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## Profile

Kathryn

First Name

Smith

Last Name

Kathryn G Smith

Full/Legal Name (if different than name provided above)

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

## Mailing Address (if Applicable)

## Voter Registration Address (if different than street address or mailing address)

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Mobile:

Alternate Phone

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association Board: Submitted

Appointed by BOS

Which position, seat, or representational category would you prefer?

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## Availability to Attend Meetings

☒ Day Meetings

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Availability to Attend Meetings (Other)

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## Interests & Experiences

### Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

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- Retired from both the State of California (STRS) and the State of Colorado (PERS) - As a college administrator, worked with various boards and finance committees to manage institution and foundation investment portfolios - As a CPA, worked with individuals and small business owners to take advantage of tax incentives relative to alternative investments

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Question applies to Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association Board

**Describe your experience as an executive financial manager in a public agency or private enterprise.**

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As the superintendent/president of two different California community colleges, I was responsible for all operations of the colleges, included financial soundness and budget management. Having a background as a CPA, I played a major role in all financial decisions and presented alternatives and my professional recommendation to the governing boards.

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**Describe your expertise in developing, planning, and implementing investment and money strategies.**

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For twelve years, I served on the finance and investment committees of two separate college foundations, each with assets totaling 7-10 million dollars. While both foundations employed investment advisors, the finance committees played a primary role and worked with the investment advisors to develop investment strategies and initiate policies to carry out particular strategies.

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**Describe your expertise in the interpretation of executive level financial reports and correspondence.**

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As a CPA and college president, I have had extensive experience in writing, reading and interpreting financial statements, budget reports, audit reports and various other financial documents and correspondence. As a university accounting instructor, I taught classes in governmental and non-profit accounting. And as a California community college president, I was frequently called upon to serve on accreditation teams at other colleges because of my fiscal expertise.

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**Describe your expertise in the human resources and employee benefits arena.**

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As a college president, the human resources directors reported directly to me and I was engaged with all aspects of human resource management, hiring/firing, performance evaluations and employee benefits. I worked closely with the various local and state-wide unions and with the college governing boards to explain and to negotiate changes to benefits and human resource policies.

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**Describe how your commitment and willingness to spend the necessary time to work as a Board member has been demonstrated in other experiences.**

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While working full-time, I volunteered for numerous community boards and organizations. I served on the Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce for six years, serving one year as president. I was a member of the Rotary Club of Ukiah, serving in various positions over 10 years, including one year as President. While president of College of the Redwoods in Eureka, I was also a member of the Rotary Club of Eureka and the Eureka Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. I have also served on boards for The United Way, the Better Business Bureau, a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and volunteered for various church related activities, including performing financial reviews of the church's fiscal position and leading youth mission trips.

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**Certification**

Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

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I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the State of California, County of Mendocino, a citizen of the United States, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

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☒ I Agree \*

## Kathryn G. (Lehner) Smith

**Objective** As a retiree, I would like to utilize my financial, governmental and leadership expertise and my 40-plus years of experience as a teacher, CPA (certified public accountant) and college president to serve the community in which I live.

**Work Experience** **College of the Redwoods**, Eureka, California  
President/Superintendent, 2012-2015

**Mendocino College**, Ukiah, California

Superintendent/President, 2005-2012  
Vice President of Academic Affairs, 2003-2005

**Pikes Peak Community College**, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Associate Vice President of Educational Services, 2001-2003

Dean of Division of Business Education, 1995-2002  
Assistant Dean of Business Education, 1993-1995  
Accounting Faculty Member, 1992-1993

**Dodge City Community College**, Dodge City, Kansas  
Accounting Department Chair and Faculty Member, 1990-1992

**Self-employed CPA and Consultant**, Dodge City, Kansas, 1988-1990

**Saint Mary of the Plains College**, Dodge City, Kansas  
Accounting Faculty Member, 1986-1987

**University of Oklahoma**, Norman, Oklahoma  
Accounting Faculty Member, 1982-1986

**Regional CPA Partnerships**, New Mexico and Kansas  
Audit and Tax Manager, 1976-1981  
Governmental Accounting and Auditing Specialist, 1978-1981

**Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, CPA's**, Phoenix, Arizona  
Professional Staff Accountant, 1975-1976

**Education** **Saint Mary of the Plains College**, Dodge City, Kansas

Completed coursework for secondary teaching certificate, 1992

**University of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Master of Business Administration (MBA), 1981

**University of Kansas**, Lawrence, Kansas  
Bachelor of Science in Business – Accounting Major, 1975