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MEDIA RELEASE

Governor Jeff Landry Appoints Dr. Thomas Grimstad to the State Civil Service Commission

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Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry has appointed Dr. Thomas Grimstad to the State Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Grimstad was nominated by Loyola University President Dr. Xavier Cole to represent the 1st Congressional District and was officially appointed by the governor on April 28, 2025. His term will continue through December 10, 2030.

A graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine, Dr. Grimstad is a pulmonologist who has served the Marrero, Louisiana community. He also spent more than 10 years as President and CEO of the Louisiana Medical Liability Insurance Company (LAMMICO), retiring from that role in 2019. He continues to contribute to the organization as a member of its Board of Directors.



Dr. Thomas Grimstad

Dr. Grimstad took the Oath of Office on May 23, administered by Sherri Gregoire, General Counsel for State Civil Service.

The State Civil Service Commission is a seven-member body responsible for overseeing the administration of the State Civil Service system. It serves as an impartial review board, enacting and adjudicating State Civil Service Rules that govern state personnel activities, and it hears appeals from state employees and agencies. Commission meetings and hearings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Six members of the Commission are appointed by the governor, with the seventh being an employee representative elected by 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 J. Stewart Gentry, Chairman (Louisiana Christian University); D. Scott Hughes, Vice-Chairman (Centenary College); Candes C. Carter (Xavier University); Craig A. Netterville (Tulane University); Jo Ann Nixon (Dillard University); and Codi Plaisance (employee representative).

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