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The newsletter for members of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois

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Keep your Member Services contact information up to date to receive the latest news, announcements or deadlines by email, letter or call.

## SERS Trustee Election

SERS will hold an election in May 2021 for one contributing member trustee to serve a five year term beginning in July 2021. To be eligible to serve, contributing members must:

- have at least 8 years of creditable service; and
- file a Statement of Candidacy and submit trustee petitions signed by not fewer than 400 contributing SERS members.

All signatures on the nominating petitions will be reviewed and validated by SERS staff to confirm candidate eligibility.

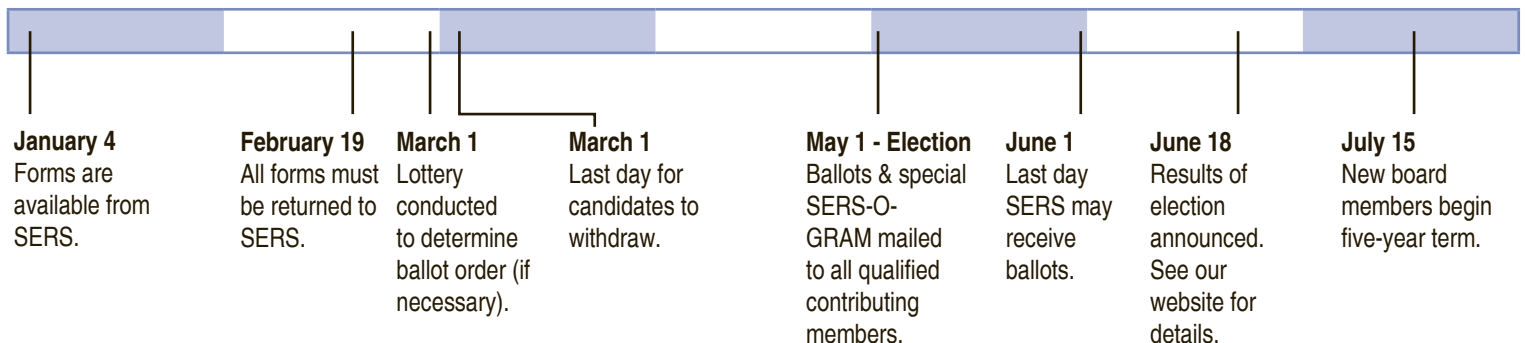
SERS Board membership consists of:

- Comptroller Susana Mendoza serves as the Chairperson of the Board.
- Six persons appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate who may not be SERS members or hold an elective State office, to serve for terms of five years.
- Four active, contributing members of SERS having at least eight years of SERS service, elected by the contributing members of SERS for terms of five years.
- Two annuitants of SERS who have been annuitants for at least one full year, elected by the annuitants of SERS for terms of five years.

The SERS Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the operations of the System. The Board meets at least quarterly to approve retiree, survivor and disability benefits, review and approve the System's annual operating budget, consider legislative and rulemaking initiatives, and set policies and procedures. In addition, the Board is responsible for setting the actuarial assumptions used in the annual valuations and certifying the annual State contribution to SERS. Additional committee meetings are held throughout the year, generally to discuss disputed claims and recommend policy changes to the full Board. Trustees are required to complete eight hours of annual training on ethics, fiduciary duties, investments and public pension plan administration.

If you are eligible and interested in running for a contributing member trustee position, you may contact us at [sers@srs.illinois.gov](mailto:sers@srs.illinois.gov) for a packet of the required election forms. These forms will be available on January 4, 2021. Ballots, along with the biographical information on all candidates, will be mailed to all qualified contributing members on May 1, 2021.

## 2021 Election time line



Check out our Member Services website  
[memberservices.srs.illinois.gov](https://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov)



## SERS Operations Update

SERS is continuing to deliver the core services you expect during the difficult times we are all experiencing. While the SRS building remains closed and there are no seminars or workshops scheduled, most other services are available, including member counseling. If you would like to schedule a telephone counseling appointment, please email us at [sers@srs.illinois.gov](mailto:sers@srs.illinois.gov) or call 217-785-7444.

Please note that the best way to submit documents to SERS is by email at [sers@srs.illinois.gov](mailto:sers@srs.illinois.gov). With email submission you will receive confirmation of our receipt of your documents, and we can begin processing your claim more quickly. You may also drop off documents in the mail slot on the west side of the vestibule located at the front of the SRS building.



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