



2027 Teachers' Retirement Board **Candidate Information**

2027 Teachers' Retirement Board Election Contents

Thank you for your interest in the Teachers' Retirement Board election. This packet includes the following information about the election, along with the forms you need to become a candidate.

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Candidate checklist

To become a candidate for the Teachers' Retirement Board:

- ☐ Fill out the *Nomination Certification* form, see **page 5**.
- ☐ Gather at least 250 signatures of eligible voters on the applicable *Petition* form, see **pages 7–11**. It's recommended you gather substantially more signatures in the event some signatures are invalidated when CalSTRS verifies the signers' voting eligibility.
- ☐ Return the original *Nomination Certification* form and applicable petition form via email, fax or postal mail so the CalSTRS election coordinator receives the material by 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2026.

If you're eligible, you'll receive certification from the election coordinator by February 19, 2027.

- ☐ Prepare candidate statement, see **page 14**.
- ☐ Return candidate statement to election coordinator by April 12, 2027.

Find additional important details in the enclosed *Notice of Election and Elections Regulations* (California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 24000–24009).

For answers to questions, general information or to request a *Petition* form, replacement ballot or copy of the CalSTRS Board Election Regulations, contact the election coordinator.

Call **916-414-1411**

Email **ElectionCoordinator@CalSTRS.com**

Fax 916-414-1415

Mail California State Teachers' Retirement System
P.O. Box 15725, MS 35
Sacramento, CA 95851-0275

Important election dates

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January 1, 2028	Newly elected board members seated on the Teachers' Retirement Board in accordance with Education Code section 22200.

Campaign finance reporting

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Nomination certification form

Candidate information

Last name	First name	M.I.
Address		
City	State	Zip code
Phone number		
Email		
Date of birth		

Candidate declaration

I declare myself a candidate for the following position on the Teachers' Retirement Board:

(Choose only one.)

- ☐ **Pre K–12 (non-administrator)**—I am and will be an active member of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the CalSTRS Cash Balance Benefit Program and am employed by a county office of education or a school district that provides instruction for grades preK–12 in a position other than a school administrator that requires a services credential with a specialization in administrative services, at the time of election.
- ☐ **Pre K–12 (inclusive)**—I am and will be an active member of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the CalSTRS Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a county office of education or a school district that provides instruction for grades preK–12 at the time of election.
- ☐ **Community college**—I am and will be a community college instructor and an active member of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the CalSTRS Cash Balance Program employed by a community college district at the time of election.

I am an active:

- ☐ Member of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program.
- ☐ Participant in the CalSTRS Cash Balance Benefit Program.

My employer(s) is/are a:

- ☐ School district that provides instruction for grades preK–12.
- ☐ County office of education.
- ☐ Community college district.

Name of employer	Employer phone number
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By signing this *Nomination Certification* form, I:

- Acknowledge I received a candidate nomination packet containing a copy of the Notice of Election, the *Petition* form, the *Nomination Certification* form, and copies of the rules and regulations governing the conduct of board member elections.
- Accept the nomination.
- Agree to comply with the rules and regulations governing the conduct of board member elections.
- Agree to furnish information requested by the election coordinator necessary to verify my eligibility as a candidate and any factual statements I make in my candidate statement in a prompt and full manner. I also agree that my employer may be contacted by the election coordinator to verify my eligibility.
- Agree to abide by a drawing of lots by the election coordinator in case of a tied vote.
- Consent to serve if elected.
- Agree to sign an Oath of Office form in the presence of a notary public and return the completed form to the CalSTRS election coordinator prior to entering the duties of my office.

Signature

Date

PreK–12 representative (non-administrator)

Eligible candidates

Eligible candidates for the preK–12 representative (non-administrator) position on the board must, at the time of election, be active members of the Defined Benefit Program or participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education in a position other than a school administrator that requires a services credential with a specialization in administrative services. A person may not be a candidate for more than one board position.

Who can sign the petition

Persons signing this petition must be eligible voters in the election for the preK–12 representative (non-administrator). These are active members in the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education during the period beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Petition due date

The petition is due by 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2026.

Instructions for candidates

Print your name on each page of the *Petition* form and obtain the valid signatures and required information from at least 250 active Defined Benefit Program members or Cash Balance Program participants eligible to vote in the upcoming preK–12 representative (non-administrator) election.

Note: You're encouraged to obtain substantially more than 250 signatures in case any of the signatures are invalidated when CalSTRS verifies the signers' voter eligibility.

To be valid, a person signing this petition must be eligible to vote in the preK–12 representative (non-administrator) election. Signatures of those not meeting the eligibility criteria will be invalidated. It's a good idea to attach this sheet to the signature page so people can read the eligibility criteria before signing.

Those signing must provide their legible printed name, their month and date of birth, and name of their CalSTRS employer from the current or prior school year so CalSTRS can verify membership and eligibility. All information must be provided. Be careful to protect the privacy of those who sign your petition.

PreK–12 representative (inclusive)

Eligible candidates

Eligible candidates for the preK–12 representative (inclusive) position on the board must, at the time of election, be active members of the Defined Benefit Program or participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education. The candidate may be employed in an administrative position. A person may not be a candidate for more than one board position.

Who can sign the petition

Persons signing this petition must be eligible voters in the election for the preK–12 representative (inclusive). These are active members in the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education during the period beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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To be valid, a person signing this petition must be eligible to vote in the preK–12 representative (inclusive) election. Signatures of those not meeting the eligibility criteria will be invalidated. It's a good idea to attach this sheet to the signature page so people can read the eligibility criteria before signing.

Those signing must provide their legible printed name, their month and date of birth, and the name of their CalSTRS employer from the current or prior school year so CalSTRS can verify membership and eligibility. All information must be provided. Be careful to protect the privacy of those who sign your petition.



Community college representative

Eligible candidates

Eligible candidates for the community college position on the board must, at the time of election, be a community college instructor, and either an active member of the Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a community college district.

Who can sign the petition

Persons signing this petition must be eligible voters in the election for the community college representative. These are active members in the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a community college district during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Petition due date

The petition is due by 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2026.

Instructions for candidates

Print your name on each page of the *Petition* form and obtain the valid signatures and required information from at least 250 active Defined Benefit Program members or Cash Balance Benefit Program participants eligible to vote in the upcoming community college representative election.

Note: You're encouraged to obtain substantially more than 250 signatures in case any of the signatures are invalidated when CalSTRS verifies the signers' voter eligibility.

To be valid, a person signing this petition must be eligible to vote in the community college representative election. Signatures of those not meeting the eligibility criteria will be invalidated. It's a good idea to attach this sheet to the signature page so people can read the eligibility criteria before signing.

Those signing must provide their legible printed name, their month and date of birth, and the name of their CalSTRS employer from the current or prior school year so CalSTRS can verify membership and eligibility. All information must be provided. Be careful to protect the privacy of those who sign your petition.

Notice of election

Active member elections to the Teachers' Retirement Board

Active members of the Defined Benefit Program and active participants in the Cash Balance Benefit Program of the California State Teachers' Retirement System are eligible to elect three representatives to the Teachers' Retirement Board:

- Two of these elected members will represent active Defined Benefit Program members and active Cash Balance Benefit Program participants employed in preK–12 school districts and county offices of education.
- One member will represent active Defined Benefit Program members and active Cash Balance Benefit Program participants employed by community college districts.

A plurality of votes cast will determine the winner of each election contest, with the term of office for each elected board member beginning January 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2031.

Procedures for becoming a candidate

Eligibility

An active member of the Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the Cash Balance Benefit Program shall qualify for nomination as a candidate if they meet the eligibility criteria and submit properly completed forms by the deadlines specified on **page 16**.

Note: An eligible candidate may be nominated as a candidate for only one of the three elected positions on the board.

Eligible candidates for the first preK–12 position on the board must be active members of the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education in a position other than administrator at the time of the election.

Eligible candidates for the second preK–12 position on the board must be active members of the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district or county office of education at the time of election. A member employed in an administrative position may be a candidate for this seat.

Eligible candidates for the community college position on the board must be active members of the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed as an instructor by a community college district at the time of election.

Nomination packets

Nomination shall be on the *Petition* form provided by CalSTRS, signed by active Defined Benefit Program members and active Cash Balance Benefit Program participants. The election coordinator will provide candidate nomination packets containing a *Petition* form, a *Nomination Certification* form, and the election rules and procedures to all active members and active participants who request a packet. Candidate nomination packets are also available on **CalSTRS.com**.

Petition form

A valid *Petition* form must contain original signatures of at least 250 active members of the Defined Benefit Program or active participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program who would otherwise be eligible to vote in the election. The legible printed name, month and date of birth, the name of their CalSTRS employer from the current or prior school year must accompany the signature of each active member or participant signing the petition to verify membership against the CalSTRS database. Any signature not accompanied by all the required information shall be invalidated.

Nomination Certification form

Each candidate must certify on the *Nomination Certification* form provided by CalSTRS that the candidate accepts the nomination, consents to serve if elected, agrees to comply with the rules and regulations governing the conduct of board member elections, and abides by a drawing of lots by the election coordinator in case of a tied vote. Candidates must return the original *Petition* form and *Nomination Certification* form to the election coordinator.

Note: The candidate must submit the *Petition* form and *Nomination Certification* form containing at least the minimum required number of valid signatures in one packet at one time. Only those *Petition* forms and *Nomination Certification* forms received by the election coordinator via email, facsimile or postal mail at the addresses stated in this notice by 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2027, will be accepted.

Allow sufficient time for mailing and delivery processes to ensure the nomination packet will arrive to CalSTRS by the deadline stated above.

Candidate statement

In the case of an election in which more than one candidate is eligible for the same seat, each candidate is required to submit a candidate statement. This statement is included in the election materials sent to eligible voters. The candidate statement must include the candidate's:

- Name.
- Job title.
- Employer.
- Status as either an active member of the Defined Benefit Program or active participant of the Cash Balance Benefit Program.
- Years of service as a member or participant.
- Previous positions (maximum of five).
- Organizations to which they belong, including any positions held in those organizations (maximum of five).

Each candidate may include a:

- List of no more than 10 endorsements by individuals or entities.
- Statement of no more than 200 words that covers one or more of these topics:
 - What the candidate believes the primary role of a board member should be.
 - How the candidate could contribute to CalSTRS as a board member.
 - The education and training the candidate possesses that has prepared the candidate to serve as a board member.

The candidate statement must comply with the requirements of the elections regulations, refer to **pages 24–34**, and be received by the election coordinator by the deadline indicated in the notification letter sent to qualified candidates. Candidate statements may not be changed or withdrawn except as specified in section 24003(b)(6) of the enclosed elections regulations.

Voter eligibility

Eligible voters in the elections are persons who were members of the Defined Benefit Program or participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a preK–12 school district, county office of education or community college district in the 2026–27 school year, between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

The election coordinator will mail ballots and candidate statements to each eligible voter for whom CalSTRS has a valid mailing address recorded. The election coordinator will provide ballots and candidate statements upon request to eligible voters who do not have a valid mailing address recorded with CalSTRS. Eligible voters who have not received a ballot by October 20, 2027, should contact the election coordinator for a replacement ballot.

Election schedule

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Teachers' Retirement Board information

Board member duties

CalSTRS is the largest teachers' retirement fund in the world. As such, Teachers' Retirement Board members ensure the financial security of more than 1,050,000 members and benefit recipients. Board members set policy and make rules for CalSTRS and are responsible for ensuring benefits are paid by CalSTRS in accordance with the law.

The board appoints a chief executive officer who is responsible for the administration of CalSTRS. The board also appoints a chief investment officer who is responsible for the investment of the Teachers' Retirement Fund, in keeping with board policy.

Board composition

CalSTRS is administered by a 12-member Teachers' Retirement Board composed of:

- Two preK–12 school districts or county office of education employees; one can be an administrator.
- One community college instructor.
- One member of the governing board of a school district or a community college district.
- One CalSTRS retiree.
- Three persons representing the public.
- The director of the Department of Finance.
- The state controller.
- The state superintendent of public instruction.
- The state treasurer.

Time commitment

The Teachers' Retirement Board meets approximately seven times per year, for two or three days per meeting. The board typically has five standing committees:

- Appeals.
- Audits and Risk Management.
- Board Governance.
- Compensation.
- Investment.

All board members are members of the Investment Committee and generally participate in one or two additional committees.

Board members receive agenda materials, which are often 250–500 pages, in advance of meetings, and time is spent reviewing these materials in preparation for the meetings. Additionally, new board members attend a two-day orientation session. Board members are also expected to attend educational opportunities to enhance their understanding of the issues they face as board members on an ongoing basis. In addition to formal meetings, candidates should expect to spend at a minimum three to five days a year on continuing education.

Reimbursements

Board members are reimbursed for necessary travel expenses and receive per diem reimbursements when attending board and committee meetings or carrying out other board duties.

Education Code section 22224 recognizes that board members must have “sufficient time away from regular duties, without loss of compensation or other benefits to which the member would be entitled by reason of employment, to attend meetings of the board or any of its committees or subcommittees of which the person is a member, or to serve as a member of a panel of the system, and to attend to the duties expected to be performed by the person.” School districts are reimbursed for a board member’s time away from the classroom, up to 100% of the employment contract for educator board members.

Board member fiduciary responsibility

By law, the board has the sole and exclusive fiduciary responsibility over CalSTRS’ assets, which totals more than \$400 billion. The law states board members must act solely in the interest of CalSTRS members, putting aside any other interests. Board members must provide benefits and defray reasonable expenses of administering the plan—acting with care, skill, prudence and diligence. This means they must act in the same manner that a prudent person would act under similar circumstances. Board members must also diversify the investments of the plan to minimize the risk of large losses, unless it’s clearly prudent not to do so.

Board members can be held personally liable if they are found to have breached any of their responsibilities. Board members are subject to the disclosure and reporting requirements of CalSTRS’ Conflict of Interest Code and Fair Political Practices Commission regulations. These requirements primarily involve disclosure of contributions, gifts and financial interests in a decision of CalSTRS.

Laws governing the board’s fiduciary duties and responsibilities include Article 16, Section 17 of the California Constitution and Sections 22250–22261 of the California Education Code.

Gifts and campaign contributions

The CalSTRS Gift Policy provides that elected board members are prohibited from receiving gifts in excess of the monetary limit established by the Fair Political Practices Commission from any entity that engages in business with CalSTRS for gain. Detailed information regarding gift disclosures and limits is available through the FPPC website at fppc.ca.gov. Additionally, refer to the Teachers’ Retirement Board *Governance Manual* for the Third Party Economic Interest Disclosure Policy and the CalSTRS Gift Policy, providing information regarding disclosure of contributions and gifts on **CalSTRS.com**.

Elected board members are also subject to disclosure and recusal requirements regarding campaign contributions, charitable contributions and gifts when received from an individual or entity who engages in business with CalSTRS for gain. The Teachers' Retirement Board *Governance Manual* requires any board member who receives campaign contributions, charitable contributions, or gifts that individually or in the aggregate exceed the amount of \$250 in a calendar year to recuse themselves from any involvement in a matter involving the maker of the contribution or gift for a period of 12 months following the date of the most recent contribution or gift. However, recusal is not required if they return the contribution or gift no later than 30 days from the time of receipt.

Government Code section 84308 prohibits the receipt, solicitation or direction of any campaign contribution of more than \$500 while a matter affecting the financial interest of the maker of the contribution is pending and for twelve months following the date a decision is rendered on the matter. Section 84038 also requires recusal of the board member from any involvement in a matter if a contribution of more than \$500 has been received within the preceding 12 months, unless the contribution was returned no later than 30 days from the time the board member made any decision regarding the matter, or knew or should have known about the contribution and the matter involving the maker of the contribution, whichever comes last. Refer to Government Code Section 84308 and the Teachers' Retirement Board *Governance Manual*, Third Party Economic Interest Disclosure Policy for specific information and current monetary limits discussed in this section.

Economic interest disclosures

Upon election to the board, new board members will be required to submit an assuming office Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests to CalSTRS, which will be filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission. Required disclosures include income, investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office. Detailed information regarding required disclosures by elected board members is available at **fppc.ca.gov**.

For a comprehensive view of policy and board member responsibilities, refer to the Teachers' Retirement Board *Governance Manual* on **CalSTRS.com**.

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CalSTRS benefits and services

CalSTRS was established in 1913 as the pension plan for California's educators. CalSTRS began by serving 120 retired members and 15,000 active members. Over a century later, the organization now serves more than 1 million members and their beneficiaries. CalSTRS members include preK through community college public school educators employed by approximately 1,800 school districts, community college districts, county offices of education and other public education employers.

CalSTRS administers a hybrid retirement system that consists of traditional defined benefit, cash balance and voluntary defined contribution plans. The organization also provides disability and survivor benefits and administers a postemployment health benefit program. As a fiduciary, CalSTRS continues to make informed decisions to ensure the organization is here for CalSTRS members long after they've retired from their careers in education.

Defined Benefit Program

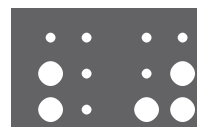
The CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program is a traditional defined benefit plan that provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits. The Defined Benefit Program retirement benefit is based on a formula set by law using a member's age, service credit and final compensation. Employees of the California public school system and charter schools, preK through community college, are eligible for membership in the Defined Benefit Program if they have a credential, certificate or permit, or meet the minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (Chapter 296, Statutes of 2012) made significant changes to the benefit structure that primarily affects members first hired to perform CalSTRS creditable activities on or after January 1, 2013. CalSTRS has two benefit structures: Members first hired on or before December 31, 2012, are under CalSTRS 2% at 60, and members first hired on or after January 1, 2013, are under CalSTRS 2% at 62. The 2% refers to the percentage of the member's final compensation the member receives as a retirement benefit for every year of service credit. For CalSTRS 2% at 60 members, the retirement benefit formula includes 2% of final compensation for each year of credited service at age 60, increasing to a maximum of 2.4% at age 63. For CalSTRS 2% at 62 members, the benefit formula includes 2% of final compensation for each year of credited service at age 62, increasing to a maximum of 2.4% at age 65.

The contribution rate for CalSTRS 2% at 60 members is 10.25% and set in state law. By law, CalSTRS 2% at 62 members must contribute 50% of the normal cost of their benefits. The contribution rate for CalSTRS 2% at 62 members is 10.205%, which was adopted by the Teachers' Retirement Board in May 2018.

Each year, the Teachers' Retirement Board adopts employer contribution rates. The current employer contribution rates is 19.1% and was adopted in May 2022.

The Teachers' Retirement Board also has limited rate-setting authority to adjust the state contribution rate by no more than 0.50% from year to year. For 2025–26, the state contributed 10.828%. The state also contributes an additional 2.5% of member earnings into the CalSTRS Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account which is used to maintain the purchasing power of benefits.



Defined Benefit Supplement Program

The Defined Benefit Supplement Program is a cash balance plan that provides additional savings for retirement for Defined Benefit Program members. Contributions from special limited-term payments, retirement incentives, compensation intended to enhance a member's benefits, and compensation for creditable service in excess of one year are credited to the member's Defined Benefit Supplement account.

All members of the Defined Benefit Program who made contributions for CalSTRS-creditable compensation earned on and after January 1, 2001, have an account under the Defined Benefit Supplement Program and are eligible to receive a Defined Benefit Supplement benefit based on the amount of funds contributed to the account.

The contribution rate for CalSTRS 2% at 60 members is 8% of earnings in excess of one year of service. CalSTRS 2% at 62 members contribute 9% of earnings in excess of one year of service. Funds in the Defined Benefit Supplement Program earn interest at a guaranteed minimum rate set each year by the Teachers' Retirement Board.

The employer contribution rate for compensation creditable to the Defined Benefit Supplement Program is 8.25%.

Survivor benefits

The Defined Benefit Program also provides benefits to survivors of members whether their death occurs before or after retirement. The type and amount of benefits depend on the member's status at the time of death (active or retired), if they have Coverage A or Coverage B, and if they elected an option. A one-time death benefit may also be payable to a designated recipient if certain eligibility requirements are met.

Disability benefits

The Defined Benefit Program also provides for the payment of a disability benefit to members, under either Coverage A (disability allowance), or Coverage B (disability retirement). Benefits are paid if members meet the eligibility requirements and the definition of disabled as established in the Education Code. An additional benefit may be paid for eligible children who were determined to be dependent on the member at the time of the member's death.

Cash Balance Benefit Program

The Cash Balance Benefit Program is an optional cash balance plan designed specifically for part-time educators and adjunct faculty as an alternative to the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program, Social Security and other retirement plans. Employers must elect to offer the Cash Balance Benefit Program through formal school board action, exclusively or in addition to other alternative plans, including Social Security.



When employers provide benefits under the Cash Balance Benefit Program, eligible employees may elect to participate. Eligibility is based on employment—part-time or temporary. For part-time employees in preK–12, an employee is eligible when employed for less than 50% of each full-time position. For community college district employees, instructors who are part-time or temporary, or instruct adult education, may participate in the program.

Each participant and employer generally contribute a minimum of 4% of the participant's salary, totaling a combined contribution of 8%. Starting with contracts entered into or changed on or after January 1, 2014, the employee contribution rate cannot be less than the employer contribution rate. Participants are immediately eligible for a benefit equal to the sum of the balance of contributions, including compound interest earned on the participant and employer accounts.

Funds in the Cash Balance Benefit Program earn interest at a guaranteed minimum rate set each year by the Teaches' Retirement Board.

Participants may receive a retirement benefit, or a disability benefit if the board determines the participant has a total and permanent disability that meets the Education Code requirements.

Pension2

CalSTRS Pension2® is a voluntary defined contribution plan. Pension2 offers school employees the opportunity to invest through tax-advantaged payroll deductions in low-cost, flexible 403(b), 457(b), Roth 403(b) and Roth 457(b) plans, which are authorized under sections 403(b) and 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. These plans are voluntary savings vehicles, which can be used to supplement the benefits received from the Defined Benefit and Defined Benefit Supplement programs.

Workshop and benefits planning services

Providing members highly personalized service to plan, manage and enjoy their retirement drives CalSTRS decision-making. CalSTRS currently maintains seven year-round member service centers to provide service to both active and retired members and participants. Member service centers provide benefit planning sessions by appointment, webinars, forms, and application review and acceptance on a walk-in basis.

CalSTRS fast facts

Teachers' Retirement Board members

(as of July 1, 2026)

Denise Bradford

Board Chair
K–12 classroom teacher

Sharon Hendricks

Board Vice Chair
Community college instructor

Malia M. Cohen

Ex officio member
State Controller

Michael Gunning

Public representative

Steve Juarez

Public representative

Harry M. Keiley

K–12 classroom teacher

Fiona Ma

Ex officio member
State Treasurer

Joe Stephenshaw

Ex officio member
Director of Finance

Ken Tang

School board representative

Tony Thurmond

Ex officio member
Superintendent of Public instruction

Karen Yamamoto

Retiree representative

CalSTRS executive staff

(as of July 1, 2026)

Cassandra Lichnock

Chief Executive Officer

Lisa Blatnick

Chief Operating Officer

Scott Chan

Chief Investment Officer

Brian J. Bartow

General Counsel

Ashish Jain

Chief Technology Officer

David Lamoureux

Chief Actuary

Melissa Norcia

Chief Administrative Officer

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§ 24000. Board Member Elections

Teachers' Retirement Board (board) member elections shall be conducted by the election coordinator as designated by the chief executive officer in accordance with this article.

The election coordinator shall conduct the elections in the most cost-effective manner feasible.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24001. Notice of Election

(a) As used in this article, "Notice of Election" means the document adopted by the board announcing the election to be held for the three members of the board who are elected by active members of the Defined Benefit Program and active participants in the Cash Balance Benefit Program pursuant to Education Code section 22200. The Notice of Election shall contain the following:

- (1) Candidate nomination and election guidelines;
- (2) Eligibility criteria for candidates and voters as defined by paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Education Code section 22200;
- (3) The minimum number of valid signatures required for nomination as a candidate;
- (4) Information on how to obtain a candidate nomination packet from the system; and
- (5) Schedule of election events and due dates.



(b) The election coordinator shall distribute a Notice of Election adopted by the board in advance of each election.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24002. Nomination of Candidates.

(a) Candidate Nomination Packets

(1) Upon request from a member or participant, the election coordinator shall distribute a candidate nomination packet containing the following information:

- (A) Notice of Election;
- (B) Nomination certification form;
- (C) Petition form; and
- (D) Rules and regulations governing the conduct of board member elections.

(b) Responsibilities of Candidates Upon Receipt of Candidate Nomination Packet

(1) Nomination Certification Form

(A) Each candidate shall sign the nomination certification form provided by the system indicating that they agree to all of the following:

- (i) Accept the nomination;
- (ii) Consent to serve, if elected;
- (iii) Comply with the rules and regulations governing the conduct of board member elections; and
- (iv) Abide by a drawing of lots by the election coordinator in case of a tied vote.

(2) Petition Form

- (A) Nominations for candidates shall be made on the petition form provided by the system.
- (B) The candidate shall indicate on the petition form the specific board member position for which they seek election. A candidate may not seek election for more than one board member position during any particular election.

(3) Petition Signatures

- (A) Only currently eligible active members and currently eligible active participants as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 24004 of this article may sign a petition form nominating a candidate. The petition form shall



include all of the following for each member and participant signing the petition and shall be invalidated at the discretion of the election coordinator for illegible or missing information:

- (i) Printed name of member or participant;
- (ii) Signature of member or participant;
- (iii) Month and day of birth of member or participant; and
- (iv) Name of member's or participant's CalSTRS employer from the current or prior school year.

(B) Eligible active members and eligible active participants may sign a petition form for more than one candidate.

(C) The minimum number of petition signatures required shall be determined by the board and specified in the Notice of Election.

(4) Return of Nomination Certification and Petition Forms

(A) Only those nomination certification forms and petition forms received by the election coordinator by the deadline specified in the Notice of Election shall be accepted. The candidate must submit the nomination certification form and petition form containing at least the minimum required number of valid signatures in one packet.

(B) Completed petition forms and nomination certification forms shall be submitted to the election coordinator as specified in the Notice of Election. Completed petition forms and nomination certification forms must be received via either facsimile, email or regular mail by the election coordinator by the deadline specified in the Notice of Election. The candidate shall retain copies of petition forms and nomination certification forms transmitted via facsimile or via email until the conclusion of the protest period.

(c) Receipt and Recording of Nomination Certification and Petition Forms by Election Coordinator

(1) The election coordinator shall verify the identity and eligibility of individuals on submitted petition forms through sampling or other reasonable and cost-effective method, and shall certify qualified candidates for the board member election.

(2) The position of candidate names and statements in election materials distributed by the system to eligible voters shall be chosen by lot conducted by the election coordinator at the time valid nominating petitions are certified. The election coordinator shall notify qualified candidates of their certification in a notification letter, which shall include the position of their names and statements to be included in election materials distributed by the system.

(3) All deadlines and instructions related to the drafting of candidate statements shall be distributed to all qualified candidates in the notification letter. Upon distributing notification letters to qualified candidates, the election coordinator shall make public the names of the qualified candidates for the board member election.



(d) Nomination of Only One Candidate

(1) Where only one candidate has been nominated, the election coordinator shall, upon verification of the identity and eligibility of individuals presented in the nominating petition and upon the candidate's certification of acceptance of the nomination, cancel the remaining election procedures and designate the single candidate to be certified by the chief executive officer as elected.

(e) No Viable Candidate

(1) If no candidate has been nominated in an election, or if no candidate has presented a valid petition form and nomination certification form for an election as required by this article, the election coordinator shall extend the nomination period for an additional twenty-one (21) calendar days and publicize this action to active members and participants and other interested parties.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24003. Candidate Statements.

(a) Candidate Statement Requirements

(1) As part of a candidate statement, each candidate shall provide all of the following information as specified in the Notice of Election :

(A) Name.

(B) Job Title.

(C) Employer.

(D) Status as either an active member of the Defined Benefit Program or an active participant of the Cash Balance Benefit Program and years of service as a member or participant.

(E) A list of no more than five (5) previous job positions held.

(F) A list of no more than five (5) organizations to which the candidate belongs and positions held in those organizations.

(2) As part of a candidate statement, a candidate may, but is not required to, provide a list of no more than ten (10) endorsements by individuals or entities,



(3) As part of a candidate statement, a candidate may, but is not required to, provide information relevant to the following:

(A) A statement of what the candidate believes the primary role of a board member should be.

(B) A statement of how the candidate could contribute to CalSTRS as a board member.

(C) A statement describing the education and training the candidate possesses that has prepared the candidate to serve as a board member.

(4) Information included by a candidate pursuant to paragraph (3) indicating their opinions or positions on issues of general concern to the system's membership that are not in compliance with the requirements specified by the board in the Notice of Election will not be distributed. Information included by the candidate that references, directly or indirectly, a current member of the board or another candidate for election to the board will not be distributed.

(5) The candidate statement shall be filed with the election coordinator by the deadline indicated in the notification letter sent to qualified candidates. Any candidate statement received after the deadline will not be distributed. Once filed, candidate statements may not be changed or withdrawn except as specified in paragraph (6) of this subdivision or subdivision (b).

(6) (A) The election coordinator shall reject any candidate statement that contains obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, untrue, libelous or defamatory content or that does not meet the statement limitations specified in paragraph (5) of this subdivision. A candidate statement that has been rejected by the election coordinator may be resubmitted by the deadline indicated in the notification letter sent to qualified candidates if the resubmitted candidate statement:

(i) Is accompanied by documentation that verifies the truthfulness of any factual statement, as requested by the election coordinator.

(ii) Excludes the portion or portions that contained obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, untrue, libelous or defamatory content.

(B) All decisions by the election coordinator related to candidate statements are final.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make candidate statements, or the authors thereof, free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous or libelous statements offered for printing or distributed to voters. Information contained in the statement is the responsibility of the candidate and the system shall not be held responsible for the validity of any candidate statement or the contents thereof.

(b) Distribution of Candidate Statements

(1) The election coordinator shall distribute a copy of each candidate statement to the candidates following the candidate statement filing deadline.

(2) If a candidate believes that an opposing candidate violated any provision of this section, the candidate may submit written comments concerning the opposing



candidate statement subject to the following:

- (A) Comments must be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days following the date the candidate statements are distributed by the election coordinator.
- (B) All comments must be factual and exclude any content that is obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous or defamatory.
- (3) The election coordinator shall attempt to resolve a dispute between candidates over a submitted candidate statement upon receipt of comments submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subdivision.
- (4) Following the review of candidate statements, the election coordinator shall distribute to each candidate a copy of all candidate statements as they shall appear in election materials distributed to eligible voters.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24003.5. Election and Campaign Material

A candidate shall not use the logo or registered mark of the system in campaign material they prepare and distribute. All campaign materials prepared by candidates, and all election material furnished by the system, shall include the following disclaimer: CalSTRS and the Teachers' Retirement Board do not endorse or support any particular candidate running for election, and any statements or representations made by candidates are their own and do not reflect the views, positions, or policies of CalSTRS or the Teachers' Retirement Board.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24004. Ballot Distribution

(a) The election coordinator shall cause ballots and candidate statements to be distributed in advance of each election to each eligible active member and participant for whom the system has a valid mailing address recorded. The election coordinator shall provide a means for eligible active members and participants for whom the system does not have a valid mailing address recorded to request ballots and candidate statements. The election coordinator shall provide for the return of the voted ballots to the board without cost to the eligible active member or participant.

(b) For purposes of this article, “eligible active member” or “eligible active participant” means a member of the Defined Benefit Program or a participant of the Cash Balance Benefit Program, respectively, who is employed, on the date, or during the period specified in the Notice of Election's criteria for voter eligibility, by an employer.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24005. Ballot Counting.

(a) The election coordinator shall create reasonable procedures to ensure ballots are secured and canvassed in a manner consistent with commonly accepted election practices. All ballots received within the time period prescribed by the Notice of Election shall be canvassed publicly by an independent, neutral agent appointed by the system on the date specified in the Notice of Election at a location to be designated by the system.

(b) Depending upon the method of balloting selected by the election coordinator, as specified in the Notice of Election, the following are declared to be invalid ballots and shall not be counted in the election:

(1) Votes cast for individuals not listed as candidates on the official ballot.

(2) Ballots submitted by a person who is not an eligible voter.

(3) A duplicate ballot from the same voter.

(4) Votes cast in excess of that allowed on the ballot.

(5) A paper ballot not forwarded through the United States Postal Service in the valid pre-addressed and stamped return envelope that is furnished by the system.

(6) Any ballots not cast in the manner prescribed by the system.

(c) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes, or the winning lot as drawn by the election coordinator in case of a tie vote, or the single candidate, shall be certified by the chief executive officer as having been elected.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200



and 22200.5, Education Code.

1. New section filed 5-15-2003; operative upon adoption by the Teachers' Retirement Board 3-6-2003. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 2003, No. 20).

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§ 24006. Notice of Election Results

(a) Within three (3) business days after the public ballot canvassing, or after verification of the identity and eligibility of individuals presented in the nominating petition pursuant to Section 24002 of this article where the election coordinator certifies only one qualified candidate in an election for a position on the board, the election coordinator shall transmit the election results to the chief executive officer for certification.

(b) Following certification by the chief executive officer, the election coordinator shall notify candidates, board members and other interested parties of the certified results. Notification to the newly elected board member shall include an Oath of Office form. This form shall be signed by the board member-elect in the presence of a notary public and returned to the system. The election coordinator shall file the oath with the Secretary of State.

(c) Upon the chief executive officer's certification and proper execution of the Oath of Office form, the board member elected through this process shall take office on either the day provided for by statute or immediately, if elected to fill a vacancy.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24007. Recount of an Election

(a) (1) A candidate may file a written request with the election coordinator for recount within ten (10) business days following the distribution of the certified election results. If a request for recount is not received within ten (10) business days, the certified election results shall stand as the final results.



(2) A request for a recount shall not delay the seating of an elected board member. Such elected board member shall take office on either the day provided for by statute or immediately, if elected to fill a vacancy, subject to the potential termination of such board membership as a result of the recount.

(b) A candidate may request a recount of the valid ballots only if the difference in the number of votes cast between the candidate requesting the recount and the unofficial winner is less than three (3) percent of the total number of valid ballots cast. A written request for a recount shall specify the election to be recounted, shall be signed by the candidate requesting the recount, and may specify any other relevant material to be examined.

(c) Upon a request for a recount, the election coordinator shall determine the estimated cost to conduct the recount. The estimated cost of conducting a recount shall include the system's administrative cost and the costs of the independent, neutral agent appointed by the system to canvass the valid ballots. Legal tender in the amount of the estimated cost of conducting the recount shall be submitted by the candidate requesting the recount to the election coordinator within three (3) business days following notification by the election coordinator of the estimated cost to conduct the recount, or the recount shall be terminated.

(d) The election coordinator shall set a tentative date for the recount upon receipt of the written request and shall confirm the date upon receipt of the estimated cost to conduct the recount.

(e) The certified results shall stand as the final election results if the results of the recount do not change the ranking of the candidates. In this case, if the actual cost of the recount is less than the estimated cost deposited by the requester, the system shall refund the amount which exceeds the actual cost; if the actual cost of the recount is more than the estimated cost, the system shall invoice the requester for the difference.

(f) If the results of the recount do change the ranking of the candidates, then the recount results shall be certified by the chief executive officer and shall stand as the final election results. In this case, the system shall refund the amount of the estimated cost deposited by the requester.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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§ 24008. Protest of an Election

(a) A candidate may protest an election by filing a written protest with the election coordinator within ten (10) business days following the mailing of the certified election results for an election or a recount; otherwise, there shall be no opportunity for filing a protest, and the certified election results shall stand as the final election results. The written protest shall be identified using the word “protest” and shall:

- (1) Specify the election to be protested;
- (2) State the grounds of the protest and suggested remedy;
- (3) Specify any other relevant material to be examined that the candidate deems necessary; and
- (4) Be signed by the candidate submitting the protest.

(b) The filing of a protest shall not delay the seating of an elected board member. Such elected board member shall take office on either the day provided for by statute or immediately, if elected to fill a vacancy, subject to the potential termination of such board membership as a result of the protest. Any newly elected member, as the result of a protest, shall hold office for a period equal to the remainder of the term of the vacated office.

(c) Upon receipt of a valid and timely protest, the election coordinator shall send a copy of the request to all candidates in the election and notify the board and, upon request, other interested parties that a protest has been filed.

(d) An ad-hoc committee of the board consisting of an odd number of members, no fewer than three (3), shall determine what remedy, if any, shall be granted to the candidate filing the protest. No board member who is a candidate in the election under protest, or has endorsed a candidate in the election under protest, may become a member of the committee or participate in its selection. The ad-hoc committee shall be determined as follows:

(1) The board chairperson shall appoint board members to the committee. If the board chairperson is a candidate or has endorsed a candidate in the election under protest, the board vice chairperson shall appoint board members to the committee. If the board vice chairperson is a candidate or has endorsed a candidate in the election under protest, the board shall appoint, from its remaining membership, members to the committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(2) If a minimum of three (3) board members are not eligible to participate on the ad-hoc committee, or if a majority of the full board, excluding candidates but including endorsers of candidates so directs, the protest shall instead be determined by a panel of three (3) arbitrators. In accordance with the laws of the State of California and the Labor Arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in effect at the time, to the extent the AAA rules are not in conflict with these regulations, the panel of three (3) arbitrators shall be determined as follows:

- (A) One (1) member of the panel shall be selected by the protesting candidate;
- (B) One (1) member of the panel shall be selected by the successful candidate; and
- (C) The third member, who shall serve as chair, shall be selected by the first two (2) panel members.

(e) The committee or arbitration panel may consider written and/or oral arguments submitted by the candidate filing the protest and any other interested party, in making its determination. Any oral



proceedings by the committee or arbitration panel shall be held in the board's meeting room and be open to the public. Other procedures, including those for receiving and considering arguments and factual allegations, shall be determined by the committee or arbitration panel in its sole discretion.

(f) The committee or arbitration panel shall declare the election under protest void, and the position vacant, only upon a finding that board-adopted election procedures were not substantially followed and that, without this lack of substantial compliance, the election outcome would likely have been different.

(g) The determination of the committee or arbitration panel shall be rendered within thirty (30) calendar days of its appointment and shall be final and binding on the system and candidates for office.

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§ 24009. Elections for Vacant Elected Seats

The board shall provide public notice that an elected seat on the board has been vacated at or before its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The board shall hold special elections to fill vacancies that occur during the term of the elected members of the board by distributing a Notice of Election for a vacated seat within ninety (90) calendar days of the vacancy. An election shall be held within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days of the distribution of the Notice of Election.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 22200.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 22200 and 22200.5, Education Code.

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