

BOARD MEMBERS**Shawn Curry**

*Participant Representative
Peoria, IL*

Lee Catavu

*Participant Representative
Aurora, IL*

Paul Swanlund

*Participant Representative
Bloomington, IL*

Daniel Hopkins

*Beneficiary Representative
Collinsville, IL*

Mark Poulos

*Beneficiary Representative
Rock Island, IL*

Elizabeth Holleb

*Municipal Representative
Lake Forest, IL*

Michael Inman

*Municipal Representative
Macomb, IL*

Phil Suess

*Municipal Representative
Wheaton, IL*

Brad Cole

*Illinois Municipal League
Representative
Carbondale, IL*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**BARBARA MEYER JOINS ILLINOIS POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION INVESTMENT FUND
AS INVESTMENT OFFICER**

PEORIA, IL, July 20, 2022 – The [Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund](https://www.ipopif.org/) (IPOPIF), a consolidated asset pool that exists for the exclusive purpose of protecting and investing the assets of the pension funds covering police officers serving and protecting all downstate and suburban Illinois municipalities, today announced that Barbara Meyer has joined the fund as an investment officer, reporting to Kent Custer, chief investment officer. In this capacity, Ms. Meyer will provide critical support for the asset transition project and development of the new investment program. Following asset transition, she will manage and monitor key investments and processes.

Prior to IPOPIF, Meyer was an investment portfolio manager at Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF), where she focused on investment selection and monitoring for the public markets equity portfolio. Previous experience with pension and retirement savings plans includes consulting and client relationship management roles with Mesirow Financial, Northern Trust, and Ibbotson Associates. Meyer received her BBA from Loyola University and an MA in Economics from University of Illinois at Chicago.

"We are pleased that Barbara has joined our investment team at the IPOPIF," Custer stated. She will be a valuable contributor as we finish the consolidation process in 2022 and then shift our focus to building a world-class investment program in 2023 beyond. "As the stewards of the retirement funds of law enforcement officers from more than 350 communities across the state, we are steadfastly focused on our mission of providing a dignified retirement for participants and their beneficiaries," he added.

"I am excited to work with the IPOPIF team as it continues to build an investment program from the ground up," Meyer noted. "This is an extraordinary opportunity and I am committed to working with the team to achieve the best risk-adjusted returns possible."

About IPOPIF

As set forth in the Illinois Pension Consolidation Act of 2019, Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) exists for the exclusive purpose of protecting and investing the assets of the Article 3 pension funds covering police officers serving and protecting all downstate and suburban Illinois municipalities and their beneficiaries, while also supporting our municipal partners who employ them. We are dedicated to the mission of providing a dignified retirement for our participants and their beneficiaries. The IPOPIF is not a state plan. It is a consolidated asset pool comprised of the fund assets that continue to be locally owned by the participating police pension funds. These assets cannot be accessed by the state, nor is the investment fund affected by the state government's financial condition. For more information, go to <https://www.ipopif.org/>.

MEDIA CONTACT: Kim Shepherd,
Shepherd Communications
312-623-5123 (C)
kimshepherd@sbcglobal.net