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PA SERS Names Seth A. Kelly as Chief Investment Officer ***Appointee is Former CIO for Missouri State Employees Retirement System***

HARRISBURG – The Board of the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System, meeting here today, named Seth A. Kelly, CFA, as its new Chief Investment Officer.

Mr. Kelly has more than 20 years of experience in the investment management industry, including 16 years at the Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS), where he most recently served for nearly four years as the organization's Chief Investment Officer.

Under Mr. Kelly's leadership, the investment team at MOSERS focused on investment strategies that emphasized diversification, fee reduction, strategic asset allocation and prudent risk management. Under his tenure, MOSERS reduced hedge fund fees by half, and achieved top quartile excess returns and information ratios.

"Seth Kelly is a welcome addition to the PA SERS leadership team," said Terrill J. Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer and Board Secretary. "His strong background in public funds, coupled with his record of leadership and achievement at our sister organization in Missouri are strong assets, which PA SERS will benefit from in the months and years ahead."

"This was one of the most intense and most thorough executive search efforts that I have seen during my tenure as chairman," said David A. Fillman, SERS Board Chairman. "The SERS Board and staff, along with our consultants, spent many months defining what we wanted in a Chief Investment officer, reviewing candidates, and conducting interviews. We believe Seth Kelly's strategic approach and investment philosophy are a great match for the PA SERS investment office."

"In addition, we want to extend our special thanks and appreciation to Jim Nolan, who has served as Acting CIO during this period, and who has been instrumental in helping to guide the SERS Board through its latest asset allocation process in December, and then through a very challenging market environment," Fillman said.

The Board's vote in favor of Mr. Kelly's appointment was unanimous. The appointment is subject to: (i) Board Chairman approval of a completed Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General background investigation and successful salary and start date negotiations conducted by the Board Secretary; and (ii) any other necessary approvals, and, as such, confirmation that he shall have the powers and duties enumerated in the State Employees' Retirement Code, as well as those which have been or are conferred upon or delegated to such office by the Board.

Mr. Kelly will fill the vacancy left when former CIO W. Bryan Lewis accepted a position in the private sector.

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Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System

Established in 1923, SERS is one of the nation's oldest and largest retirement plans for public employees, with more than 240,000 members. As of Dec. 31, 2019, SERS' Defined Benefit Plan had assets of \$31.1 billion and the Defined Contribution Plan, which launched on Jan. 1, 2020, had \$9.2 million. SERS also administers a voluntary supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan with more than 57,000 participants and assets of more than \$3.9 billion. A wealth of information is available at www.SERS.pa.gov.

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