

**TITLE 590. OKLAHOMA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULES:

The amendment to 590:1-3-2 provides a definition for “final agency decision.” The amendment to 590:1-3-3 clarifies when a claimant may request a hearing, outlines the process for commencing a hearing, and specifies information that must be included in the request for hearing. The amendment to 590:1-3-5 confirms that a claimant may either represent themselves (pro se) or be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Oklahoma. The amendment to 590:1-3-8 clarifies the procedures for hearings before the Hearing Examiner. The amendment to 590:1-3-9 clarifies the process for submitting pleadings, allows electronic submissions, and details the sequence for submitting statements of the case. The amendment to 590:1-3-12 clarifies the timeline for parties to submit proposed orders and objections to the Hearing Examiner. Finally, the amendment to 590:1-3-14 clarifies the requirements for requesting a rehearing from the OPERS Board of Trustees and for appealing final orders of the Board.

B. CLASS OF PERSONS AFFECTED:

All members and beneficiaries of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System are affected. Members of OPERS are expected to benefit positively by these proposed rules because these rules allow for a more efficient and cost-effective operation of the System.

C. CLASS OF PERSONS BENEFITED:

See item "B" above.

D. DESCRIPTION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT:

These proposed rules will provide for a more uniform and efficient management of the agency and are expected to have a modest positive economic impact. Modifying the hearing process to allow for electronic document submission will reduce printing and mailing costs and lessen the reliance on paper-based procedures.

E. COST TO AGENCY AND EFFECT ON STATE REVENUE:

No additional cost is expected to be incurred by this or any other state agency as a result of these rules. These rules have no effect on state revenue.

F. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

These proposed rules will have no economic impact upon any political subdivision.

G. ECONOMIC EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:

None.

H. LESS COSTLY OR INTRUSIVE METHODS:

None.

I. EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

None.

J. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

None.

K. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES TO ADOPTING RULE:

The proposed rules must be adopted to provide clarity for OPERS members, beneficiaries, and participating employers, modernize agency operations, and to ensure the rules align with state statutes.

L. TIME SPENT AND RESOURCES UTILIZED TO DEVELOP RULE:

Less than 5 hours.

M. SUMMARY AND COMPARISON OF SIMILAR PROPOSED OR EXISTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

None.

N. DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARED:

September 30, 2026