

## SURS Chairperson to Step Down

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Lindsay Anderson, current chairperson of the State Universities Retirement System's (SURS) Board of Trustees, will step down effective Feb. 19, 2016, to accept a position with the University of Illinois.

Anderson has led the SURS board as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education since being appointed by then-Governor Pat Quinn on June 3, 2013. She also chairs the SURS Board Governance, Legal and Legislative and Executive Committees.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to have led a professional organization like SURS," said Anderson. "I thank the staff and board members for all of their hard work. The System couldn't be in better hands."

Anderson will report to the university president and direct the Office of Governmental Relations (OGR), which serves as the university's liaison to state and federal legislators and agencies, local officials and key higher education associations.

Anderson, a graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana, is currently an attorney with McGuire Woods in Chicago. She also served as assistant counsel to Illinois Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan and as a mayoral fellow for former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"It has been a pleasure to work with and learn from Chairperson Anderson since I began my tenure with SURS," said SURS Executive Director W. Bryan Lewis. "I know she will be an asset to the university leading their government advocacy efforts. I join with the SURS trustees and staff in wishing her all the best."

The chairperson for the SURS Board of Trustees as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education is appointed by the governor and serves a six-year term. Anderson's term was to have expired in 2019. SURS has 11 trustees, including the chairperson. Four trustees are elected by active SURS members, two are elected by retired SURS members and five trustees are appointed by the governor.

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