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LASERS Board Elects New Chair and Vice Chair

Baton Rouge – The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees unanimously elected Thomas Bickham and Janice Lansing as new Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, at its January meeting. The 13-member policy-making Board of Trustees has fiduciary oversight over LASERS.

Thomas Bickham, Undersecretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, will lead the LASERS Board as Chair. Bickham has served as an active member Trustee since 2012. He most recently chaired the Management Committee of the LASERS Board.

Janice Lansing, Chief Financial Officer of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, will serve as the new Vice Chair. Lansing has served as an active member Trustee since 2010. She most recently chaired the Investment Committee of the LASERS Board.

LASERS Executive Director Cindy Rougeou said, "Under the leadership of Thomas Bickham and Janice Lansing, we will continue to serve our members well in 2015 and ensure that *LASERS Benefits Louisiana*."

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 150,000 members. LASERS pays over \$1 billion in annual benefits to retirees and their beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for Louisiana.

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