

PSRSSTL

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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.



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Celebrate Summer

We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us.

- Jenny Uglow

Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows.

- Helen Keller

Trustee Election

Two members of the Board of Trustees are elected by the Retired Membership to four-year terms on a staggered schedule. The next election is for a Retired Teacher position for a term starting October 1, 2023. Information will be mailed out to all Retired Members this summer with details about the election process.

Board of Trustees

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Regular Board Meeting 2023 Schedule

June 26 October 23 August 28 December 18

Meetings are currently open to the public via LiveStream on YouTube. The link is available on the website, www.psrsstl.org.





Although no words can take away the sorrow that you bare. May it be comforting to you to know that others care.

The Public School Retirement System expresses condolences to family and friends of the following deceased members:

Arzella J. Abernathy **Delores Banks**

JoAnn Beck

Judy R. Brust

Ruth L. Craig-Flanery

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Important Notice

Please make sure that PSRSSTL has your current address information. Keeping your contact information updated ensures that you receive important communications from PSRSSTL, such as newsletters, trustee election ballots, tax forms and retiree health insurance updates. Address change forms are available on the website and by contacting the PSRSSTL office.

Direct Deposit Note

Due to July 1 falling on a weekend, direct deposit of pension payments may not be available in bank accounts until Monday, July 3. Please check with your financial institution on the timing.

2023 First Quarter Investment Brief

"Investing Your Money For Lifetime Security"



Market Value			
Period ending 3/31/23	One Quarter	One Year	
Beginning Market Value	\$807,339,157	\$906,357,387	
Net Additions/Deductions ¹	-\$17,746,635	-\$52,995,819	
Return on Investment	\$28,565,452	-\$35,203,594	
Ending Market Value	\$818,157,974	\$818,157,974	
¹Deductions fund pension payments			

Period Ending 3/31/23	Percentile Ranking (Public Funds Universe)	Investment Return
One Quarter	80th	3.61%
One Year	17th	-3.12%
Three Years	43th	11.04%
Five Years	78th	5.23%
Ten Years	77th	6.29%
Since 1997	46th	6.65%

The Retirement System's investment portfolio increased by 3.61% in the First Quarter, ranking in the 80th percentile of similar public funds. Despite the turbulence in the banking sector and the persistent inflation, returns were positive for the quarter. During the one year period ending March 31, 2023, the Retirement System recorded a return on investments of -3.12% but ranked in the 17th percentile. 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 are listed in the tables below.

Asset Allocation Summary Period Ending 3/31/23			
Asset Class	Market Value	% of Portfolio	
Domestic Stocks	\$226,668,402	27.80%	
Domestic Fixed Income (Bonds)	\$90,866,796	11.20%	
International Equity	\$137,983,736	16.70%	
Global Equity	\$53,992,741	6.60%	
Global Fixed Income (Bonds)	\$58,286,262	7.10%	
Emerging Markets Debt	\$21,935,341	2.70%	
Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA)	\$21,976,635	2.70%	
Hedge Funds	\$49,215,936	6 %	
Real Estate	\$65,569,519	8%	
Alternatives	\$75,373,807	9.20%	
Cash	\$16,288,799	2%	
Total	\$818,157,974	100%	

Reminders



PSRSSTL Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday and Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Staff is available Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m. via email and telephone. A secure drop box is located outside the PSRSSTL office.

Reminder



Dental Benefits

Delta Dental of Missouri provides dental benefits to PSRSSTL Retired Members, who have elected coverage upon retirement.

As a reminder, your smile needs maintenance, so it is important to maintain a regular schedule of preventive care.

Regular dental visits can help you save money (and hassle) on more extensive work down the road.

Visiting the dentist regularly means oral health issues will be addressed before they become more severe. Your preventive care visits are covered 100% with a PPO provider. Visiting the dentist for exams and cleanings can help save money (and hassle) on more extensive work down the road.

A dental visit can:

- · Prevent cavities
- Stop tooth loss
- · Brighten your smile
- Freshen your breath
- · Boost your overall health
- Save you money

If you are a member of PSRSSTL's dental plan and have a question about your dental benefit, please contact Delta Dental of Missouri, Customer Service 800-335-8266.

Open Enrollment is Coming!

Mark your calendars now for open enrollment sessions that have been scheduled for this fall.

Virtual sessions will be held on:

- → Thursday, November 9th at 10am
- → Wednesday, November 15th at 2pm
- → Thursday, November 16th at 10am

Open enrollment materials, including registration information for the open enrollment sessions, will be sent out in late October.

PSRSSTL Staff News

We are pleased to announce that Monica Brewer is the new PSRSSTL Insurance Benefits Specialist. Monica has worked in the PSRSSTL office since 2019 and has assisted many members during that time. Please join us in congratulating Monica on her new role.

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