



## News Release

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### Thomas J. Lariviere to chair PERS Board of Trustees



Thomas J. Lariviere of Madison has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) for fiscal year 2011, which begins July 1.

"Mr. Lariviere has been a vital member of our Board for four years and will be a strong leader during his term as chair," said PERS Executive Director Pat Robertson.

Lariviere is fire chief of Madison and serves as the chair of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the Mississippi State Fire Code. He was first elected to the PERS Board in 2006 to complete an unexpired term. In 2008, he was elected by municipal employees to serve a second term on the Board. At the Board's June 22 meeting, he was elected to chair, succeeding Lester Herrington, a retired deputy commissioner from the Mississippi Tax Commission.

The chair presides at Board meetings, appoints members of Board committees and can call special meetings.

The 10-member Board includes the state treasurer, a gubernatorial appointee who is a member of PERS, two retirees, two state employees and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, Institutions of Higher Learning, counties and municipalities. With the exception of the state treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee, Board members are elected to staggered six-year terms.

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