



## Accepting Review Board Nominations for 2026-2028!

National RTAP is soliciting nominations for new Review Board members to fill vacancies in 2026 through 2028. The term is three years beginning at the member's first meeting.

Any group or individual involved in rural or tribal transit is able to nominate someone to the board. An individual may nominate themselves for consideration.

You can fill out a paper nomination form and email or snail mail it to: [Karen Dumaine, National RTAP, 5 Wheeling Avenue, Woburn MA 01801, kdumaine@nationalrtap.org](mailto:kdumaine@nationalrtap.org)

### Review Board Overview

National RTAP is funded by the Federal Transit Administration to provide training and technical assistance resources to rural and tribal transit providers and to support the State RTAPs.

RTAP staff depend on the Review Board for guidance and assistance with the development of training materials and other resources. Among other duties, Review Board members represent National RTAP's primary customer groups and help us determine what products and services would be of the most value to them.

The Board usually consists of 15 members: 7 state transit officials and 7 rural and at least 1 tribal transit provider. In 2026/7, there will be vacancies for two state representative members.

To learn more about National RTAP and its Review Board, visit [nationalrtap.org](http://nationalrtap.org).

### Review Board Responsibilities

Review Board responsibilities and opportunities include:

- Attend the spring and fall Review Board meetings in-person or remotely. (*Travel expenses are covered by National RTAP.*)
- Provide guidance on priority needs in the areas of training development, information dissemination, and technical assistance.
- Participate in workgroups to develop and/or review products.
- Promote National RTAP as an Ambassador at state or regional conferences.
- Participate in National RTAP events, such as Roundtables, Chats, Lernalongs, Webinars, and/or Conferences.

Participation in events/workgroups is all on a volunteer basis and as your schedule allows.

## **Review Board Eligibility**

Review Board members must either be from a State Department of Transportation (DOT) and be involved with the State 5311 Program OR be employed by a rural or tribal public transportation provider that receives Section 5311 or Tribal Transit Program funds.

Former Review Board members who have been off the Board for three years are eligible.

## **Solicitation Process**

National RTAP solicits nominations every few years. A nominating committee primarily composed of RTAP staff will review submissions and make recommendations. Candidates may be interviewed by a current or past Review Board member.

Specific criteria for selection include:

- Eligibility in one of the two categories of Review Board membership (see above)
- Number of years of experience in the rural or tribal transit industry (there is no minimum; all levels of experience can provide valuable perspectives and feedback)
- Specialized expertise in rural or tribal transit issue areas
- Specialized expertise in training and/or technical assistance
- Geographic representation on the National RTAP Review Board

To submit a nomination, please complete the application attached to this document. You will need to include the following in order to complete the nomination:

- A letter/email from the nominee's supervisor authorizing the nominee to serve on the Review Board and attend Board meetings
- A letter/email from the nominee (if being nominated by someone else) confirming the nominee's willingness to serve on the Review Board and attend Board meetings
- Letters of support (*optional*)

If you have any questions about the Review Board or nomination/selection process, contact us at [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) or 888-589-6821.

## National RTAP Review Board Nomination Form

Nominee contact information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Work Phone:

Agency/Organization:

Title:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Is the nominee able to travel out of state for the biannual Review Board meetings?

Yes

No

Describe how the nominee meets the eligibility criteria (work for a state DOT and be involved in the Section 5311 Program, OR a rural or tribal transit provider receiving 5311 or Tribal Transit funds):

What is the length and nature of the nominee's experience in the rural or tribal transit industry?  
(There is no minimum requirement.)

Why do you believe the nominee would be a valuable addition to the Review Board?

What special experience, knowledge, or expertise will the nominee contribute to the Board?

Please email any letters of support to [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org). (Optional)

Please send to [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) a letter or email from the nominee's supervisor authorizing the nominee to serve on the Review Board and attend meetings remotely or in-person. (Required)

Are you nominating yourself?

Yes

No

**If you are nominating someone else:**

Please email to [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org) a letter or email from the nominee confirming his or her interest in serving on the Review Board and attending meetings in-person or remotely. *(Required)*

Nominator contact information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Work Phone:

Agency/Organization:

Title:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Do you have any questions or comments?

Nominees will be notified by the end of February 2026 as to whether they will be invited to join the Review Board at the Spring 2026 meeting. We will also use this solicitation to fill vacancies throughout 2026-2028, so nominees may still be invited at a later date. If you are interested in participating in 2026, please send in your application by February 17, 2026. We will review applications as we receive them and make a decision during the last week of February. If not selected for the immediate opening, you may be selected for the next available opening.