



notice

update on the request for public information

TRS Board Votes Unanimously to Deny Request for Information

On October 1, 2015, the TRS Board voted unanimously to deny a request for information made by a third party, which included the name of and the monthly benefit amount paid to each TRS retiree. The Board provided notice of the request for retirement information to each active and retired TRS member and the overwhelming response to this evidenced an expectation of privacy (295 out of 320 respondents asserted an expectation of privacy). The Board instructed TRS staff that such information may not be released by the retirement system without a final judicial determination that the merits of public disclosure exceed the individual privacy interests of TRS members. Note, in order to proceed with a judicial review, the requesting party will need to file a complaint in Montana district court. At this time, it is unclear whether the party that requested the retiree names and their benefit amounts will file a complaint to initiate a judicial determination of this matter. TRS will post updates as necessary on our home page at trs.mt.gov.