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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Cliff Lippard

Executive Director

**DATE:** 26 January 2017

**SUBJECT:** Staff and Commission Updates

## **Election of Officers**

The chair and vice chair of the Commission are elected to two-year terms and may subsequently be re-elected provided that the chair must be a member of the General Assembly. Officers were last elected at the Commission's January 2015 meeting.

## **Commission Update**

With his recent election to Lt. Governor, Senator Randy McNally is vacating his position as chairman of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee as well as his statutory Commission membership. We appreciate his many contributions to the Commission and wish him much success in his new position. Senator Bo Watson, the new chairman of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, has taken Lt. Governor McNally's place on the Commission, and Senator Norris, Senator Tracy, and Senator Yarbro have all been reappointed by Lt. Governor McNally. Likewise, Representative Carter, Representative Love, Representative Parkinson, and Representative Wirgau have all been reappointed by Speaker Harwell.

Additionally, the Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations Committee recommended the Commission be extended until July 2021 at its December 13, 2016, sunset hearing.

## **Staff Update**

Teresa Gibson, Executive Administrative Assistant 2, will attain 25 years of service on February 1. Please join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment.

And retired executive director Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick has joined the staff as a parttime senior public policy consultant.

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