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GOVERNOR AND CABINET SELECT RICHARD D. DAVISON FOR COMMISSIONER POSITION

COMMISSIONER TENA PATE REAPPOINTED AS COMMISSION CHAIR

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. – Governor Rick Scott with the members of the Florida Cabinet selected Richard D. Davison to serve as a Commissioner on the Florida Commission on Offender Review during today’s Cabinet meeting. Mr. Davison’s six-year term begins immediately and expires June 30, 2020. Davison replaces Commissioner Bernard R. Cohen, Sr. whose term ended June 30, 2014.

“We are pleased with the selection Governor Scott and Cabinet made of Richard D. Davison for Commissioner,” stated Tena Pate, Florida Commission on Offender Review Chair. “Mr. Davison’s breadth of experience practicing law and serving in leadership positions in our state’s public safety and criminal justice agencies will serve him well on the Commission. Commissioner Coonrod and I look forward to working with him.”

Commissioner-Appointee Richard D. Davison most recently served as the program coordinator for the City of Tallahassee Community Connections Restorative Justice Program. Prior to that, Mr. Davison held executive level positions with the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice. He also worked as an assistant statewide prosecutor with the Attorney General’s Office of Statewide Prosecution.

The Governor and Florida Cabinet also reappointed Commissioner Tena M. Pate as Commission Chair for a third consecutive two-year term and appointed Commissioner Melinda Coonrod as Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner Pate was initially appointed to the Commission in 2003 by Governor Bush and Cabinet, and has been subsequently reappointed by Governors Crist and Scott. Chair Pate’s term expires June 30, 2016. Commissioner Coonrod was appointed by Governor Scott and Cabinet in 2012 for a full six-year term ending June 30, 2018.

Commission appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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The Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR) (formerly the Florida Parole Commission), is a constitutionally authorized, quasi-judicial, decision-making body which has been serving the citizens of this state since 1941. The Commission holds offenders accountable for their behaviors and ensures public safety through its careful selection of offenders for re-entry into society by administering parole, conditional release, conditional medical release, control release, and addiction recovery. The Commission also acts as the investigative arm of the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Executive Clemency in clemency matters. The Commission's mission is to ensure public safety and provide victim assistance through the post prison release process.

The Florida Parole Commission officially became the Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR) on July 1, 2014. The new name more accurately reflects the current roles and responsibilities the Commission carries out on a daily basis to ensure the public safety of Floridians.

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