



Vote 2024: MSRS Board Elections

The Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Board of Directors election begins soon. Active and eligible deferred members of the General, Unclassified and Correctional Retirement Plans as well as retired members will receive a ballot in the mail in early February.

Voters may choose to vote online or by mail. The ballot includes the election URL and your login credentials if you choose to vote online.

Four positions are up for election this year:

-  General Employees and Unclassified Retirement Plans – **2 positions**
-  Correctional Retirement Plan – **1 position**
-  Retired Member – **1 position**

To learn more about the election and review candidate biographies, visit our website: www.msrs.state.mn.us/board-election-2024.

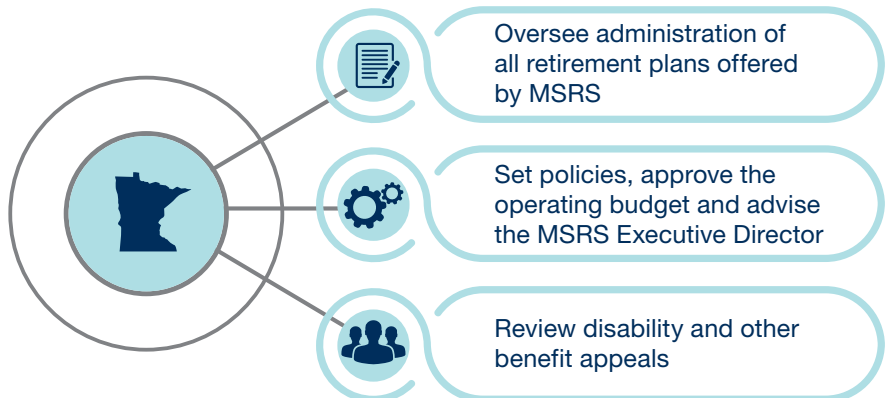
The deadline to vote is **Friday, March 1, 2024**.

- **If voting by mail**, the ballot must be postmarked by the deadline date.
- **If voting online**, the ballot must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on that date.

Ballots will be tabulated on March 21. Winners will be announced on the MSRS website following the election certification at the March Board meeting. New Board members begin their four-year terms on May 6, 2024.

Board Governance & Responsibilities

Membership, elections and duties of the MSRS Board of Directors are specified in Minnesota Statutes 352.03.



Pension Plans 2023 Funding Update

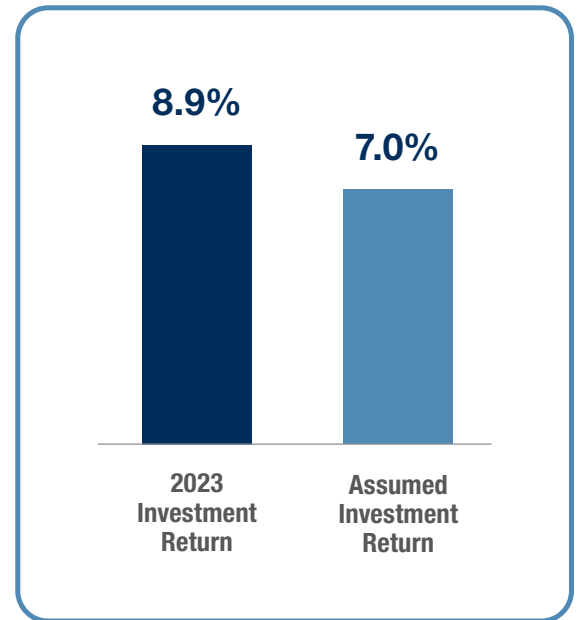
The State Board of Investment (SBI) reported an 8.9% investment return for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. This return exceeds the assumed rate of return of 7.0% and continues the positive funding progress of the MSRS pension plans.

At the January 2024 MSRS Board of Directors meeting, our actuaries reported the results of the most recent valuation for fiscal year 2023. After reviewing the funded health and projections of the plans, the Board determined no benefit or contribution rate changes are needed this legislative session.



View the MSRS FY2023 financial and actuarial reports on our website:

www.msrs.state.mn.us/annual-reports-fy-2023



Funding Summaries *(actuarial value of assets)*

Current Financial Health

Current financial health is measured by the funded ratio on June 30 of each year. This measurement is a ratio of the calculated liabilities versus assets on hand. Another way to think of this measurement is having enough money to pay your current bills and those you expect to pay in the future. For example, the General Employees Retirement Plan (General Plan) has \$16.8 billion held in trust to pay \$17.6 billion in liabilities, resulting in a funded ratio of 95.1%. For comparison, the national average of public pension plan funded ratio is 77.1%.

Contribution Sufficiency/Deficiency

Pension plans are designed to be “pre-funded,” which means that current contributions to the plan are enough to pre-fund benefits earned by current workers. A contribution sufficiency means that current contributions are enough to pre-fund future benefits within the funding period. Having a sufficiency provides a cushion to absorb potential market downturns or future assumption changes. When there is a contribution deficiency, benefits must be reduced or contributions must be increased to ensure future benefits are properly funded. The good news for MSRS members is that all plans currently have a contribution sufficiency.

Current Funding Projections

Current projections indicate that MSRS plans are heading toward the goal of 100% funding before the 2048 deadline in Minnesota law. Legislation passed in 2018, positive market returns, and prudent benefit changes have improved the funding outlook for MSRS plans.

	Funded Ratio	Contribution Sufficiency	Full Funding Date
General Plan	95.1%	1.30%	2032
Correctional Plan	75.3%	0.51%	2047
State Patrol Plan	81.1%	6.95%	2037



Sources for the Funding Update:

Actuarial Valuation Reports as of July 1, 2023
Public Plans Data (www.publicplansdata.org)

Mid-Career & Pre-Retirement Seminars

Now Available for Registration through June 2024!

MSRS offers educational opportunities to help you better understand your retirement plan accounts. These **FREE** webinars are intended to help you make informed savings decisions as you prepare for retirement.

Pre-Retirement Webinar: This half-day retirement planning webinar provides those within five years of retirement with valuable information about retirement planning strategies, retirement income needs and plan payout options. Learn about the benefits and features of your retirement plans:

- Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP)
- Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP)
- State employees' pension
- Social Security benefits

Mid-Career Webinar: This 90-minute webinar will help you examine your retirement income sources, how your retirement plans work together and how much you may need to save for your desired retirement lifestyle. Learn about tools available to help you achieve your retirement goals. The webinar dives deeper into basic investing topics, market risk and volatility, plan investments and strategies, and your income replacement needs in retirement.



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