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Governor Jindal Announces New Commissioner of Administration

BATON ROUGE – Today, Governor Bobby Jindal announced that Kristy Nichols will be leaving the role of Commissioner of Administration to pursue work in the private sector. Stafford Palmieri will replace Commissioner Nichols as the head of the Division of Administration effective October 15, 2015. Palmieri currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office. Governor Jindal also announced that Natalie LaBorde will replace Palmieri as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office.

Governor Jindal said, "From day one, Kristy has been a key team player who has fully dedicated herself to bettering the state of Louisiana. Together, we've been able to reduce the size of government, improve health care across the state, and create a better, stronger Louisiana. I am proud of the work she has accomplished during her time with us and I wish her all the best in this next venture. Stafford has been a crucial member of our administration and has always tackled any challenge head-on. I know she will be an excellent leader at the Division and continue to work hard to serve the people who call Louisiana home."

Commissioner Nichols said, "It has been both a pleasure and an honor serving the people of this great state. I am proud of the work that we have accomplished to make Louisiana a better place to live and raise a family, and I am confident that we will continue down this path. I want to thank Governor Jindal for giving me the opportunity to help realize these goals."

Nichols will be taking a position with Ochsner Health System as Vice President for Corporate Affairs. There she will continue her work of providing quality healthcare to the people of Louisiana. "We are excited to bring the level of experience and expertise that Kristy Nichols has to our organization," said David Gaines, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and CEO of System Retail Services at Ochsner Health System. "Ms. Nichols' significant skill and proven ability to

inform and manage complex processes will be an asset as we expand from both a geographic and strategic perspective."

Biography of Stafford Palmieri:

Stafford Palmieri most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Jindal. Prior to that position, she served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Policy Director and education and workforce policy advisor to the Governor. She joined the administration from the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, an education policy think tank in Washington, D.C., where she was Associate Editor and Policy Analyst. Palmieri has a degree in political science from Yale University.

Biography of Natalie LaBorde:

Natalie LaBorde most recently served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Governor Jindal. Before that, she served as Policy Director in the Office of Governor Jindal. Prior to that role, she served as Senior Policy Advisor and Assistant Executive Counsel to the Governor. LaBorde has a degree in political science from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctor degree from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Prior to law school, LaBorde worked in Sydney, Australia as an operations strategist with the The A21 Campaign, an international anti-human trafficking organization. She also co-founded the LSU student organization Tigers Against Trafficking, which still raises awareness about human trafficking in the Baton Rouge community today.

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