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## California State Personnel Board Elects New Officers

**SACRAMENTO** – The California State Personnel Board (SPB) elected its 2015 officers at its December 2, 2014, meeting. Current Board Vice President Kimiko Burton was elected the new president; member Lauri Shanahan was elected vice president; and the board reelected Richard Costigan to serve as its representative to CalPERS. The officers serve a one-year term.

Burton, who was appointed to the Board in 2012, is a San Francisco Deputy City Attorney. She currently serves as Chief of City Attorney Dennis Herrera's Children and Family Services team, which represents the interests of abused and neglected children in child dependency and guardianship hearings in court and other proceedings. Prior to joining the City Attorney's office, Burton was San Francisco's first female public defender. She expanded leadership opportunities for women and minorities and implemented model programs.

Shanahan of Woodside was appointed to the SPB in 2012. She is currently the principal of Maroon Peak Advisors, a consulting firm providing strategic and operational advisory services in the retail and consumer product sectors. She also serves on boards of directors for Deckers Outdoor Corporation, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, and Charlotte Russe Holdings.

Sacramento resident Richard Costigan was appointed in 2007, and reelected to serve as the Board's representative on the CalPERS Board for 2015. He is the Senior Director of State and Government Affairs for the national law consulting firm of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips. He has been involved in creating, implementing and disseminating numerous legislative, public policy and budget proposals. Before rejoining Manatt and being appointed to the SPB, Costigan served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Affairs Secretary for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The SPB was constitutionally created in 1934 to administer the civil service system and ensure that state employment is based on merit and free of political patronage.

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