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## **THE FLRA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMAN CAROL WALLER POPE MEMBER ERNEST DUBESTER AND MEMBER PATRICK PIZZELLA**

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that today Carol Waller Pope and Patrick Pizzella were sworn in as Members of the FLRA. They join Member Ernest DuBester, who was appointed to a second term after having served as FLRA Chairman since January 2013. Today's appointments complete the membership of the FLRA's Authority component, which lacked a quorum for all of 2013. All were nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate last month.

Ms. Pope returns to the FLRA as Chairman, after having retired as Chairman in January 2013, a position to which she was designated by the President in 2009. Chairman Pope stated that she is delighted that the Authority is again able to issue decisions, and that she looks forward to working with her colleagues to fulfill the agency's important mission. She was first appointed as a Member of the FLRA in 2000. Prior to that appointment, Chairman Pope worked in the Office of the General Counsel of the FLRA in various positions, including Assistant General Counsel. She began her career as an attorney in the Department of Labor. She received a B.A. from Simmons College and a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Member DuBester, who served as FLRA Chairman since January 2013, has been a Member of the Authority since 2009. Previously, Member DuBester served as a Mediator, Member, and Chairman at the National Mediation Board. He also was a Professor and Chair of the Dispute Resolution Program at George Mason University School of Law, and he taught courses in collective bargaining and arbitration at Catholic University School of Law, where he received his J.D. In addition, Member DuBester was Legislative Counsel at the AFL-CIO, an attorney with the firm of Highsaw and Mahoney, and Counsel to the National Labor Relations Board. Member DuBester received a B.A. from Boston College and an LL.M. in Labor Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Member Pizzella was a Principal at Patrick Pizzella, LLC, a position he held since 2009. Member Pizzella served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration and Management at the U.S. Department of Labor from 2001 to 2009. Previously, he worked at Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds, LLP as a Government Affairs Counselor and the Director of Coalitions. Earlier, Mr. Pizzella held positions in the Federal Housing Finance Board, Department of Education, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, and General Services Administration. Member Pizzella received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. It is charged with providing leadership in establishing policies and guidance related to federal sector labor-management relations and with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.

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