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## **NHRS trustees name interim executive director**

*Kim France, NHRS director of administration, tapped to serve as interim leader*

CONCORD, N.H. – The Board of Trustees of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS, the retirement system) has appointed NHRS Director of Administration Kim France as interim executive director.

France, who has worked at the retirement system in several leadership roles for 10 years, will oversee the day-to-day operations of NHRS until such time that a new executive director is named. Her appointment, which was voted on and announced at the Jan. 11 trustees' meeting, takes effect immediately.

France replaces Dick Ingram, who announced last week that he is leaving NHRS to become executive director of the \$33.2 billion Illinois Teachers Retirement System, a much larger public pension system serving 372,000 members.

“NHRS already has an executive management team in place to maintain continuity. We are pleased to appoint Kim France from that team as interim executive director,” said Dr. Lisa Shapiro, chair of the NHRS Board of Trustees.

No decision has yet been made on the search process for a permanent executive director.

France, a New Hampshire native who lives in Warner with her family, has nearly two decades of management experience in state government. As NHRS Director of Administration, she oversees information technology, human resources, and communications. She holds a Master of Science degree in management with a concentration in strategic leadership.

“In recent years, NHRS has taken several steps to create a strong, sustainable retirement system as a result of the efforts of lawmakers, trustees, staff, and other stakeholders,” France said. “I am confident those efforts will continue.”

The New Hampshire Retirement System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its eligible members and their beneficiaries. The State of New Hampshire and more than 475 local government employers participate in the retirement system for their employees, teachers, firefighters, and police officers. NHRS has approximately 50,500 active members and 26,000 pension recipients. NHRS administers a defined benefit plan qualified as a tax-exempt entity under section 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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