



## TRUSTEE CANDIDATE DECLARATION FORM

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### Declaration for MPERS Board of Trustees Candidate

Please complete the Trustee Declaration Form on the next page. If you have questions, please call Melissa Gourd at (573) 298-6085.

Email the completed form to:      Melissa.Gourd@mpers.org

Or

Mail the completed form to:      MPERS Board Election  
   PO Box 1930  
   Jefferson City, MO 65102-1930

**Declaration Form must be received at MPERS by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024.**

#### Trustee Responsibilities

The MPERS Board of Trustees has certain responsibilities outlined in Missouri state law and implied authority to take the steps necessary for its prudent oversight of the System. For the MPERS Board to meet its obligations under the law, every Trustee has a personal responsibility to uphold the highest fiduciary standards and actively contribute to the governance of MPERS.

The Board is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the System's operations. The day-to-day management of MPERS is delegated to the executive director who is hired by the Board. The executive director acts as an advisor to the Board on all matters pertaining to the System, and with the Board's approval, contracts for professional services and employs the necessary staff to operate the System effectively.

MPERS was established by state law, and the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the System's beneficiaries. Fiduciary duty is the legal relationship of trust between parties, where one party acts for the benefit of another. Fiduciaries of pension funds have strict standards imposed upon them by law. The Board's primary fiduciary responsibilities are the duty of loyalty, the duty of care, and the duty of prudence.

In addition to administrative rules, the Board adopted governance policies that set forth the expectations the Board has for itself and formalized the way the Board conducts business. The policies are intended to help the Board meet its fiduciary responsibilities. The governance policies set forth the structure, manner, and process by which the Board exercises its authority and control.

The fiduciary standard is the highest standard of conduct imposed by law. For more information regarding the duties and responsibilities of a trustee, each potential candidate should review the *Board Governance Policies*. The policies are posted on MPERS' website ([www.mpers.org](http://www.mpers.org)) under **Trustees/Governance Policies and Board Rules**.

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Name (First, MI, Last)
Home Address (Street/City/State/Zip)
Work Address (Street/City/State/Zip)
Email Address (To be used for board election matters only)
Best Phone Number to Reach You (Home/Work/Cell)
Candidate's Current or Former Job Title (the position you hold at MSHP)
Current or Former Employing Agency and District/Troop/HQ (MSHP)

*I certify that I am a member of MPERS. If elected, I agree to serve on the MPERS Board of Trustees through the end of my four-year term. I certify that the candidate information included in this form and all board election materials associated with my candidacy for a seat on the Board of Trustees is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_