

Trustee FAQ

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is overseen by a seven-member Board of Trustees.

Q: Who is eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees?

A: Candidates should have knowledge and expertise in beneficiary-related services, financial management and investments, or land management. A member of the board may not

- be an officer or employee of the state; or
- within the preceding two years or during the member's term of office have an interest in, served on the governing board of, or been employed by an organization that has received, during that same period, money from the Mental Health Trust Settlement Income Account under a grant or contract for services.

Q: How are Trustees chosen?

A: A six-member panel representing Trust beneficiaries and Trust staff review applications, interviews candidates and makes recommendations to the governor for consideration.

In accordance with [AS 47.30.016](#), Trustees are appointed by the governor and must be confirmed by the Legislature.

Q: How long do Trustees serve?

A: Trustee appointments are for five-year, staggered terms. When a Trustee's term expires, the individual continues to serve until re-appointed and reconfirmed by the Legislature or until a new Trustee is appointed and confirmed. A member of the board who has served two consecutive five-year terms may not be reappointed until one year has intervened.

Q: What kind of time commitment is required?

A: The Board of Trustees typically meets in person for two days, four times a year. In addition, each Trustee serves on one or two committees, which typically meet quarterly for a half day, usually via teleconference. Trustees also attend other meetings on behalf of The Trust and participate in mental health program activities such as workgroups, facility openings, etc., as time and interest allow. A general guideline would be a two to three-day time commitment per month.

Q: Are Trustees compensated?

A: Trustees are entitled to an honorarium of \$200 for each day or any part of day spent at a board or subcommittee meeting, or when serving as a representative of the board. Trustees also receive per diem and travel expenses as authorized under [AS39.20.180](#).

For further information regarding serving as a Trustee, please review our [Statutes, Regulations and By-laws](#).