

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION



The OPERS Board of Trustees  
*Working for your retirement security*




Elections for three seats on the **OPERS** and **Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program** Boards of Trustees will begin in August. Those elected will serve four-year terms beginning in January 2026.

The OPERS Board is comprised of 11 trustees—seven individuals are elected by the specific group each represents. Five individuals represent employee groups and two represent retirees. Three

individuals with investment expertise are appointed by Ohio’s Governor, Treasurer and jointly by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the President of the Ohio Senate. The Director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services also serves on the Board of Trustees by virtue of office. Individuals elected to the OPERS Board also automatically serve on the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program Board.

Serve as the voice for your fellow members!

The three seats up for election in 2025 include one representative for each of the following groups:

-  **County Employees** – Representing approximately 86,000 members working at a county job within the state of Ohio.
-  **Miscellaneous Employees** – Representing approximately 46,400 members not included in one of the other groups, employers such as: park districts, conservancy districts, sanitary districts, health districts, townships, metropolitan housing authorities, state retirement systems, public libraries, county law libraries, union cemeteries, joint hospitals, or institutional commissaries within the state of Ohio.
-  **Retiree** – One of two seats representing approximately 188,600 age and service, disability, and defined contribution (DC) plan retirees. This group includes re-employed retirees.

Visit [opers.org/elections](https://opers.org/elections) for a complete list of County and Miscellaneous employers.  
**PLEASE BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE ELECTION PROCESS!**

The Nomination Process

Any active OPERS member, with the exception of one receiving a disability benefit, is eligible for election to represent the members of their employee group on the OPERS Board of Trustees.

Any OPERS retiree, including re-employed retirees, receiving an age and service retirement benefit, disability benefit, or benefits under the DC plan is eligible for election as a retiree representative.

Under Ohio law, a candidate seeking election to an **employee member Board seat** is required to obtain a minimum of 500 signatures from active members within their employee group. At least 10 different counties must be represented by a minimum of 20 signatures each.

Under Ohio law, a candidate seeking election to a **retiree Board seat** is required to obtain at least 250 signatures from OPERS retirees. At least five different counties must be represented by a minimum of 10 signatures each.

Contact your employer’s HR department or visit the OPERS website, [opers.org/elections](https://opers.org/elections), to obtain a nominating petition packet. **Completed nominating petitions and forms are due at the OPERS office no later than 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday, August 4, 2025;** petitions postmarked on or before this date, but received later, are invalid. Any candidate successfully meeting the nomination criteria will be placed on an official ballot.

2025 OPERS Board of Trustees Election Schedule

Nominating petitions available .....	MAY 30
Completed petitions due .....	AUGUST 4, 4:30 p.m. EDT
Voting materials mailed .....	AUGUST 26
Last day to receive votes .....	OCTOBER 3, 11:59 p.m. EDT
Election results verified .....	OCTOBER 6



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