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J. Stewart Gentry Appointed as the Newest Member of the State Civil Service Commission

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Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry recently appointed J. Stewart Gentry as the newest member of the State Civil Service Commission, representing the 5th Congressional District. Mr. Gentry was selected to fulfill the remaining term of Mr. John McLure of Woodworth, Louisiana, who served on the Commission since 2001.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Gentry to the State Civil Service Commission and are eager to see the valuable insights his extensive experience will contribute to both our Commission and state government employees,” said Byron P. Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service Director.

In addition to serving on the State Civil Service Commission, Mr. Gentry serves as President of New York Furniture Co., Inc., in Monroe, Louisiana. He also serves as the Managing Partner of the Richland Farm Partnership and is a Partner at Albany Finance, New York Leasing, and Gentry Properties. With a robust background in finance, he is a Director at Progressive Bank and previously served as an Advisory Director at Capital Bank. He is a member of the Board of Directors for St. Dominic’s Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, where he also participates in the Finance Committee. Additionally, Mr. Gentry has held leadership positions as Chairman of the Board for both North Monroe Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center, where he also chaired the Finance Committee. He has served on the Finance Committee of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady and on the Board of Directors for P & S Surgical Center.

In terms of civic involvement, Mr. Gentry has been a past President and Board member of the Bayou DeSiard Country Club and was previously part of the City of Monroe Capital Infrastructure Commission. His past roles also include Chairman of the Board for The Louisiana Lottery Corporation and a Board of Trustees member for the Louisiana Governor’s Mansion Foundation, as well as the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gentry is a past President and District Treasurer of the Monroe Rotary Club and has served on the boards of the Silver Waters Girl Scout Council and the Ouachita Valley Council of the Boy Scouts.



Mr. Gentry received the Oath of Office at the regular business meeting of the State Civil Service Commission on Wednesday, September 4. The oath was issued by Sherri Gregoire, SCS General Counsel.

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.

Other members of the Commission include David Duplantier, Chairman (Loyola University); D. Scott Hughes, Vice-Chairman (Centenary College); Candes C. Carter (Xavier University); Craig A. Netteville (Tulane University); Jo Ann Nixon (Dillard University); and Codi Plaisance (employee representative).

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