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## **Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association names Kennedy new CEO**

**CHESAPEAKE** – Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association (HRRRA) 2020 Chairman of the Board Cindy Hawks White is pleased to announce the hiring of Dawn Kennedy, PhD, CAE, RCE, as the association’s new CEO. She begins her employment Jan. 1.

Kennedy brings 16 years of executive REALTOR® association experience to the 4,500-member HRRRA, having led associations ranging in size from 1,000 to 8,500 members and with Multiple Listing Service (MLS) corporations. She holds a doctorate in organization and management with a leadership specialization from Capella University as well as a Master of Science in project management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Bachelor of Science in business administration from Franklin University.

Kennedy most recently led the Birmingham Association of REALTORS® and Greater Alabama MLS.

In addition to her full-time employment, Kennedy has also worked for the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) REALTOR® University since its inception as a graduate professor teaching the association management specialization of the Master of Science-Real Estate degree. She is a member of the American Society of Association Executives.

“After a careful and thorough search process, we are excited to announce the decision to hire Dr. Kennedy,” Hawks White said.

Kennedy is the mother of four, grandmother of six and happy owner of a 2-year-old terrier mix. She enjoys reading, playing piano and watching soccer in her spare time.

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The Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the ability of REALTORS® throughout Eastern Virginia to achieve business success in an ethical and professional manner, and to protect and preserve private property rights. The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is an active member of the National Association of REALTORS®. For more information, visit [www.HRRRA.com](http://www.HRRRA.com).

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