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Colorado PERA Board Election Results Announced

DENVER—Colorado PERA members elected incumbent Scott Noller, Susan Beeman, and Scott Murphy to the three School Category seats, and Maryann Motza to the State Category seat of the 16-member Board of Trustees. Retirees elected Carole Wright to the Retiree seat on the Board.

All the newly elected Trustees will serve four-year terms except Murphy who will serve for one year, filling a Board vacancy. A recount was performed between School Category candidates Beeman and Murphy as required by election rules because the margin between the two candidates was less than 1 percent of the total votes cast. The recount confirmed that Beeman would serve the four-year term and Murphy would serve the one-year term.

In the School Category, a total of 35,005 votes were cast. Noller received 8,317 or 23.76 percent of the votes, Beeman had 8,129 or 23.22 percent, and Murphy received 8,084 or 23.09 percent.

In the State Category, a total of 6,249 votes were cast. Motza received 2,755 or 44.09 percent of votes. Runner-up incumbent Douglas Windes received 2,282 votes, or 36.52 percent of votes cast.

Of the 15,831 votes cast for the Retiree seat, Wright received 6,469 or 40.86 percent of votes. Runner-up Richard Lansford, the incumbent, received 5,268 votes, or 33.28 percent of votes cast.

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Noller is a Business/Computer Education teacher in School District 11 in Colorado Springs. He has served on the Colorado PERA Board of Trustees since 2001. Beeman is a teacher on special assignment for Exceptional Student Services and the coach for school-wide Positive Behavior Supports for School District 60. Murphy is the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services/Chief Financial Officer with Littleton Public Schools.

Motza is the Social Security Administrator for the State.

Wright is a retired teacher from Aurora Public Schools. She previously served on the PERA Board from 1993-2000.

By state law, the management of the Public Employees' retirement Association is vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of 16 Trustees, including the State Auditor and the State Treasurer who serve 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 over 360,000 current and former employees of over 400 government and public entities in the state of Colorado. Colorado PERA is the 25th largest public pension fund in the United States with \$31.8 billion in assets (does not include the 401(k) Plan).

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