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Nielsen named PERS chief investment officer



Charles Nielsen, of Brookhaven, has been named chief investment officer (CIO) for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS).

Nielsen has worked since 1998 as an investment manager with PERS, serving as interim CIO from August 2019 to February 2020 and as deputy CIO since April 2020. He took the reins as PERS CIO June 1 after the departure of Robert Clark, who submitted his intent to resign in April to pursue an opportunity in the private sector closer to family.

"I wish Mr. Clark the very best in his new endeavor. We greatly appreciate his service to our membership," said PERS Executive Director Ray Higgins. "Looking ahead, I am pleased to share the recent promotion of Charles Nielsen to PERS chief investment officer. Mr. Nielsen has more than two decades of experience with PERS investments and will provide continuity and a great deal of expertise as we continue to move PERS forward."

Nielsen earned his bachelor's in finance from the University of Southern Mississippi and, prior to joining PERS, worked as a licensed investment representative.

As CIO, Nielsen will be responsible for planning and directing the activities of the PERS Investment Department to ensure the prudent management of the investment assets. Under the general direction of, and through accountability to the executive director, the CIO initiates investment-related programs and procedures in accordance with state and federal laws governing PERS.

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