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State Civil Service Announces Retirement of State Civil Service Commissioner G. "Lee" Griffin

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The State Civil Service Commission recognized Commissioner G. Lee Griffin upon his retirement from the Commission on Wednesday.

Mr. Griffin served on the Commission for 24 years. He was appointed to the State Civil Service Commission in 1998, after being nominated by Tulane University and appointed by Governor Mike Foster. He has been subsequently nominated and reappointed by former Governors Blanco and Jindal, and most recently by Governor John Bel Edwards.

"Commissioner Griffin's impact on our state has been immeasurable. He has been a tremendous advocate for employees of our state and always ensured our state agencies had the tools they needed to meet their missions," said State Civil Service Director Byron P. Decoteau, Jr. "On behalf of the Commission and our Department, we thank you for your dedicated service."

In addition to serving on the State Civil Service Commission, Mr. Griffin is a retired chairman and CEO of Bank One of Louisiana, and he has been extremely active in his community through many affiliations.

"It has been a great privilege for me to work with a lot of wonderful commissioners, State Civil Service Directors, and staff members for so long. I've seen the effectiveness of the Department grow over the years and I'm glad to be a very small part of it," said Griffin in his remarks at his last meeting.

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); Jo Ann Nixon (Dillard University); Ronald M. Carrere, Jr. (Xavier University); and Kristi Folse (employee representative).

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