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Colorado PERA Board Election Results Announced

DENVER—Colorado PERA members elected incumbents Amy Nichols and Sandi Mills to the two School Category seats, and Tammy Long to the State Category seat of the 16-member Board of Trustees.

Nichols is a math teacher in the Aurora Public Schools. She has served on the Colorado PERA Board of Trustees since 2000.

“As a Trustee it has been a privilege to work on behalf of all PERA members and I look forward to continuing the work of the Board as we meet future challenges and needs of the pension plan,” said Nichols. “PERA seeks to be the plan of choice for all public employees. Through education and prudent decision making it is my goal to bring this vision to fruition.”

Mills is a fourth grade teacher in the Fort Morgan School District. She has served on the Board since 2003 when she was appointed to fill a vacant seat.

“It is truly an honor and privilege to continue as a PERA Board Trustee. Being a Trustee is an excellent opportunity to represent the views of educators while keeping PERA a sound, fiduciary entity,” said Mills.

Long is a Business Officer for the Colorado State Patrol in Grand Junction and is the current president of the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation.

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“It is truly a privilege to have been elected to the Board of Trustees. I am eager to take on the responsibility of doing all I possibly can do as a Board member to make PERA the plan of choice in Colorado public employment. I look forward to the challenges ahead as we continue to work toward PERA’s mission while dealing with the issues of the day and keeping members involved and informed,” said Long.

Nichols received 7,297 or 31.25 percent of the votes in the School Category. Mills had 5,204 or 22.29 percent of the votes. Nichols will serve a four-year term and Mills will serve for two years, finishing the term of a Trustee who left the Board. Long received 2,265 or 37.27 percent of votes in the State Category.

By state law, the management of the public employees’ retirement fund is vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of 16 Trustees, including the State Auditor and the State Treasurer as voting ex-officio members of the Board. Fourteen Trustees are elected by mail ballot by their respective Division/Category members and serve on the Board for four-year terms. Five members are elected from the School Category and four from the State Category in the State and School Division, two from the Municipal Division, and one from the Judicial Division. Two members are elected by retirees.

Colorado PERA provides retirement and other benefits to the employees of over 390 government entities in the state of Colorado. PERA is the 25th largest public pension fund in the nation with over \$29 billion in assets.

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