

The Board of Trustees establishes rules and regulations to administer the several pension systems and manage pension funds. On matters concerning the operation of the pension funds in the system, the Board selects an actuary as its technical adviser. From the Board, each member and beneficiary receives a summary of the System's annual report and of the individual's vested benefits.

The Board designates one or more medical boards to arrange and evaluate all medical examinations required under the laws of the several pension systems and to investigate all applications for disability retirement. The medical boards are each composed of three physicians ineligible to participate in these pension systems.

The Board of Trustees has fourteen members. Nine are elected or appointed members who serve four-year terms. Five are ex officio members. Two trustees represent each of the State retirement funds; one represents the interests of participating local governments; and two represent the public. Trustees representing the Employees' and Teachers' Systems are elected by the members and beneficiaries of their respective systems. The trustees representing the State Police Retirement System are appointed by the Board of Public Works. The Governor appoints the trustees representing the interests of local governments and the public (Code Personnel and Pensions Article, secs. 21-101 through 21-127).

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Arthur N. Caple, Jr., *Chair*

Authorized in 1988, the Investment Committee reviews all investment programs to ensure compliance with policies of the Board of Trustees and advises the Board on all matters pertaining to investment programs (Chapter 698, Acts of 1988). The Committee also advises the Board on preparation and maintenance of an investment operations manual and any additional bonding of employees of the State Retirement Agency. From its membership, the Board of Trustees annually appoints the Investment Committee (Code Personnel and Pensions Article, secs. 21-114 through 21-116).

STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY

Peter Vaughn, *Executive Director*

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An agency of the Board of Trustees, the State Retirement Agency administers the several State pension systems. The Executive Director is appointed by the Board (Code Personnel and Pensions Article, secs. 21-117 through 21-123).

The Agency is organized into three Divisions: Finance; Investment; and Retirement Administration.

FORUM FOR RURAL MARYLAND

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BUDGET (CODE DV00, formerly 23.30.00)

Funds	FY1996 (est. appropriation)
Federal.....	\$120,000
Total	\$120,000
Staff	
Authorized	1
Contractual (FTE).....	0
Total	1

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FORUM FOR RURAL MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Gary V. Hodge, *Chair*

At-Large, elected by members: Arthur T. Bond; Robert H. Bowes; W. Benjamin Brown; Margaret Clime; Paul A. Crowl; Mary S. Mallery; Margaret R. Myers; Timothy Sakemiller; Donna Sasscer; Duane E. Yoder.

Representatives of Maryland Municipal League: Orley R. Bourland; Terry Fearins.

Representatives of Maryland Association of Counties: R. Lee Downey; Hagner R. Mister.

Representative of federal agency: Jack Walls, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Representative of Delmarva Advisory Council: Dale A. Maginnis

Representative of Tri-county Council for Southern Maryland: Gary V. Hodge

Representative of Tri-county Council for Western Maryland: Michael J. Wagoner

Representative of for-profit organizations: Edmund R. Cuman

Representative of nonprofit organizations: Rev. Linda Wheatley

Ex officio: Ellen M. Janes, designee of Governor

Nonvoting members appointed by Senate President: Thomas M. Middleton; Donald F. Munson; J. Lowell Stoltzfus.

Nonvoting members appointed by House Speaker: Don B. Hughes; D. Bruce Poole; John F. Wood, Jr.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

G. William Walker (410) 767-6518

The Forum for Rural Maryland was created by the Governor in 1994 (Executive Order 01.01.1994.14) and in 1995 by the General Assembly (Chapter 119, Acts of 1995). The Forum is a rural development council which addresses the issues and concerns of rural Marylanders.

Membership is open to any Maryland citizen who subscribes to the goals of the Forum and has an interest in rural Maryland. In addition, the