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Pagones to Step Down From Board of Regents

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that Carole Pagones of Sioux Falls will retire from her position on the South Dakota Board of Regents.

“We thank Carole Pagones for her years of service to public higher education, and, in particular, her focus on high standards and academic quality within the Board of Regents’ system,” said Gov. Daugaard.

Pagones’ retirement, which is for personal reasons, is effective July 31. The Governor will name a successor as soon as possible to complete Pagones’ term, which ends in 2015.

“Carole has been a strong advocate and spokeswoman for public higher education in her 10 years as a regent,” said Regents President Dean Krogman.

Pagones has served on the Board of Regents, the constitutional governing body for South Dakota’s six public universities and two special K-12 schools serving deaf and blind students, since 2003. She is a previous chair of the regents’ Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, and continued to serve as a member of that committee.

“We will miss Carole’s activism on behalf of our students, faculty, and staff,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “Carole brought a very important background in secondary education and public service to her work with the regents.”

Pagones served as executive director and later as development director for the MainStreet Sioux Falls organization prior to her retirement.