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Retirement System Welcomes New Director of Investments
Lawrence Johansen Oversees Management of Trust Fund Assets

(Concord, NH) Lawrence Johansen has joined the senior management team of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS, “the System”) as the Director of Investments. Mr. Johansen will be responsible for providing expert investment counsel to the NHRS Board of Trustees and Independent Investment Committee. He will serve as the primary staff liaison on investment matters and direct all aspects of the System’s investments for its \$5.0 billion trust fund. Mr. Johansen will coordinate the development of the System’s overall investment planning and strategy, oversee portfolio management conducted by external managers, recommend asset allocation, and maintain working relations with investment consultants and service providers.

“I am pleased to share my experience in investment and liability management with the New Hampshire Retirement System,” states Mr. Johansen. “I am committed to the prudent management of the System’s trust fund assets, to ensure that future pension obligations will be met for New Hampshire’s public sector retirees.”

Mr. Johansen brings more than 30 years of experience in investment management and actuarial practice to NHRS, after serving in senior level investment and actuary positions for the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (NYSTRS), one of the largest public retirement systems in the country, with \$79 billion in assets. Some of Johansen’s roles for NYSTRS included Managing Director of

External Asset Managers, Private Equity and Corporate Governance, Securities Investment Officer, and Actuary.

Mr. Johansen holds numerous actuarial credentials and a degree in mathematics and economics from the State University of New York. He has been a member of the Pension Task Force of the Governmental Accounting and Standards Board, and he served in multiple leadership roles including president for the American Academy of Actuaries.

Inquiries about Mr. Johansen's appointment may be directed to Human Resources & Public Relations Director Kim France at kim.france@nhrs.org.

NHRS is a multi-employer contributory defined benefit plan, qualified as a tax-exempt entity under section 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its eligible members and their beneficiaries. More than 51,000 employees, firefighters, police officers, and teachers are NHRS members through their state and local government employers, and approximately 24,000 pension recipients receive monthly benefits.

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