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Breland to chair, Rutledge to vice chair PERS Board of Trustees



Breland

Director of the Bureau of Administration for the Mississippi Department of Mental Health Kelly Breland has transitioned from vice chair to chair of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) for fiscal year 2019, which began July 1.

At the Board's June 26 meeting, Breland, one of the Board's two state employee representatives, became chair for fiscal year 2019, succeeding Mississippi State Treasurer Lynn Fitch.



Rutledge

Dr. Brian Rutledge, University of Mississippi Medical Center chief of staff and the Board's institutions of higher learning employee representative, will serve as the new vice chair.

The chair presides at board meetings, appoints members of board committees, and can call special meetings. The vice chair transitions to chair after one year and serves as chair when the current chair is absent.

Also taking office at PERS July 1 was former Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Ray Higgins, who is the agency's new executive director.

The 10-member Board includes the state Treasurer, a gubernatorial appointee who is a member of PERS, two retirees, two state employees, and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, Institutions of Higher Learning, counties and municipalities. With the exception of the state Treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee, board members are elected to staggered six-year terms.

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