



Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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Russell Smith chosen to join OPERS Board of Trustees

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The OPERS Board of Trustees has selected Russell Smith, senior hospital administrator at the University of Toledo Medical Center, as the board’s non-teaching college/university member representative.

Smith replaces Randy Desposito, who resigned from the board in January. Desposito joined the board in January 2018.

Smith is a pharmacist who has served in various staff and supervisory roles at the University of Toledo Medical Center and Promedica Toledo Hospital since 1999. His current position, which he has held since 2021, includes the roles of chief pharmacy officer, quality & safety officer, and administrator for the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center. His term on the OPERS Board will run through the end of 2026.

The OPERS Board consists of 11 members. It includes seven elected trustees, the director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and three government-appointed investment experts.

About OPERS

With total investment assets of \$117.5 billion as of Dec. 31, 2024, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is the largest state pension fund in Ohio and the 14th-largest state pension fund in the United States.

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