



Louisiana State Employees'
Retirement System

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LASERS Board Elects Chair and Vice Chair

Baton Rouge – The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees unanimously elected Beverly Hodges and Virginia Burton as the 2018 Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, at its January meeting. The 13-member policy-making Board of Trustees has fiduciary oversight over LASERS.

Hodges, Undersecretary for the Department of Natural Resources, will lead the LASERS Board as new Chair. She has served as an active member Trustee since 2010. In her tenure on the LASERS Board, Hodges has chaired the Audit, Management, and Investment committees, and previously served a term as Board Chair.

Burton, retired from the Louisiana Department of Revenue, was elected Vice Chair. She has served as a retired member Trustee since 2016. Initially, Burton was an active member Trustee from 1994 to 2010 and during that tenure, chaired the Investment, Management, and Audit committees. She also served as LASERS Board Chair.

"Beverly Hodges and Virginia Burton have a wealth of knowledge to bring to these important Board leadership positions," said LASERS Executive Director Cindy Rougeou. "Their combined administrative and financial expertise will ensure that *LASERS Benefits Louisiana* in 2018 and beyond."

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 100,000 members. *LASERS Benefits Louisiana* by paying over \$1 billion in annual benefits to beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for the state.

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