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COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ELECTS NEW CHAIR, RICHARD KAUFMAN AND NEW VICE-CHAIR, PATRICIA PACEY

DENVER – Yesterday at its monthly meeting the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) held its annual elections for officers. The CCHE selected former Vice-Chair, Commissioner Richard Kaufman to serve as Chair of CCHE and selected Commissioner Patricia Pacey to serve as Vice-Chair. The previous two CCHE Chairs, James Polsfut and Hereford Percy continue to serve on the Commission.

Richard Kaufman

Richard Kaufman represents clients in environmental, business, securities, regulatory, employment and political cases. Mr. Kaufman's previous experience includes serving as a trial attorney for nine years with the U.S. Attorneys' Office in Denver. On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, he litigated the class action suit brought by landowners surrounding the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant which involved over 60 million pages of documents. Before joining the Department of Justice, he served seven years as Deputy Attorney General of the State of Colorado. Mr. Kaufman was appointed campaign manager for U.S. Representative Hank Brown (R- Colo.) when Mr. Brown first ran for Congress in 1980. After Brown's victory, Richard served as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Brown in Washington, DC and was responsible for tax, budget, transportation and social security issues including service on a House staff group specifically assigned the task of promoting President Reagan's 1981 tax cut. Mr. Kaufman is a veteran of the United States Air Force and Mr. Kaufman has been recognized as a "Colorado Super Lawyer" by the publishers of *Law and Politics* and as *Best Lawyers in America* in Administrative Law.

Patricia Pacey

Dr. Patricia Pacey is frequently called upon to assess economic issues for personal injury, employment termination, business litigation, and antitrust matters, and to conduct studies for government agencies and corporations. She has previously been involved in telecommunications, cable television, public utilities, and sports markets industry studies. In more recent years, Dr. Pacey has been regularly retained by the Office of the State Auditor and the Colorado Legislative Council to provide performance audits and

economic modeling projects. Dr. Pacey graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from the University of Florida and went on to receive her Ph.D., also with honors, in economics from the same institution. She was an analyst for the Congressional Budget Office in Washington D.C. and an economics professor at the University of Colorado. Dr. Pacey is a member of national and regional economic associations. She has published articles in various economic and business journals. In addition, Dr. Pacey recently served on the Commission to Strengthen & Secure PERA formed by the Colorado State Treasurer.

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