

New SURS Chairperson Appointed

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Champaign, IL ? On June 4, 2013, Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of Lindsay Anderson to head the Illinois Board of Higher Education. According to the Illinois Pension Code, Anderson will also serve as chairperson of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) Board of Trustees.

Anderson, an attorney, previously served as a senior advisor to the Quinn administration and as chair of the Illinois Campaign Finance Reform Task Force. Prior to that, she was legislative director and legal counsel for Governor Quinn, working closely with General Assembly members on education issues.

Anderson replaces Carrie Hightman, who served as SURS chairperson for four years.

?The trustees and staff of the State Universities Retirement System sincerely thank Chairperson Hightman for her stewardship and invaluable contributions to SURS over the past four years,? said Executive Director William E. Mabe.

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) is one of five Illinois state retirement systems, providing retirement, survivor, disability, and death benefits to over 200,000 employees and retirees from 65 state universities and colleges. SURS is funded by employee/participant contributions, state/employer contributions and investment returns. As of April 30, 2013, SURS assets were approximately \$15.1 billion.

The SURS Board of Trustees is comprised of 11 members: four appointed by the Governor, four active participants elected by the contributing members of SURS, two annuitants elected by the annuitants of SURS, and the chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

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