expired on August 8, 2025. The Act allowed veterans who are active members the opportunity to purchase military service during this one-year window. MSRB received approximately 1,500 applications from veterans who are active members in MSERS. Of the approximate 1,500 member applications, MSRB issued bills to over 750 members who met the eligibility. Members have 35 days from the date of the bill to purchase the service either through a lump sum payment or a payment plan. Thank you to all who participated in this successful endeavor.

An Important Note About the MSERS New Member Enrollment Form

Are you a new Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) member? Please check with your employer to be sure they submitted your *New Member Enrollment Form* to the State Retirement Board.

Anyone submitting a form to the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (MSRB) should download it directly from the [All Forms](#) page on our website. All

press release [here](#). To visit the Executive Office of Aging & Independence, [click here](#).

Third-Party Financial Advisor Emails

Board staff have been alerted by Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System members that they have been receiving unsolicited emails from third-party financial advisors. These emails are unaffiliated with the Massachusetts State Retirement Board or the Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General. We advise our members not to provide personal account information to anyone they don't know or trust.

The only organizations that provide financial advice sponsored by the Office of the State Treasurer are the [Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan](#) or the programs provided by the [Office of Economic Empowerment](#).

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.

current MSRB forms are posted on this page.

Please make sure to use the correct form to guarantee that all necessary information is received to avoid delays in processing.

Member Annual Statement Update

If you were an active member of the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System ("MSERS") as of 12/31/24, you should have received your Annual Statement in the mail in early July.

The annual statement reflects the balance of your accumulated retirement contributions plus any interest your account has accrued as of the end of 2024. Your employing agency forwards your contributions to the MSERS, and they are maintained in an annuity savings account on your behalf for your retirement.

Page two of this year's Member Annual Statement contains a list of your current beneficiaries on record with the State Retirement Board. For more information on understanding your statement, [click here](#).

PRIM Update as of July 31, 2025

The Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) manages the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) assets and more than 90 other Massachusetts public employee retirement systems. PRIM is chaired by Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who also chairs the State Retirement Board.

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, 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.

Contact us:

Boston Office:

Downtown Crossing
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.

At the end of July 31, 2025 PRIM's total fund value stood at more than \$116.8 billion of which \$40.7 billion are assets of the MSERS and \$167.4 million represented assets of the former Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Employees Retirement System.

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!

Labor Day is September 1st, 2025



Board offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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

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understand the State Employees Retirement System and how it impacts you and your account.

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