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Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund Interim Executive Director Richard A. White, Jr.

Richard White's experience spans a 42-year career substantially spent as a public servant with supervisory and executive level experience in law enforcement and public retirement systems.

Richard worked in the criminal justice system and private security for 40 years which included 34 years as a sworn law enforcement officer. He retired from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff-Coroner Department with a public sector pension.

The OCSO is a large multi-faceted law enforcement agency in a county with a population of over three million residents and which provided direct policing services to approximately 650,000 residents and managed one of the largest county jail systems in the nation. His law enforcement responsibilities including jail operations and patrol operations. Supervision responsibilities of a first-line supervisor included jail, patrol, reserve deputy force operations and in-service training bureaus.

Mr. White served on the Political Action Committee for over 25 years with the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs which represents over 3,400 sworn peace officers in Orange County (CA) and is affiliated with local, state, and national law enforcement groups, including the Fraternal Order of Police.

During his law enforcement career, Mr. White served nine years as a member of the Board of Trustees on the Orange County (CA) Employees' Retirement System having been elected by the law enforcement, fire, and probation participants in the pension fund. OCERS managed an administrative budget of approximately \$11 Million and a trust fund with approximately \$10 Billion in assets. There were 39,000 active and retired members of OCERS in 2012.

Mr. White served one-year as Secretary and four one-year terms as President of the Board of Directors of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) which is an organization of 20 independent county retirement systems in California that were created as part of the County Employees Retirement Law (CERL). SACRS supports its system members by providing education and insight to trustees and staff so that they can be more effective stewards of their systems' pension plans. Assets of the 20 systems exceed \$110 billion and represent contributions from 500,000+ current and future plan beneficiaries throughout California.

Following retirement, Mr. White served as a Retirement Administrator for the Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association where his principal responsibilities include management of the trust fund; delivery of retirement, disability, and death benefits to eligible members; administration of cost-of-living programs; and general assistance in retirement and related benefits. Richard managed an administrative budget of approximately \$800,000 and a trust fund with approximately \$440 Million in assets. There were 2,900 active and retired members of MCERA in 2014.

In June 2020 Mr. White was named interim Executive Director of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund. The Fund was created by a law signed in December by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker consolidating the investment assets of the 353 Article 3 downstate and suburban police pension plans into one statewide investment asset pool.

Richard earned a Master of Science degree in Human Resources and Organizational Development with an emphasis on Leadership in Police Organizations awarded from the University of San Francisco, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, and an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Science from Farmingdale State College in New York. Mr. White has attended numerous professional development courses in both law enforcement and public pensions.

