

## RETIREMENT BOARD NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Trustees (“Retirement Board”) of the Denver Employees Retirement Plan (DERP) has named Heather Darlington, CPA, as the organization’s next Executive Director.

Darlington has served as DERP’s Director of Finance and Operations for the past 6 years. In that position, she managed and directed all of the accounting, actuarial, and I.T. operations for the pension plan. She also coordinated the work on DERP’s most recent strategic planning process, giving her further, detailed knowledge of DERP’s varied operations. In addition, she has worked alongside current Executive Director Steve Hutt in leading and implementing many priority initiatives.

Darlington began her professional career in public accounting, moving up within the ranks to become a Manager at PriceWaterhouseCoopers. She joined Denver City government in 2009, initially as an Internal Audit Supervisor in the Office of the Auditor, and then as the Manager of Financial Reporting and Analysis in the Office of the Controller. She was recruited from the latter position to the DERP staff in 2013.

Darlington will begin her role as Executive Director on November 1, 2019, following Hutt’s retirement after 35 years of service in Denver City government.

Retirement Board Chair Eric Rothaus stated that the Board is very pleased to name Darlington to the position of Executive Director.

“Heather is by far the best person we could name to replace Steve Hutt as Executive Director. She has an in-depth knowledge of the pension plan itself, and a demonstrated ability to work successfully with a variety of constituencies. In addition, Heather’s strong understanding of our short-term and long-range goals will be key to moving the Plan forward in the face of potentially volatile markets.”