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Trustee Resigns from TRS Board *Governor Pat Quinn appoints replacement*

SPRINGFIELD, IL-Matthew Berns resigned from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS), effective immediately. Berns was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn on June 2, 2009 following the passage of Public Act 96-0006, a wide-ranging pension ethics law approved in April.

"Although my tenure with TRS was short, this brief association left me very impressed with every level of the organization," Berns said. "And as a parent of school age children, I take great comfort in knowing that this dedicated, energetic board and staff is performing a vital service for the benefit of our teachers," said Berns, a Highland Park resident. Mr. Berns has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the State Universities Retirement System.

Governor Pat Quinn has appointed Marcia Boone to fill the vacancy created by Berns' resignation from the TRS Board of Trustees. The O'Fallon resident is the Foundation accounting specialist at Southwestern Illinois College. Boone has also held numerous positions in the college's business offices since 1983. She previously served on the TRS Board from March 2007 until May 2009. Her new term is effective immediately and runs through July 2014.

The Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to teachers, administrators and Illinois public school personnel employed outside the city of Chicago. The System serves 365,188 members and had assets valued at \$28.5 billion as of June 30, 2009. TRS is governed by a 13-member Board of Trustees.

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