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## **State Board of Administration Appoints New Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer**

**Tallahassee, FL** – The Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) today announced the appointment of Katherine Harrison Whitehead as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Whitehead comes to the SBA from The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, a not-for-profit educational institution and town-sized living history museum, where she most recently served as Vice President for Finance since 1996. Ms. Whitehead held progressively responsible positions within the Foundation since 1975 including Director of Internal Audit, Controller, Vice President for Information Management and Vice President for Human Resources.

“The State Board of Administration is honored that Kathy sought this opportunity. Her deep professional experience will be a benefit to the SBA and the participants of the funds we manage,” said Ash Williams, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer. “Finding one applicant with such a broad skill set was the intent of our national search to hire one person as both Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.”

In addition to her extensive financial and administrative experience at the Foundation, Ms. Whitehead served as a lecturer in Business Administration at The College of William & Mary. Prior to moving to Williamsburg, Ms. Whitehead was Controller for The Winewood Companies in Tallahassee, Florida and a Senior Assistant Accountant at Haskins & Sells, CPAs (predecessor to Deloitte & Touche) in Miami, Florida.

“The position at the SBA is attractive from professional and personal perspectives, and I am honored to be selected to help the SBA serve its clients,” said Kathy Whitehead. “It’s exciting to be returning to my home town of Tallahassee, where my husband Scott and I met and were married. We are looking forward to spending more time with family and friends in the area and cheering the Seminoles in person rather than from afar.”

Ms. Whitehead received a Bachelor of Science Degree, *cum laude* in Accounting from Florida State University, is a licensed CPA in Florida, and a member of AICPA and the Florida Society of CPAs. She participated in The Executive Program at the University of Virginia and the Core Human Resources Management Program at Cornell University. Ms. Whitehead supported The College of William & Mary School of Business as an Executive Partner and serves on several local advisory boards and provides her expertise to numerous not-for-profit organizations. She and Scott are the parents of three adult sons.

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