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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON APPLAUDS CONFIRMATION OF  
NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**SANTA FE** - The state Senate today overwhelmingly confirmed nine New Mexicans appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to serve on the State Board of Finance and the State Personnel Board.

“These individuals bring unique qualifications to the Board of Finance and the Personnel Board,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “The boards are very important, and I think the Senate recognized, in a bipartisan effort, that we need top-notch New Mexicans overseeing the state’s finances and its personnel system.”

The State Board of Finance has general supervision of the state’s fiscal activities of state and local governments, public schools and higher learning institutions. The Board is made up of seven members including Governor Bill Richardson, as Board President, Lt. Governor Diane Denish, State Treasurer Robert Vigil, and four public board members who serve two-year terms.

The newly confirmed Board of Finance members are:

- Paul Blanchard, of Albuquerque
- Edward Garcia, of Albuquerque
- Gerald Peters, of Santa Fe
- Kimberly Sanchez Rael, of Albuquerque

The State Personnel Board consists of five members serving staggered five-year terms. The Board represents the public interest in the improvement of the State Personnel System, adopts rules to implement the State Personnel Act, approves classification and pay plans, and hears disciplinary appeals of state employees.

The newly confirmed members of the State Personnel Board are:

- Dennis Hazlett, of Santa Fe

- Jerry Manzagol, of Santa Fe
- Karen Sanchez-Griego, of Albuquerque
- Lucy Sosaya, of Albuquerque
- Joann Vigil-Quintana, of Santa Fe