

RPEA NEWS OF CURRENT INTEREST

Please note: these updates change often!

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!

Legislative Update

The Alaska Legislature is in the throes of working to close out its second session!

As you know, the RPEA is following a number of bills of interest to public retirees. You can track the bills the RPEA's Legislative Information Committee is following by reviewing the spreadsheet compiled weekly by the Committee Director Courtney King.

You will find a link to that spreadsheet on the RPEA's website under the *Standing Committee's link to the Legislative Committee in the Members' Only area of our website.*

The **Alaska Legislature's** end-of-session deadline is Wednesday, **May 20**, 2026.

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▪ **Next RPEA Executive Board Meeting:**

May 19, at 10:00 a.m. to Noon is the next meeting

▪ **Next RPEA All-Member Membership Meeting (Video Conference Call via Zoom):**

June 4, 2026, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (ADT)

Topics:

1) An end-of-session legislative update, focusing on how legislation of interest to the RPEA fared during the 2nd Session of the 34th Legislature (including HB 78); and

2) a discussion with former Alaska Retirement Management (ARM) Board Vice-Chair **Sandi Ryan** on the status of the ARM Board and its various initiatives, as well as Ms. Ryan's perspective / thoughts on any issues related to the scope of the ARM Board's mission on which she believes public retirees should be future-focused.

Go to the Calendar on the RPEA Website on June 4th for the Zoom link to this next All-Member Zoom Meeting!

Other *Important* Retiree-Related Meetings of Interest:

Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB):

- **Date:** **May 7, 2026**, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Video Teleconference | Anchorage Atwood 19th Floor Conference Room
- **Conference #:** [Call\(907\) 202-7104](tel:9072027104)
- **ID#:** 342 396 474#
- [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Alaska Retirement Management (ARM) Board Meeting:

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

- Strategic Review and Action Committee - 8:30 AM
- Audit Committee - 9:00 AM
- Defined Contribution Plan Committee - 10:00 AM
- Actuarial Committee - 1:00 PM
- Operations Committee - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, June 10 & Thursday, June 11, 2026

- Board of Trustees Meeting - 9:00 AM daily

The June 9 - 11, 2026, quarterly ARM Board meetings will be held at the Atwood Conference Center, First Floor Atwood Office Bldg., in downtown Anchorage.

Here is a link to the ARM Board Website: [Alaska Retirement Management Board](#)

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ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE UPCOMING ALASKA ELECTION SEASON?

The State of Alaska's August Primary is August 18, 2026, and the General Election will be held on November 3, 2026. These are important elections, as we are electing one of our two U.S. Senators, our U.S. Representative, a new Governor, all State House members, and ten of the twenty State Senators.

If you are an Alaska resident, you must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the date of either election, i.e., on or before **July 19th for the primary** and **October 4th for the general**.

If you have moved recently, it is good to update your residence address with the Division of Elections. You can amend register or amend your voter registration online at here: [ALASKA - Online Voter Registration](#)

If you are not sure whether your voter information is accurate, you can look yourself up here: [Voter Information Lookup - Division of Elections](#)

***Note:** For more details about upcoming events and links to RPEA meeting agendas and meeting Zoom links, RPEA members need to access the RPEA Calendar which is accessible only to RPEA members.*

*RPEA members access the Calendar from the RPEA Website Home Page by logging-in to the **Member Area** under the **"My Account"** Button on upper right-hand corner of the Navigation Bar.*

If you are a member of the RPEA and you have not yet established a member account, you will be prompted to do that first, so you can access those portions of the RPEA Website that are only open to RPEA members. If you are having trouble creating an account, feel free to call the RPEA office at 1-907-274-1703.