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### February Meeting of the TMRS Board of Trustees

The first 2018 meeting of the TMRS Board of Trustees took place on February 15 and 16, 2018 at the TMRS building in Austin, Texas. Among other items, the Board:

- Presented a Resolution honoring outgoing TMRS Board Member Roy Rodriguez (see item below)
- Welcomed new Board Member Jesús A. Garza (see item below)
- Approved the Risk Assessment and Audit Plan for 2018
- Approved the appointment of Paulette Hartman, Assistant City Manager for the City of North Richland Hills, to the Advisory Committee on Benefit Design, representing the Texas City Management Association; visit the TMRS website for a listing of current and former [Advisory Committee](#) members
- Heard a presentation on the TMRS' [Pension Administration System](#)
- Heard an update from the Director of [Actuarial Services](#)
- Received trustee training on fiduciary duty and ethical issues facing fiduciaries from the Board's consulting Fiduciary Counsel
- Heard an Annual Investment Portfolio [Risk Review](#)
- Heard the [Q4 2017 Investment Staff Report](#)

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be March 22-23, 2018, in Austin.

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### Board Salutes Outgoing Trustee Roy Rodriguez

On February 15, the Board and Staff said farewell to Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, City Manager of McAllen. Mr. Rodriguez began his two six-year terms on the Board in August 2005. He has provided exemplary service to the System, its members, and our cities during his tenure. Board Chair Jim Parrish presented a resolution to Mr. Rodriguez, commemorating his over 12 years of service on the Board. During his tenure, Mr. Rodriguez was instrumental in the changes and decisions that will ensure that TMRS will continue to be a model public retirement system. On behalf of TMRS cities, members and retirees, TMRS thanks Mr. Rodriguez for his years of service.

### Appointments to the Board of Trustees - Press Releases

The Governor reappointed TMRS Chair [Jim Parrish](#), Deputy City Manager of the City of Plano, for a second term and [Jesús A. Garza](#), City Manager of the City of Kingsville, for his first term on the TMRS Board of Trustees. Both Mr. Parrish's and Mr. Garza's terms end February 1, 2023. Mr. Garza replaces Roy Rodriguez on the Board.

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### TMRS' Five-Year Strategic Plan Online

[TMRS' Strategic Plan](#) is available for cities, members, and the public to view online. TMRS has engaged in strategic planning since the 1990s. The current strategic planning cycle started in 2007, in advance of significant changes the System began to undertake that year. Examined annually and updated regularly, the Strategic Plan has been a roadmap for continuous improvement of TMRS policies and processes.

The current plan covers the years 2018 to 2022 and includes both near-term and long-term goals and objectives, as well as the System's Mission, Vision, and Values Statement. Last year, in addition to Board direction and staff discussion, TMRS surveyed members and retirees to provide valuable information for the Board's consideration.

As always, the security of our members' and retirees' benefits is our highest priority, along with the partnership we enjoy with our member cities. Comments and questions are always welcome.

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## 2017 Member Annual Statements

Member Annual Statements will be mailed in March to all members with a TMRS account (contributing and noncontributing). The annual statements reflect each member's account balance for the 2017 calendar year and provide beneficiary information and estimates of future retirement annuities. Stay tuned to the website for exact mail dates by ZIP code in mid-March. At the time they mail, they will also be available on MyTMRS®.

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## Like Us on Facebook!

TMRS is dedicated to educating our members, retirees, and cities, and we want to reach our participants in every way possible. TMRS is expanding its Facebook initiatives in 2018 to provide regular postings on benefits, retirement processes, plan design, and TMRS events. You can view helpful videos and even watch us live on occasion. Our page (search for [Texas Municipal Retirement System](#)) is monitored by our Communications team, so any non-confidential questions you may have about TMRS can be answered there. Questions about your personal benefits or your TMRS account should be directed to TMRS by phone or through the contact form on our website.

We encourage you to be a part of our initiative by Liking and Following us on Facebook, adding comments, and rating our services.

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## TRAINING EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2018

### Regional Pre-Retirement Conferences

Each year, TMRS plans regional conferences for employees who are thinking about retiring. Three conferences — in Richardson, Mercedes, and New Braunfels — have already taken place. These free half-day events help employees better understand their TMRS benefits and make plans for their retirement. The programs also include a presentation by a Social Security expert. TMRS provides a continental breakfast, and spouses are welcome to attend.

We encourage City Correspondents to share this information with their employees. If you would like to receive the invitation email to share with your employees, please send a note to [communications@tmrs.com](mailto:communications@tmrs.com). The invitation email explains how attendees may self-register with Eventbrite.

The remaining Pre-Retirement Regionals for 2018 are:

- March 7 – Rosenberg
- March 27 – Waco
- April 10 – Lubbock
- April 30 – Hurst
- May 8 – Longview
- May 22 – Round Rock
- May 23 – Brownwood
- June 6 – Midland
- June 20 – Pasadena
- July 12 – Port Arthur
- November 15 – Plano

### City Correspondent Certification Courses

A popular way to gain a comprehensive overview of the System, the one-and-a-half-day City Correspondent Certification Course gives city employees and other TMRS plan administrators the knowledge and tools they need to function in partnership with TMRS. The course covers forms used, online tools, special situations, and other issues correspondents need to know for active and retiring members. Breakfast is provided both days, and lunch is catered on the first full day.

Register to attend this important training through Eventbrite (see the [calendar](#) on the TMRS website). The Correspondent courses planned for 2018 are:

- May 29-30 – Humble, Texas
- July 19-20 – North Richland Hills
- October 16-17 – Cedar Park, Texas
- November 13-14 – Plano, Texas

### Executive Workshops

The 2018 Executive Workshops have not yet been scheduled but will be held in the last two quarters of the year. We will notify cities as soon as the schedules and agenda are posted. Registration will be available through Eventbrite.

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