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Colorado PERA Hires Deputy Executive Director of Support Services

DENVER—Colorado PERA named Board member J. Kim Natale as its new deputy executive director of support services. He began his new responsibilities on August 11 and will vacate his seat on the Board.

Natale served on PERA's Board of Trustees for the past 17 years, including holding both the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. He taught science in Jefferson County Public Schools for 30 years and was Science Department Chair. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) for six years. Natale holds a master's of science and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

"I am pleased to be able to work with PERA on a full-time basis after 17 years of service on the Board. I welcome the opportunity to help PERA meet current threats and others that will surface. I am thrilled to be able to work with excellent co-workers as we serve our members," said Natale.

"Kim's dedication to accountability, leadership skills, and understanding of the issues facing pension plans will be valuable tools as he begins serving PERA in this new capacity," said PERA Executive Director Meredith Williams. "He brings a wealth of experience and will be a great asset as PERA faces the opportunities and challenges of the upcoming years."

Natale's responsibilities include supervising the accounting, human resources, information systems, property management and fleet services, and operations support divisions. He also oversees the budgeting process including budget preparation, presentation, administration, and reporting, and acts as staff liaison to the Board of Trustees on salary and budget issues.

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“PERA provides financial security for our members that is unequaled by any other public or private retirement plan in Colorado. We operate at a cost far below any other plan and are innovative in our benefit designs,” said Natale.

Natale replaces Steve Brown who retired in June.

Colorado PERA provides retirement and other benefits to the employees of over 390 government and public entities in the state of Colorado. PERA is the 23rd largest public pension fund in the nation with over \$25 billion in assets.

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