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## Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce changes to its staff effective May 27, 2014:

- **David Morrison** will serve as director of ethics training & compliance, and additionally as the OEIG's public information officer.
- **David Wade** will serve as an administrative assistant in the RTB investigative division.

## 3 More OEIG Investigations Publicly Released



Three additional OEIG investigative reports were released on June 20, 2014, bringing to 19 the number of investigative reports released to the public in FY 14.

The three investigations concerned employees at the CTA, Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and Northern Illinois University (NIU). The reports involved:

- A husband-and-wife team and now-former CTA bus drivers **Donnella Anderson-Watkins** and **Sammie Watkins**, who engaged in an elaborate scheme to unlawfully obtain CTA retirement funds.
- The now-former IBHE Executive Director **Dr. George Reid**, whom investigators found violated the Illinois Fiscal Control and Auditing Act.
- The now-former NIU Convocation Center Director of Operations **Tom Folowell**, who knowingly allowed an NIU employee to clean the house belonging to his NIU supervisor during time periods when the employee was scheduled to be performing NIU duties.

In the **George Reid** matter, the OEIG recommended that in the future the IBHE not issue misleading press releases, such as one it issued relating to Dr. Reid's departure from IBHE. Copies of all three reports are on the OEIG website.

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## Reminder on Revolving Door Determinations

A recent revolving door decision provides an opportunity to review how ethics officers can help certain state officials and employees fulfill their duties.

The EEC's *In re: Mary Stephenson Schroeder*, decision, which is available on the OEIG website, should remind individuals subject to the revolving door "c-list" to seek a revolving door determination from the OEIG for each prospective employer or client during the year following state employment.

Ethics officers are also reminded that "personal and substantial participation" in a procurement, licensing or regulatory matter is not limited to being a sole or final decision maker, or even to having a vote on any final decision. It can encompass any involvement that confers the ability to materially influence the decision.

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