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## **Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Seeks Nominations for Public School District Employee Trustee Election**

AUSTIN – TRS is now accepting nominations for eligible members to qualify as candidates for the election of the Public School District Employee position on the TRS Board of Trustees. The term begins as early as Sept. 1, 2021 and ends Aug. 31, 2027.

A nominee may collect the required 250 signatures of eligible members either electronically or by paper petition in order to qualify as a candidate. An eligible member for this election is a current employee of a public school district, charter school or regional education service center.

A nominee may collect the 250 signatures electronically by declaring their interest to be a nominee to the [Secretary to the Board of Trustees](#). Once the member's eligibility is validated, the member's name will be posted on the online [nomination site](#) where the nominee may direct eligible members to sign the nominee's electronic petition.

The names of nominees will be listed on a first-come-first-listed basis. To sign the electronic petition, eligible members will need to provide identifying information to verify their eligibility. The process is easy and only takes a few minutes.

For an electronic petition, the nominee does not need to submit anything further to TRS but must have 250 eligible member signatures by Jan. 25, 2021 to be considered a candidate.

TRS will continue to allow nominees to collect 250 signatures of eligible members with paper petitions. TRS must receive the nominee's paper petitions no later than Jan. 25, 2021. Voting begins March 15, 2021 and ends on May 5, 2021. Sept 1, 2021 is the earliest date the new trustee will take office.

A member may download the [petition \(pdf\)](#) or if a member does not have access to a printer, the member may contact the [Secretary to the Board of Trustees](#) to have a petition mailed to them.

The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the administration of the system under provisions of the state constitution and laws. The board is composed of nine trustees who are appointed to staggered terms of six years, with each term ending on Aug. 31. Learn more on our website: [TRS Board of Trustees](#)

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas is the largest public retirement system in Texas, serving nearly 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 \$150 billion trust and delivers pension and health care benefits that make a positive difference in members' lives.

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