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Newly Elected Trustees Take Oath of Office on LASERS Board

Baton Rouge- Five newly elected members took the oath of office to serve on the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees on January 28, 2010.

Lori Pierce, Department of the Treasury, Beverly Palmer Hodges, Department of Transportation and Development and Janice A. Lansing of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, were sworn in for four-year terms as active-member representatives. Susan Pappan, of the Division of Administration was sworn in for a two-year term as an active-member representative. Kathy Singleton, retired from the Department of Social Services, was sworn in for a four-year term as a retired-member representative.

Lori Pierce is an active-member Trustee who is employed as a State Treasury Investment Officer with the Department of the Treasury. She has over 25 years of active employment in the field of finance, with an emphasis on trading and investing. Ms. Pierce has a Masters of Business Administration from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Louisiana State University.

Beverly Palmer Hodges is an active-member Trustee who is employed with the Department of Transportation and Development and has over 27 years of state service. Previously, she served on public pension and asset management boards, with extensive training in finance, human resources and benefit administration, and investment management. Ms. Hodges has a Masters of Public Administration from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Nicholls State University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Finance Officer.

Janice A. Lansing is an active-member Trustee who currently serves as Undersecretary at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and has over 14 years of state service. Prior to her current position, Ms. Lansing served as Undersecretary at the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and as a Fiscal Analyst with the Legislative Fiscal Office. Ms. Lansing has a Masters in Public Administration from Louisiana State

Board of Trustees:

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Rep. Joel C. Robideaux

Beverly Hodges

Susan Pappan

Kathy Singleton

University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Susan Pappan is an active-member Trustee who is employed with the Division of Administration. A former State Investment Officer and Financial Manager with over 15 years of state service, Ms. Pappan is a Certified Public Accountant and has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Houston.

Kathy Singleton is a retired-member Trustee who previously served on the LASERS Board of Trustees. During her tenure on the Board, Ms. Singleton served as Board Chair for two terms, Management Committee Chairman for three terms and served as Chair of the Legislative and Audit Committees respectively. Currently, she is Vice President of the Retired State Employees Association Board (RSEA), and President of the North Shore Area RSEA Chapter. Ms. Singleton retired from the Department of Social Services with 33 years of state service. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Mississippi.

The Trustees elected **Charles Castille** as the 2010 Board Chair and **Barbara McManus** was elected 2010 Vice Chair.

The 12-member policy-making Board has fiduciary oversight over LASERS. Members include six elected active representatives, three retiree representatives and three ex officio members including the State Treasurer, the Chair of the House Committee on Retirement and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Retirement.

The LASERS Board of Trustees election takes place every odd-numbered year. LASERS Trustees serve staggered four-year terms. The next Board of Trustees election takes place in 2011.

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