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PERAC Appoints Executive Director



**General Counsel and Deputy
Director John Parsons, Esq.**

The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) has selected PERAC General Counsel and Deputy Director John Parsons, Esq. to succeed Joseph E. Connarton as Executive Director.

“I am happy to announce,” PERAC Chairman Phil Brown stated, “that after a comprehensive search process, begun in July 2018, the Commission has chosen John Parsons to lead the agency following Joe Connarton’s retirement.”

“This was clearly a difficult choice, having interviewed eight semi-finalists with three candidates from the agency applying,” Brown noted.

Former State Representative Patrick Landers was also a finalist.

Parsons was chosen at the November 14th Commission meeting after completion of finalist interviews and discussion. As required by statute, a contract is being finalized.

“There was an excellent pool of qualified candidates,” observed outgoing Executive Director Joe Connarton, “and at the end of the day, the Commission, retirement boards, their administrators, members and beneficiaries throughout the Commonwealth will be well served by the Commission’s selection. John believes as much in our mission as I do and therefore he will continue to work towards the sustainability of our pension system. The Commission should be commended for their hard work and transparency throughout this process.”

Prior to joining PERAC, Parsons was Deputy Auditor for Audit Operations in the Office of the State Auditor. He was also a former Commissioner of PERAC and a member of the Teachers’ Retirement Board. He served on the Special Commission on Massachusetts Contributory Retirement Systems in 2009.

Parsons holds a Bachelor’s degree from Bridgewater State University and a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. He resides in Dracut, MA with his wife and two children.

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