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## **Teacher Retirement System Trustee to serve on National Council on Teacher Retirement**

AUSTIN – Nanette Sissney of Whitesboro, the vice chair of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), has been nominated to serve on the Legislative Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR). NCTR is an independent association dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of U.S. public retirement systems. The Legislative Committee monitors federal legislation or initiatives on issues of importance to retired teachers. As appropriate, it also provides recommendations for action to the NCTR President.

Currently a school counselor for the Whitesboro Independent School District, Sissney has dedicated herself to improving public education in Texas. A two-term TRS trustee, she was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott in November 2017 as the at-large representative. She was originally appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2009 in the active teachers' position. In December 2019, the TRS Board of Trustees voted unanimously for her to serve as vice chair of the nine-member body.

Sissney has played an active role as a trustee throughout her tenure on the TRS board. In December 2019, she was appointed as Budget Committee chair, having previously served as the Benefits Committee chair since December 2017. She currently sits on the Audit, Compliance and Ethics, Benefits and Investment Management committees.

In July 2019, as a result of the legislative actions taken during the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, the TRS board voted unanimously to authorize one-time supplemental payments to eligible annuitants. TRS began issuing the "13<sup>th</sup> Check" payments to qualifying retirees and beneficiaries in fall 2019.

"At a time when the retirement system has grown to more than 1.6 million members, Nanette continues to provide valuable leadership on our board and for our members," says TRS Executive Director Brian Guthrie. "I have no doubt she will use her knowledge to best serve our members as well as the NCTR," he adds.

**The Teacher Retirement System of Texas is the largest public retirement system in Texas, serving over 1.6 million people. TRS improves the retirement security of Texas public education employees through our “best in class” investment management that oversees an approximately \$157 billion trust and delivers pension and health care benefits that make a positive difference in members’ lives.**

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