



RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

## Human Resources & Compensation Committee

### **Ron Wilder, Ph.D. (Chair)**

Ron Wilder is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics at the Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, where he conducted research and taught courses in microeconomics, managerial economics, industrial organization, government and business, and health economics.

He earned a BA and MA in Economics at Rice University, and a Ph.D. in Economics at Vanderbilt University.

During his 36 year tenure at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Wilder taught undergraduate and graduate economics and directed many Master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations. He also taught managerial economics in the MBA program, including the televised PMBA.

His administrative assignments included service as Chairman of the Department of Economics from 1987 until 2002.

Dr. Wilder has published many articles in economics journals, as well as several monographs. He has also completed consulting assignments in areas such as antitrust policy, public utility regulation and valuation of economic losses. His current research interests include health economics, regulation, and financial economics.

### **Commissioner Reynolds Williams, CFP**

Mr. Reynolds Williams is a native of Mullins, South Carolina.

After his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Mr. Williams graduated cum laude from the Baylor School for Boys in Chattanooga, Tennessee; was a Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia; and earned his Juris Doctor in Law from the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Williams is a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Contract Law and was admitted into all state and federal courts in South Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He has served as chairman of several arbitration panels of the National Association of Securities Dealers; the American Arbitration Association; Florence County Election Commission; the Duke Private Adjudication Center; Board of Florence National Bank; and Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce.

He has also served as President of the Florence Rotary Club; on the school board at All Saints; Board of Directors of Community Bankshares; and the Board of Directors of Florence County Progress.

Mr. Williams was a Faculty Seminar Participant at the 1991 U.S. Army War College. He also served as Director of IRIX Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Williams was the President of the S.C. Chapter of the Federalist Society and is a member of the Defense Research Institute, American Board of Trial Advocates, and South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association.

He has served as Vice-Chairman of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

Mr. Williams is recognized in the following books: *Leading Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers*, and *The Best Lawyers in America*. In 1999, Governor Beasley awarded Mr. Williams the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest honor, for his public service, civic responsibility, and friendship to the State. In 2001, he was named Business Person of the Year by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce.

The University of South Carolina School of Law recognized Williams as a *Complet Lawyer*, for his 30+ years of "exemplary service" to the bar and the public.

A former Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), Mr. Williams was recognized in a Concurrent Resolution of the S.C. House and Senate for his leadership during the Investment Commission's formative years.

### **Commissioner Rebecca Gunnlaugsson, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson is an economist specializing in public finance with proficiency in statistical data analysis and econometric modeling. She has additional experience in business consulting concentrated on strategic planning, project management, and firm-wide technology implementation.

Dr. Gunnlaugsson has served as the Director of the Division of Research and subsequently Chief Economist at the South Carolina Department of Commerce. In these roles she directed federally funded Department of Labor programs responsible for the development of state and local occupation growth projections, industry cluster analysis, and workforce program evaluation. Additionally, she led research teams conducting economic and fiscal impact analyses of economic issues impacting South Carolina, including state, local, public, and private infrastructure and development projects. She has done extensive research on taxation and optimization for long term economic growth, having testified before the 2010 South Carolina Tax Realignment Commission (TRAC) and the 2017 South Carolina House Tax Policy Review Committee, as well as having served on the 2016 Governor's Local Government Competitiveness Council.

Her experience also includes that as a senior technology consultant for Accenture where she was involved in firm-wide business and technology implementations for clients which included state governments, state universities, hospitals, and large national corporations. Dr. Gunnlaugsson is currently a principal at Acuitas Economics, where she specializes in statistical analysis and econometric modeling to develop interactive, visual methods to deliver data-driven insights and recommended policy solutions.

Dr. Gunnlaugsson received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

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