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State Personnel Board Elects 2022 Officers

SACRAMENTO – The California State Personnel Board (SPB) on Thursday elected its officers for 2022. Kathy Baldree was re-elected president and Mona Pasquil Rogers was re-elected vice president. Shawnda Westly was re-elected to serve as the Board's representative on the California Public Employees' Retirement Board (CalPERS). The officers serve a one-year term.

Kathy Baldree was appointed to the Board in 2018. Most recently, Ms. Baldree served as Special Assistant and Director of Scheduling to Governor Jerry Brown, a role served in continuously from 2011-2019. From 2007-2011, she served in a similar role at the Attorney General's Office, working for Brown. Prior to that, Baldree held multiple positions at Gap, Inc., in San Francisco and served as an instructor with the San Francisco Community College District.

Mona Pasquil Rogers was appointed to the Board in 2019. Before joining the Board, Ms. Pasquil Rogers served as appointments secretary in the office of Governor Jerry Brown from 2011-19. Ms. Pasquil Rogers served as chief of staff to California Lt. Governor John Garamendi in 2008-09 and as acting lieutenant governor in 2009-10 after Garamendi was elected to Congress. She is a veteran political advisor and strategist, having directed presidential, gubernatorial, and local campaigns across the nation. Her work includes serving as political director for twice-elected California Governor Gray Davis.

Shawnda Westly was appointed to the Board in 2018. She is the president of Westly Consulting, which focuses on political, policy and legislative consulting, including issue advocacy, political strategy and donor management. Westly served as senior strategist and executive director of the California Democratic Party from 2009-2018 where her responsibilities included employee management, organizational and campaign strategy, member engagement, fundraising and ally building.

The Board's other two members are Kimiko Burton and Lauri Shanahan.

Established by the State Constitution, SPB is charged with overseeing the merit-based, job-related, recruitment and selection process for the hiring of state employees who provide critical services to the citizens of California. SPB provides direction to departments through simplifying civil service laws, rules, and policy. In addition, SPB audits departments for merit system compliance. SPB also investigates and adjudicates alleged violations of civil service law that are filed by employees, applicants, and members of the public. More information on SPB and its Board members can be found on its website.

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