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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards
 FROM: Bill Keefe, Executive Director
 RE: Proposed Amendment to the Standard Rules for Disclosure of Information Regulations 840 CMR 6.00
 DATE: April 2, 2026

The Commission has recently filed amendments to 840 CMR 6.00, *Standard Rules for Disclosure of Information*. The amendments clarify outdated terminology and ensure that the regulations comply with the Public Records Law, the Fair Information Practices Act, and associated regulations. The most significant of these amendments are noted below.

840 CMR 6.05, *Notice and Report to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission*, has been deleted and is now reserved for future use.

840 CMR 6.08, *Access to Retirement Files by Employers*, has been amended to require the written consent of a member before a retirement file can be provided to that member's employer.

840 CMR 6.13, *Advisory Opinions*, is now titled *Contacting the Public Records Division*. This regulation recommends that a Retirement Board seeking advice on the application of the Public Records Law contact the Public Records Division via phone or email, rather than seeking a formal advisory opinion.

PERAC will hold a remote hearing on the proposed amendments to 840 CMR 6.00 on **Thursday May 21, 2026, at 10 a.m.** Directions to access the hearing can be located at PERAC's website <http://www.mass.gov/perac>. The Commission will accept written comments through May 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be sent to PERAC, 10 Cabot Road, Suite 300, Medford, MA 02155 or electronically by email to Doreen.m.duane@mass.gov.

Please contact Associate General Counsel Daniel Taylor at Daniel.Taylor2@mass.gov or 617-666-4446 if you have any questions regarding the regulation.

