

**Board of Trustees' December Meeting, TMRS Legislation and
New Governmental Relations Director, City Portal Usage, End of Year Reminders**

TMRS Board Holds Last 2010 Meeting

The TMRS Board of Trustees met on December 3, 2010, and considered the following items. The Board:

- Adopted revisions to the Investment Policy relating to real estate investment. The [updated policy](#) is available on the website.
- Approved the initial search for real estate investment managers by real estate consultant ORG Portfolio Management LLC and adopted a pacing plan for 2011 addressing initial investments in the real estate asset class. Initial commitment in real estate is targeted at \$300 million in core real estate during the first half of 2011 to be funded from TMRS' current fixed income allocation, in accordance with the diversification strategy initially approved in 2007.
- Renewed the contract with investment consultants R.V. Kuhns for a two-year period ending December 2012.
- Heard a report by R.V. Kuhns on TMRS' investment performance. A summary report for the third quarter of 2010 (as well as monthly reports) may be found [here](#).
- Approved the 2011 TMRS operating budget.
- Heard a report from the TMRS Internal Auditor and approved the 2011 risk-based audit plan.
- Named April Nixon as Board Chair for 2011 and Frank Simpson as Vice-Chair.

The Board deferred action on naming three members of the Advisory Committee on Retirement Matters to replace those members whose terms had expired. The Advisory Committee is appointed by the TMRS Board of Trustees and provides valuable assistance to the Board in considering benefit changes and improvements to the System. If you or someone from your city is interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, please see the [information](#) and [application](#) posted on our website.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 24-25, 2011.

TMRS Legislation and New Government Relations Director

As reported in previous e-bulletins, the TMRS Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, recommended amending the TMRS Act to restructure TMRS' retirement trust fund. Restructuring will provide a more efficient funding mechanism for the retirement

program and has the additional effect of reducing contribution rates for most cities without affecting member or retiree benefits.

TMRS would like to welcome a new Director of Government Relations, Mr. Dan Wattles, to the staff. Mr. Wattles will be working with legislative offices to ensure that all parties have accurate information about TMRS issues.

As of early December, only one bill has been filed affecting TMRS: HB159, relating to the resumption of employment by certain retirees within the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

Use of TMRS City Portal Expands

Almost 40 cities have signed up to access the TMRS City Portal, and many more have undergone training. The City Portal allows cities to access data for their city's employees, run reports, and produce estimates.

City staff must attend training on portal use and sign a confidentiality agreement before they can gain access to the system. TMRS has offered training at the Annual Seminar, in our November Certification Class, and by Webinars. We will be providing more training opportunities early in 2011 for cities that want access.

Watch for more information regarding the City Portal on the website soon.

Ordinances and Plan Changes Due Before December 31

Please remember that any city ordinances changing TMRS benefits for your city for calendar year 2011 must be submitted to TMRS before December 31, 2010.

As usual, TMRS will be sending contribution rate reminder letters to all cities in January containing your city's full rate and, if applicable, your phase-in rate.

Interest Rate for Members and Cities

As reported previously, TMRS member accounts will receive an annual interest credit of 5% effective December 31, 2010. The city interest allocation will be determined by the Board of Trustees at its February 2011 Board meeting. The city interest allocation is also credited effective December 31, 2010.

***TMRS offices will be closed December 24 and 27 for Christmas
and December 31 for New Years.
Happy Holidays to all our cities, members, and retirees!***

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