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To: Employee Trust Funds Board
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From: Kim Esselman, Appeals Coordinator
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Subject: Pending Appeals Annual Report 2018

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is necessary.

During calendar year 2018, 16 new appeals were filed, 4 final decisions were issued, and 213 appeals were withdrawn. As of December 31, 2018, there were 54 pending appeals between the Employee Trust Funds Board, Group Insurance Board, Wisconsin Retirement Board, Teachers Retirement Board and the Deferred Compensation Board.

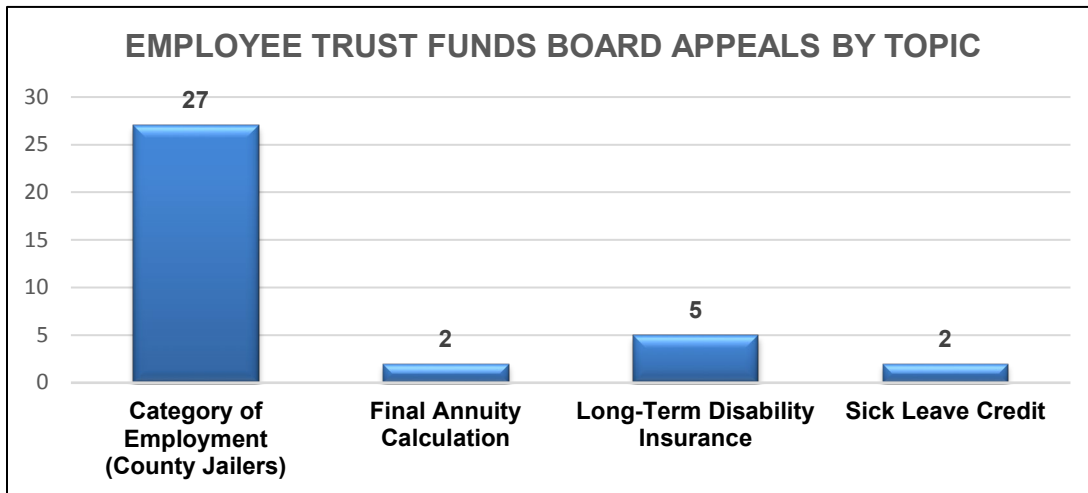
PENDING APPEALS BY BOARD				
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The Employee Trust Funds Board has the authority to accept timely appeals from determinations made by the department, other than appeals of determinations made by the department regarding disability annuities under Wis. Stat § 40.03(1)(j). That means a variety of different types of cases come to the Board. The next table lists all the active appeals which include the 27 remaining jailer appeals, 2 member appeals of their final retirement annuity calculations, 2 sick leave credit appeals, and 5 long-term disability insurance appeals.

Authority for hearing Long-Term Disability Insurance (LTDI) appeals was transferred to the Employee Trust Funds Board on January 1, 2018. Since the LTDI program is closed to new applicants, future LTDI appeals would be limited to issues raised by members already receiving the benefit. One example would be an appeal based on the termination of an LTDI benefit.

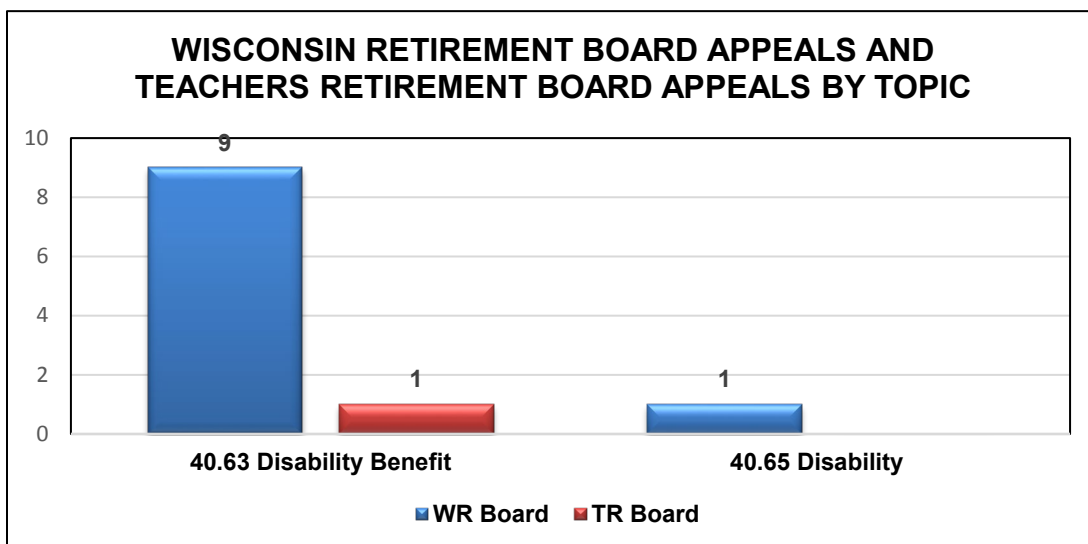
Reviewed and approved by Pamela Henning, Assistant Deputy Secretary
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The Wisconsin Retirement Board has the authority to accept timely appeals of determinations made by the department regarding disability annuities for participants other than teachers under Wis. Stat. § 40.03(8)(f). In addition, duty disability determinations made by the department, such as calculations of the benefit amount, are subject to appeal to the Wisconsin Retirement Board as provided for under Wis. Admin. Code § ETF 52.28(1)¹. The increase in disability annuity (40.63) appeals relates to the closing of the LTDI to new claims and re-opening of the 40.63 to all eligible employees.

The Teachers Retirement Board has the authority to accept timely appeals of determinations made by the department regarding disability annuities for teacher participants under Wis. Stat. § 40.03(7)(f).



Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

¹ Determinations made by the department as to an applicant's eligibility for duty disability benefits may be appealed to the Department of Workforce Development. Wis. Admin. Code § ETF 52.28(2).