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MEDIA RELEASE

SCS Announces New Employee Representative on the State Civil Service Commission

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State Civil Service is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kristi Folsie will serve as the classified state employee representative on the State Civil Service Commission beginning in January 2021. Folsie assumes the board position upon the resignation of the previous incumbent, Commissioner Curtis "Pete" Fremin, Jr. who announced his resignation from the Commission at its December meeting. Fremin will be retiring from his role as the Director of Probation and Parole at the end of the year. Fremin was elected to by state classified employees in 2011 and re-elected in 2017 to serve on the Commission. Folsie will serve the remainder of Fremin's six-year term, set to end in 2023.

"I want to thank Commissioner Fremin for his tremendous contributions to our State and for his service on the Commission. It was an honor to work with him. He was honest, fair, and kept state employees top of mind in his work on the commission," said Byron P. Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service Director.

Mrs. Folsie has over 16 years of experience in state government, and is currently a Budget Analytic Specialist the Department of Public Safety – Office of Motor Vehicles. "The Commission and myself look forward to the perspective that Ms. Folsie will bring to the Commission," said Decoteau. "Her past experience in state government retirement and human resources positions will bring a unique viewpoint to the board."

Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1351 et seq. provides for the election process to fill this office. Administrative procedures are provided in the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC 40: XXVII. §101). Per the statute, the classified employee member of the State Civil Service Commission shall be a full time, permanent employee in the classified state service for a period of one year prior to the date on which he qualifies as a candidate. Should a candidate leave state service, the next highest vote getter will be asked to complete the term.

The State Civil Service Commission is a seven-member body that has final authority over the administration of the State Civil Service system. The Commission serves as an impartial review board that enacts and adjudicates State Civil Service Rules to regulate state personnel activities, and hears appeals from state employees and agencies. Commission meetings and hearings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Six of the Commission members are appointed by the governor; the seventh is an employee representative elected by fellow state employees. Each member serves a six-year term. When choosing an appointed member, the

Governor must select from a list of three people nominated by the president of one of the state's major private universities.

Other members of the Commission include David Duplantier, Chairman (Loyola University); D. Scott Hughes, Vice-Chairman (Centenary College); John McLure (Louisiana College); G. Lee Griffin (Tulane University); Ronald M. Carrere, Jr. (Xavier University); and Jo Ann Nixon (Dillard University).

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