

RPEA NEWS & INFORMATION OF CURRENT INTEREST

NOTE: THE RPEA EXECUTIVE BOARD *DOES NOT MEET* DURING AUGUST, NOR DOES THE RPEA PUBLISH ITS NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST.

THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 1ST!

THE NEXT E-BOARD MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.

Good News!

Despite a very recently released AG's Opinion that opined that requiring a Governor to appoint certain specified Trustee members to the Alaska Retirement Management (ARM) Board from a list of names provided by the NEA and the AFL-CIO was unconstitutional, Governor Dunleavy reappointed Sandi Ryan (an NEA nominee) and Mike Williams (an AFL-CIO nominee) to the ARM Board in mid-August, ending the legal battle. The two unions, in response to these appointments, withdrew their lawsuit challenging the Governor's failure to fill the two vacant PERS and TRS Trustee positions.

RPEA MEMBERS: ARE YOU HAVING ISSUES WITH YOUR RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS?

Aetna (Medical Services)
Optum Rx (Pharmaceuticals)
Delta Dental (Dental)
VSP (Vision Care)
Hinge Health (Virtual Physical Therapy)
Wellcove (Long Term Care)
Lantern (Supplemental Surgery Coverage)
Teladoc (Telemedicine)

***Please Know that the RPEA Health Benefits Committee (HBC)
is here to Help!***

The HBC's mission is to monitor public retiree health benefits and provide information to the RPEA Executive Board and the Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB) related to any concerns and proposed changes to the retiree health plans.

Send and email to manager@rpea-ak.org. Please reference the provider, note the problem, and leave your phone number!

***An HBC member will get back to you!
Thank you!***

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Other Important Retiree-Related Meetings of Interest:

- **RHPAB Board Meeting:**
Tuesday, **September 8, 2026** – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Anchorage,
Atwood Building, 19th Floor Commissioner’s Conference Room
- **RPEA All-Member Membership Zoom Meeting:**
September 10, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Topic: DRB Updates/2027 Health Plan Changes
- **AK Retirement Management Board Meeting:**
*Monday – Wednesday, **September 14 - 16, 2026**, 9:00 a.m., Anchorage*
- **RPEA Executive Board Meeting:**
Tuesday, **September 22, 2026**, 10:00 a.m. *(may have to be virtual – possible conflict with AGC boardroom schedule)*
- **RPEA Executive Board Meeting:**
Tuesday, **October 20, 2026**, 10:00 a.m. *(only have the Board room until 11:15 a.m.)*
- **RHPAB Board Meeting:**
Thursday, **October 29, 2026** – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Anchorage,
Atwood Building, 19th Floor Commissioner’s Conference Room
- **RPEA Health Benefits Committee Meeting:**
Wednesday, **October 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** (via Zoom)
- **RPEA Executive Board Meeting:**
Tuesday, **November 17, 2026**, 10:00 a.m.
- **AK Retirement Management Board Meeting:**
Tuesday – Wednesday, **December 1 - 3, 2026**, 9:00 a.m.,
Videoconference Only
- **RPEA All-Member Membership Zoom Meeting:**
December 10, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Topic: What’s in Store for the RPEA over the Next Two Years
- **RPEA Southeast Region Chapter Christmas Party**
Date and location TBA!