

David R. Fillman, Chairman of the SERS Board



David Fillman has served since 2015 as Chairman of the Board of the Pennsylvania State Employees Retirement System (SERS), which serves nearly 240,000 members and participants, including more than 133,000 retirees and beneficiaries and over 100,000 active members. He has sat on the board since 2001.

Fillman recently retired as Executive Director of Council 13 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, a position he held from 2002 until the end of 2020. During that span he was re-elected for six three-year terms.

Under Fillman's leadership, Council 13 added thousands of new members to its ranks, including employees from Merakey (formerly Northwestern Human Services), the state's largest provider of mental health services.

Fillman also serves as a Vice President of AFSCME's International union, which represents more than 1.6 million public employees in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

He also chaired the Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF), providing health care benefits for 77,000 commonwealth employees and 63,000 retirees and their dependents. He also chaired AFSCME's Health and Welfare Fund, which handles supplemental benefits for participating Non-State Locals.

Fillman served as Chair for the Coalition for Labor Engagement and Accountable Revenue (CLEAR). CLEAR is a coalition of labor organizations, including Council 13, representing more than 1.1 million Pennsylvanians. CLEAR advocates for a fair and stable state budget. He also serves as Chair of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Community Services Committee.

Fillman's work on numerous boards has resulted in many honors, including:

- "Man of the Year" Awards from the Montgomery County Central Labor Council, the Chester County Central Labor Council, and the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO's Work and Family Committee
- The "Bayard Rustin Award" from the Philadelphia Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute
- The "Labor Recognition Award" from the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania
- The "Labor Human Rights Award" from the Jewish Labor Committee of Philadelphia
- 2007 "Outstanding Support Award" from Harrisburg CBTU
- 2014 "Presidential Citation Award" from the Greater Harrisburg NAACP
- 2017 "Lifetime Dedication Award" presented by AFSCME International President Lee Saunders
- 2017 "The PA Power 100 2017 – #79" presented by City & State Pennsylvania