



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
TEACHER RETIREMENT  
*Supporting Retirement Security  
for America's Teachers*

# Partner With NCTR

*2024 Commercial Partnership*



## THE RESOURCE

*for fostering partnerships and providing training and pension  
advocacy for the educational community.*

# NCTR Invites You to Partner With Us!

It has been said that teachers touch the future because they teach. Our collective future as a society is, in no small measure, dependent upon the knowledge, skill, energy, and dedication of our nation's educators. Much is owed to those who daily provide that service—both now in the classroom, as well as after a teaching career has concluded. That is why we have public pension plans for our teachers and school personnel, and those plans are why there is a National Council on Teacher Retirement. Retirement security for America's teachers is the mission we share with our teacher retirement systems.

It is also why so many companies are such a vital part of NCTR. Asset management, actuarial, information technology, legal, and consulting firms have joined NCTR because their membership has not only proven to be good business, but business with a good purpose. These partnerships advance the retirement security interests of those who are shaping our future. And there is nothing wrong with doing well, while you are doing good. I invite you to partner with us in this effort.

**R. Dean Kenderdine**  
Executive Director



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# About Us

The National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) is a non-profit, independent association dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of teacher public retirement systems in the United States and its territories, and to promoting the rights and benefits of all present and future members of the systems.

NCTR began in 1924, affiliated with the National Education Association in 1937, and became an independent association in 1971.

## Our Core Values

### 01 Integrity

Conduct business in an open, honest, ethical, and professional manner.

### 04 Dedication

Be diligent at all times in our efforts to achieve organizational goals.

### 02 Excellence

Exceed the expectations of our members.

### 05 Diversity

Reflect and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in membership, governance, and programs.

### 03 Collaboration

Promote engagement, cooperation and partnerships to achieve retirement security for educators and other public employees.

### 06 Innovation

Meet the challenges of the future with leadership, creativity, and accountability in response to changing needs.

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*We envision a strong  
and secure retirement  
future for all teachers  
and educational  
employees.*

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# Partnership Benefits

Join our community of top consultants, asset managers, actuaries, attorneys and technology experts, educating our membership about the products and services available to them. Annual Commercial membership dues are \$4,530. Be part of the strong foundation that is

*Securing Retirement for America's Teachers and Educational Employees.*

## Partnerships

Forming collaborative partnerships with a diverse community of industry leaders, dedicated to safeguarding public retirement systems.

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## Education

Participating in educational opportunities, exchanging ideas, and sharing best practices on pension related challenges and objectives.

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## Information

Providing thought leadership regarding the direction and challenges facing teacher pension plans.

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## Relationships

Building relationships with public plan trustees, executive directors, top decision-making administrative and investment staff by participating in year-round event opportunities.

## Brand Awareness

Advancing your company's marketing objectives and expanding brand awareness, with our support, by sponsoring robust, relevant educational programs targeted to plan trustees and administration staff.

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## Our Membership Includes



**Statewide Systems**



**City & Local Systems**



**Retired Teachers Associations**



**Educational Associations, Unions & State Agencies**

# Our Membership in Facts & Numbers

## Pension System Members

NCTR's membership includes 63 state, territorial, and local pension systems across the U.S.

**63**

**63 Pension System Members**

## Educators

These systems serve more than 19 million active and retired teachers, non-teaching personnel, and other public employees.

**19  
Million**

**19 Million Educators**

## Combined Invested Assets

Combined, these systems have assets exceeding \$2 trillion in their trust funds, invested globally.

**\$2  
Trillion**

**\$2 Trillion in  
Combined Assets**

# Meet Our Leadership

## Executive Officers



### **Erika Glaster, President**

#### ***Executive Director, Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Systems***

Erika Glaster is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRS). Prior to joining MTRS in 1986, Erika was a case manager for a nonprofit elder services agency and a registered representative for a mutual fund company. She began her MTRS career as a Retirement Counselor, and later held the management positions of Director of the Western Regional Office, Assistant Executive Director for Member Services, and Deputy Executive Director. She was appointed as Executive Director in 2014. Erika served over ten years on the Board of Directors of the National Pension Education Association and was President in 2015. Erika was elected to the NCTR Executive Committee in 2018, became Treasurer in 2021, and now serves as NCTR President. Erika holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology and biology from Bowdoin College and a Master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University.



### **Karen Yamamoto, President-Elect**

#### ***Board Member, California State Teachers' Retirement System***

Karen Yamamoto is a retired elementary school teacher from West Sacramento. Yamamoto taught second grade for 15 years and retired in 2007. She was a member of the California Department of Education's Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission from 1999-2003, acting as Chair in 2003. Prior to beginning her career as an educator, Yamamoto also served as a Legislative Assistant to several Assembly Members in the California State Legislature from 1978-1991. She is currently active in the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Program and the Japanese American Citizens League, Florin Chapter.



### **Tina Leiss, Secretary/Treasurer**

#### ***Executive Director, Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System***

Tina M. Leiss was appointed Executive Officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada in September 2013. She is responsible for all aspects of fund management including analysis of plan funding, investment oversight, operational and strategic planning, and fiduciary and governance issues. In her capacity as the Executive Officer, Ms. Leiss provides information and analysis to the Nevada Legislature in consideration of pension policy issues affecting state and local government.



### **Janis Elliott, Immediate Past-President**

#### ***Vice-Chair, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems***

Janis Elliott is a retired educator who served students in Nebraska schools for 37 years. She most recently was the science department chair for Omaha Central High School. Janis serves as the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Board Vice-Chair and was the 2023 President of NCTR. She has won several teaching awards, including the 2015 NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow; 2013 NSEA Teaching Excellence Award; 2009 Space Foundation Science Teacher Liaison; Champions for Children Award; Crystal Apple Award; PTSA Lifetime Achievement Award 2008; Bellevue Rotary Teacher of the Year 2008; AFCEA Technology Toolkit Award Winner; and the Nebraska Air Force Educator of the Year in 2008. Janis continues to serve educators through the Bellevue Education Association Retired Teachers and continues to substitute in both Omaha and Bellevue School Districts.



### **Kimberly Adams**

#### ***Chairperson & Trustee, ERFC, Fairfax***

Kimberly Adams was re-elected as ERFC Board Chairperson for FY 2021 and previously served as Chairperson in FY 2020 and FY 2019 and Vice Chairperson in FY 2017 and FY 2018. Adams is serving her third, three-year term as an ERFC Trustee, since being elected in spring 2015. She is CAPP certified and participates in the Trustee Leadership Forum (TLF) and other trustee education programs. Adams is a Librarian/Media Specialist with Fairfax County Public Schools where she has taught for 21 years with 16 years as a School Librarian and 5 years as a Classroom Teacher. Adams is taking a break from her role as the librarian at Mantua Elementary School to serve as the President of the Fairfax Education Association (FEA).



# Executive Committee 2023-2024

## David Keefe

### *Board President, New York State Teachers' Retirement System*

Mr. Keefe is the retired teacher representative on the board, elected to his position by NYSTRS retirees. He has served as Board president since 2016. Prior to that, Mr. Keefe served as vice president. He chairs the NYSTRS Executive Committee and serves on the Disability Review and Investment committees. Mr. Keefe spent more than three decades teaching in the Hempstead Public Schools before retiring in 2004. For most of his career, he was president of the Hempstead Classroom Teachers' Association, and also served on numerous other education and community-related committees. An active member of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Long Island University.



## Susan Lemmo

### *Trustee, Public School Employees' Retirement System of Pennsylvania*

Ms. Lemmo represents retired annuitants of PSERS. She has served on PSERS' Board since 2014. Ms. Lemmo has been an art teacher at Curwensville Area School District since 1990. She has a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master's of Fine Arts from Penn State University. Ms. Lemmo has been the Treasurer of the Clearfield, Elk, Cameron and Jefferson Central Labor Council since 2005. She served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in her role as president of PSEA Central Region from 2013-2017 and as Central Region vice-president from 2010-2013. She was Secretary of PSEA's Political Action Committee for Education (PSEA-PACE) from 2009 to 2010, and was Central Region Representative on the PSEA-PACE Board of Directors from 2008-2010.



## Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr.

### *Executive Director, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund*

Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., J.D., CEBS, serves as the Executive Director of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF). Established in 1895, CTPF holds \$12 billion in assets and serves more than 90,000 members, providing retirement, survivor, disability benefits and administering a retiree health insurance plan. Lenoir has dedicated his 30+ year career to public service, previously holding leadership roles with public pension systems in Illinois and Georgia. He earned a B.A. in Business Administration from American Intercontinental University, and holds a J.D. from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.



## Thad McTigue

### *Deputy Executive Director, New York City Teachers Retirement System*

Since March of 2014, Thad McTigue has been privileged to serve as the Deputy Executive Director for the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York (TRS). TRS provides over 215,000 active and retired New York City educators with retirement, disability, and death benefit services. In addition to the Qualified Pension Plan, TRS also administers one of the largest 403(b) Tax-Deferred Annuity Programs in the country. As Deputy Executive Director, Thad works closely with the TRS Executive Director, trustees and other senior managers on operational activities and implementation of the strategic direction of the System.



## Thomas Williams

### *Executive Director, Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii*

Mr. Williams presently serves as Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawai'i. He resides with his wife and daughter on O'ahu. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, a Historically Black University (HBCU), where he earned a BA degree in economics. His post graduate education includes a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and executive education certifications from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.



# Sponsorship Opportunities

## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual System Directors' Meeting (\$6,500)

**June 12-14, 2024**

*New York, New York*

Hosted by the New York City Teachers' Retirement System, the System Directors' Meeting is a two-day meeting attended by plan executive directors and CEOs from up to 30 public system plans.

**Your sponsorship includes:** two complimentary registrations; sponsorship acknowledgment on the NCTR website and meeting materials; participation at the meeting and six networking events.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Trustee Workshop (\$6,500)

**July 21-24, 2024**

*Berkeley, California*

Presented in affiliation with the Haas School of Business, University of California Berkeley, the Trustee Workshop is designed to provide timely and incisive educational content, attracting plan trustees from across the nation.

**Your sponsorship includes:** two complimentary registrations; sponsorship acknowledgment on the NCTR website and workshop materials; participation in workshop sessions, eight networking events; and a speaking opportunity on day three of the workshop.

## 102<sup>nd</sup> Conference

**October 5-9, 2024**

*Atlanta, Georgia*

NCTR's Conference is the highest regarded and best attended event by all levels of membership. Offering more than 12 networking event opportunities, join us this year as we celebrate our 102<sup>nd</sup> conference!



## Conference General Sponsor (\$6,500)

General sponsors receive discounted conference registration; sponsorship acknowledgment on marketing materials, media platforms, the NCTR website and event app; display of company branding on event signage; and participation in conference sessions and networking events.

## Keynote Sponsor (\$26,000)

Keynote speaker sponsors enjoy all of the perks of a general sponsorship, plus: two complimentary registrations; discounted price for additional registrations; and your company representative introduces the keynote speaker.



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