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## Attorney Philip Y. Brown Re-Elected PERAC Chairman Fellow Commissioners choose current Chairman for a full five-year term



On October 19, 2016, PERAC Commissioners, acting in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 49(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws and PERAC Policy Number 97-006, unanimously re-elected Attorney Philip Y. Brown Chairman of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission for a full five-year term that will run to 2021. In October of 2014, Chairman Brown succeeded the late Domenic J. F. Russo, who had served PERAC as Chairman for 10 years, and served the remaining two years of the esteemed former Chairman's term.

Commissioner Brown earned a B.A. from Haverford College, an M.A. from New York University, his law degree from Northeastern University and has 28 years experience practicing law. Among his areas of practice are litigation, appellate, securities law, business and corporate law and alternative dispute resolution.

Commissioner Brown's fellow attorneys previously selected him for inclusion in *Best Lawyers* in the Commercial Litigation and Appellate Practice categories. *Best Lawyers* is a well-respected publication and inclusion is a high honor in the legal profession.

Prior to his PERAC appointment, Commissioner Brown was deeply involved in Massachusetts pension policy having chaired the Special Commission on Group Classification established by Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011.

Executive Director Joseph E. Connarton congratulated Commissioner Brown upon being elected Chairman:

On behalf of his fellow Commissioners and the entire PERAC staff, I want to congratulate Chairman Phil Brown upon his re-election as Chairman of PERAC for a full five-year term. Having had the privilege to work with Commissioner Brown several years ago as a member of the Group Classification Commission, which he chaired, and now with him for the past two years while he has been PERAC Chairman, it is unmistakable that he provides natural leadership and guidance in fulfilling his duties in the position of Chairman.

Chairman Brown has been a tremendous addition to the Commission since his initial appointment as a Commissioner in 2013. It is clear in what high esteem his fellow Commissioners hold him in that he has now been elected twice to the position. To that I can include his holding the great esteem and warm affection of the PERAC staff as well.

Since his appointment as a PERAC Commissioner, Chairman Brown has been a great contributor dedicated to carrying out the statutory responsibilities of the agency as well as to the ongoing improvement of the Massachusetts public pension system. Clearly, he quickly earned the respect and admiration of his fellow Commissioners.



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His experience on the Commission, in the law and in chairing the Special Commission on Group Classification established by Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 has certainly provided vast expertise upon which to draw as he now continues in his role as Chairman.

Phil is a terrific leader and the staff and I look forward to working with him and his fellow Commissioners as he continues to lead our agency through the always challenging and important issues facing Massachusetts' 104 retirement systems.

Congratulations Chairman Brown!

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