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California State Personnel Board Elects Officers for 2017

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California State Personnel Board (SPB) this month elected its officers for 2017. The SPB also selected its representative to sit on the California Public Employees' Retirement Board (CalPERS). Current Board President Kimiko Burton was reelected president and current Vice President Lauri Shanahan was reelected vice president. Board member Richard Costigan was also reelected to serve as the SPB 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.

Shanahan, of Woodside, was appointed to the SPB in 2012. She currently serves as non-executive chair of Charlotte Russe Holdings and serves on the boards of directors for Deckers Outdoor Corporation, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, and Treasury Wine Estates.

Granite Bay resident Richard Costigan was appointed to SPB in 2007. He has served on the CalPERS Board since first being elected in 2010 and, for the last three years, has served as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee and as the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee. He also sits as a member of the Investment Committee and the Performance, Compensation, and Talent Management Committee.

Established by the State Constitution, the State Personnel Board (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 which are filed by employees, applicants, and members of the public.

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