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## Correspondence Memorandum

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To: Wisconsin Retirement Board

**From:** Cheryllynn Wilkins, Board Liaison

Office of the Secretary

**Subject:** Appointment of Wisconsin Retirement Board (Board) Representative to the

State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB)

ETF requests the Board appoint its representative to SWIB prior to the regularly scheduled SWIB meetings in March 2021.

In March of 2013, the Board appointed Secretary Conlin to serve on SWIB and reappointed him in March 2019. In anticipation of his departure from the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) in the spring of 2021, Secretary Conlin resigned his position on SWIB in December 2020.

Section 15.76 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the WR Board to appoint one individual to SWIB. The individual must be a participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and may not be a teacher since the Teachers Retirement Board also has an appointment to SWIB. The appointment is for a six-year term. Traditionally, the WR Board has designated the Secretary of ETF as its appointee to SWIB. By appointing the ETF Secretary, the Board helps ensure that SWIB is fully apprised of the interests of WRS participants and of issues concerning the benefit programs available to WRS participants.

On January 20, 2021, the Employee Trust Funds Board selected Deputy Secretary John Voelker to become the next secretary of ETF, effective April 5, 2021. The Board may choose to appoint Deputy Secretary Voelker or consider another WRS participant who is not a teacher for the position.

Staff will be available at the Board meeting to answer questions.

Reviewed and approved by Pamela Henning, Assistant Deputy Secretary

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Electronically Signed 2/4/21

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