

SURS Board of Trustees Names New Director

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The State Universities Retirement System Board of Trustees today unanimously selected W. Bryan Lewis as the new executive director of the \$17.4 billion state pension fund. Lewis' appointment becomes effective April 6, 2015.

Mr. Lewis has more than 15 years of experience in institutional investments and financial management, said Lindsay Anderson, SURS Board of Trustees chairperson. His broad experience and in-depth knowledge will be a true asset to the System in the years to come as we strive to secure and deliver the retirement benefits promised to our members.

Lewis is the current Chief Operating Officer for the Investment Management Division of the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer. He is responsible for the management, investment and operational strategy, legislative policy, and regulatory compliance of the North Carolina Retirement Systems' defined-benefits plans. The plans have more than \$90 billion AUM and 850,000 participants. He has been with the State Treasurer since 2009. Prior to 2009, Lewis served as Deputy Director - Citi Office of Financial Education, Citigroup Inc. He also held positions with CUNA Mutual Group and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.

Lewis is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in agricultural and resource economics. He obtained his master's degree in business administration, finance & investments from the University of Miami.

It is an honor to be selected to lead the great team at SURS, said Lewis. I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees, university and community college leaders, SURS accomplished staff and state legislators as we continue to improve our processes, communication and support to our 227,000 members.

The SURS Board of Trustees worked with The Hollins Group Inc. (THG), a Chicago-based firm, over the past four months to conduct a nationwide search for qualified candidates.

Lewis replaces William E. Mabe, who is retiring after serving as executive director for the past five years.

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