



TRS Board of Trustees

Meeting Summary

Feb. 27, 2025

The TRS Board of Trustees met Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025 in person at our Red River Headquarters in Austin. [A recorded webcast](#) of all public meetings is available on our website at www.trs.texas.gov. Once you've opened the video link page, just click on the board segment you'd like to watch.

Read through presentations to the board by clicking on the [board book here](#) and on the hyperlinked titles.

TRS Headlines

- First meeting for newest Trustee Laronda Graf
- New HQ nears completion
- Refreshed TRS website primed to launch

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Annually, TRS holds five public board meetings. February's session was primarily devoted to education and training for our nine appointed trustees. For example, from page 166 of the board book, see slides laying out the discussion around good governance as well as application of the Open Meetings Act.

To make time for such important education, the chair called no committees although trustees did receive updates on TRS' main lines of business.

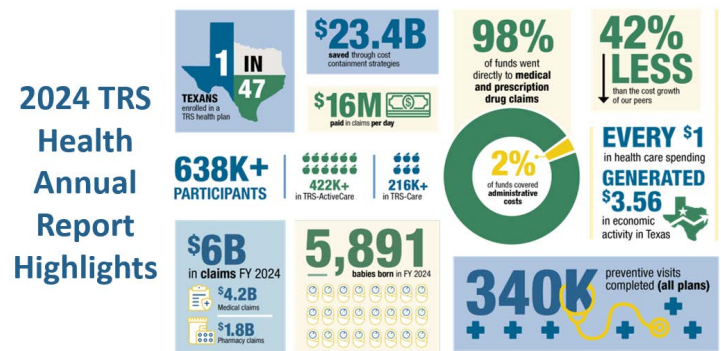
Benefits Division

The Chief Benefit Officer provided an update on a plan for a second regional office, this one in the Rio Grande Valley in the far south of Texas. Staff are looking at commercial real estate options to lease since there are no state-owned buildings in that area with space.

Staff will seek trustee site approval in July with a tentative opening by fall of 2026. TRS opened its [first regional office](#) in El Paso in late 2022. Slides appear on page 163 of the board book.

The **Chief Health Care Officer** offered trustees a view into the division's annual report and a breakdown on how staff use analytics. For example, TRS is able to show employers

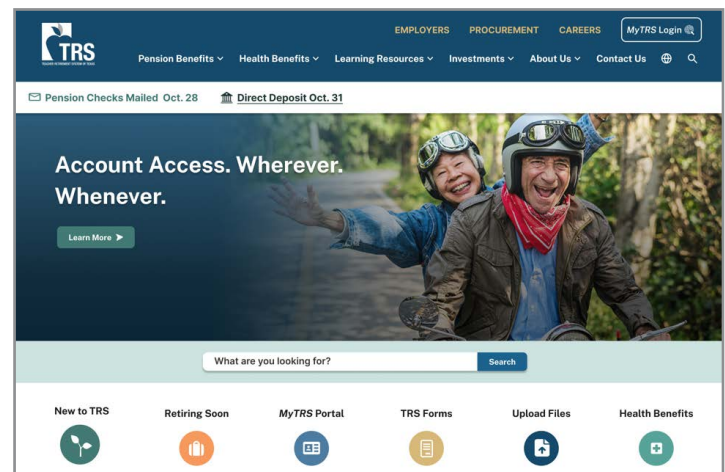
how our health plans compete favorably with the rest of the market. And read the "placemat" slide that shows how our Health team provides value to the state. See from page 58 of the board book.



Communications Division

Members of the Communications Division presented a first look at the refreshed agency website. See from page 301 of the board book.

Following in-depth user surveys, feedback and user re-search, the new site is designed to be member focused, highly engaging and easier to navigate. Launching soon! Watch the website for an official announcement once initial testing is complete.



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Other Topics Discussed

The chair welcomed TRS' [most recent board appointee](#). Laronda Graf is a human resources professional who works with the Atlanta ISD in northeast Texas. She replaces longtime trustee Nanette Sissney in the at-large position.

Remember, ballots for the [public school district trustee position](#) are mailed out in March. With Sissney, the most recent vice chair rolling off, Chair Walls proposed Trustee Michael Ball to be vice chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

See photos of the new headquarters. The first staff are headed to 4655 Mueller Boulevard in late March. The new Member Center is set to open May 20. The final occupancy date at the 50-year-old Red River campus in downtown Austin is June 30. Learn more on [TRS' move here](#).



The next board meeting is set for **Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11, 2025**, in person at our Austin headquarters. Access all [board materials online](#), including agendas, board books and a link to the live and recorded webcasts.

View the [board schedule](#) on our board meetings calendar page. Visit www.trs.texas.gov to find board of trustees' information under the [About TRS](#) tab.