

NEWSLETTER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS (PSRSSTL)

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PENSIONS AND TAX DEDUCTIONS

For retirees with questions about payroll tax deductions, it is important to note that all retirement benefits are subject to Federal income taxes imposed by the IRS. However, the State of Missouri treats pension income more favorably than the IRS and in most cases it is exempt from state income taxes.

Retirees should seek advice from a qualified tax professional regarding income taxes as the Retirement System is unqualified to give out tax advice of any kind.

Retirees living outside Missouri should seek tax advice from qualified tax experts in that area to determine any state or local income tax liabilities. Retirees who do not file a Missouri tax return should not have state income taxes deducted from their pension benefits because the Retirement System only withholds taxes for residents of the State of Missouri. This information is for guidance purposes only and should not be considered tax advice.

CONVENIENCE OF DIRECT DEPOSIT

If your pension check is mailed to you, please consider switching to direct deposit. This delivery method is much quicker and more secure than the U.S. Postal Service.

It is riskier than ever to mail checks because there is no way to control the number of hands that come into contact with them while en route to their rightful owners. Once a pension check is mailed from the retirement office, the postal service handles the delivery of it; with direct deposit, the banks control the routing of the funds from beginning to end. In other words, direct deposit eliminates the need for a middle man.

If a paper check is lost or stolen, the retiree must wait ten calendar days before PSRSSTL will issue another payment. Contrarily, and in the rare event a problem occurs with a direct deposit, PSRSSTL will issue a new payment to the recipient the day after the bank returns the funds.

Direct Deposit forms are available on the website or by contacting the retirement office.

2016 Regular Board

Meeting Schedule

February 22nd

April 18th

June 20th

August 15th

October 17th

December 19th

Usually 4:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and held in the boardroom on the 2nd floor at 3641 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri

MEMORIALS

The Retirement System regretfully reports the following members as deceased:

Harry L. Acker Jr., George S. Anstey, Vera J. Atkinson, Cathryn Barron, Lelia M. Brown, Vivienne W. Brown, William T. Brown, Mary J. Buchanan, Gloria M. Capasso, Mary P. Caradonna, Leona Collins, Verle D. Cromer, Louise G. Gray, James Hamilton, Shirley Harvey, Carol Ann Harvey-Bess, Dorothy A. Helton, Mary E. Hildebrand, Theotris Hughes, Freddie Hunter, Douglas R. Leach, Leonard Leon, Edwina W. Lindsey, Miles D. Markusch, Mary S. McClellan, Katha McKinney, Janet Morrell, Harold W. Mullins, Ruth W. Newton, Christine Pearson, Wanda Penrose, Judy Pettis, Betty Phillips, Margaret K. Rogers, Frank M. Sadorf, Stanley Sandweiss, Sara Scroggins, Mary E. Spencer, Kathleen Swiderski, Margo J. Thomas, Thelma Vanarsdale, Willie C. Watkins, L. C. Whitt, Thelma H. Williamson, Martha Winters, Jeanne M. Wolf and Eloise M. Wright



RETIREMENT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications must be filed at least 15 days prior to retirement. The next (6) deadlines are:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
March 17, 2016	April 1, 2016	June 16, 2016	July 1, 2016
April 18, 2016	May 1, 2016	July 18, 2016	August 1, 2016
May 17, 2016	June 1, 2016	August 17, 2016	September 1, 2016

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Public School Retirement System of the City of St. Louis is to enhance the well-being and financial security of its members, retirees and beneficiaries through benefit programs and services which are soundly financed and prudently administered in an effective and efficient manner.

PSRSSTL STAFF CONTACTS

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2015 FOURTH QUARTER INVESTMENT BRIEF

"Investing your money for lifetime security"

The Retirement System's investment portfolio experienced a positive return of 2.4% during the 2015 Fourth Quarter, ranking in the top 71% of similar public funds. During the one-year period ending on December 31, 2015, the Retirement System experienced a negative return on investments of 0.6%, a net decrease of 7.5% in market value, and ranked in the top 74% of similar public funds. The summaries of the PSRSSTL market value, rankings, investment returns and asset allocation of funds held in trust on behalf of the membership for the reporting period follow.

Market Value		
Period Ending 12/31/2015	One Quarter	One Year
Beginning Market Value	\$828,972	\$927,789
Net Additions/Deductions ¹	8,595	(68,814)
Return on Investment	20,352	(1,056)
Ending Market Value	\$857,919	\$857,919
¹ Deductions fund pension payments	(Dollars in \$000's)	

Period Ending 12/31/2015	Percentile Ranking (Public Funds Universe)	Investment Return
One Quarter	71 st	2.4%
One Year	74 th	(0.6%)
Three Years	79 th	6.4%
Five Years	77 th	6.3%
Ten Years	39 th	5.8%

Asset Allocation Summary Period Ending 12/31/2015		
Asset Class	Market Value	% of Portfolio
Domestic Stocks	\$259,114,740	30.2%
Domestic Bonds	106,900,954	12.6%
International Stocks	112,315,777	13.0%
Global Stocks	41,000,827	4.8%
International Bonds	35,835,122	4.2%
Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA)	104,248,248	12.2%
Hedge Funds	80,248,173	9.3%
Real Assets	15,138,879	1.8%
Real Estate	49,354,158	5.7%
Alternatives	19,332,867	2.3%
Cash	34,429,086	4.0%
Total	\$857,918,831	100%

1099R's MAILED AROUND JANUARY 27th

If you received retirement benefits, a refund or rollover distribution from PSRSSTL in 2015, a 1099R has been mailed to you. PSRSSTL must provide this form to members and beneficiaries who received funds during the year. If you received funds from PSRSSTL in 2015 but have yet to receive a 1099R, please contact the Retirement System. A summary of information provided on the form follows below.

Account Number Explanations

REGULAR = 2015 regular pension benefit payments

SUP PEN = 2015 sick leave conversion benefit payments

DIST = 2015 distribution (refund) of member contributions

Explanations

Box 1: 2015 Gross Distributions paid

Box 2a: Taxable Amount from Box 1

Box 4: 2015 Federal Income Tax withholdings

Box 5: Difference between Box 1 and 2a = non-taxed \$'s

Box 12: 2015 State Tax withholdings

If a box is blank, then the amount equals zero.

View Form: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1099r_15.pdf

FYI: Health insurance cost statements were mailed separately.

Retired members are required to submit a W4-P form to have taxes withheld and to make changes. The form is available on the website or by request.

PSRSSTL INFORMATION NEWS FLASH

- ♦ If you are a retiree or survivor beneficiary, please remind your loved ones to contact PSRSSTL immediately upon your death to avoid the collection of overpayments.
- ♦ Aetna Inc. purchased Coventry Health Care in 2013. As Aetna rebrands from Coventry to Aetna, members covered under the PSRSSTL medical plans should expect mail to be sent with the name Aetna.
- ♦ Members who had medical insurance through PSRSSTL in 2015 should expect to receive an IRS Form 1095-B for informational purposes. Depending on the type of coverage, the form will be mailed by either Aetna Inc. (Coventry) or Medicare.
- ♦ If you are a retiree with dependent(s) covered under your health insurance and/or benefit payment option, and your dependent(s) predecease you, please notify the Retirement System at once to ensure changes are made timely to your insurance coverage and retirement benefits.
- ♦ The waiting period to replace a lost pension check is ten (10) calendar days and, in most cases, replacement checks may only be reissued after the 10th of the month.
- ♦ Please remember to keep your mailing address current with your employer or PSRSSTL if retired.

Mailing Schedule for 2016

Newsletters: May, August, November

Annual Report Summaries: July

Annual Benefit Statements: August

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Packets: October

Election Information: as needed