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Illinois State Board of Investment Taps Johara Farhadieh as Executive Director/Chief Investment Officer

Effective immediately

CHICAGO, IL – The Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI) announced today that the Board has named current Chief Investment Officer Johara Farhadieh to replace William R. Atwood as Executive Director effective immediately. Farhadieh will maintain her responsibilities as Chief Investment Officer.

Farhadieh is an 11-year veteran at ISBI, where she has steadily advanced, holding positions including Portfolio Officer, Portfolio Manager, Deputy Executive Director-Investments, and most recently, Chief Investment Officer.

ISBI Chairman Marc Levine said, “Johara is a natural leader and instinctively puts the fund first. Her accomplishments have been remarkable, including re-enrollment of our DC plan, restructuring our investment process and countless others. We’re lucky to have her.”

“I am honored to have been selected to serve as Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of ISBI. It is a tremendous responsibility to manage the retirement assets for our beneficiaries, and I appreciate the vote of confidence from the ISBI Board,” Farhadieh said. “We’ve had great success in restructuring the portfolio to our index and outsourced model, and I’m excited to expand our modernization efforts to include ESG and Diversity initiatives.”

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