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Governor Bobby Jindal Announces Appointments to the State Parks and Recreation Commission

BATON ROUGE - Today, Governor Bobby Jindal announced appointments to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The State Parks and Recreation Commission serves to advise the office of state parks in matters relating to parks, recreation facilities, programs and its administration.

According to statute, the commission is composed of 18 members, including the governor, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the assistant commissioner of the office of forestry within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or their designees. The remaining 15 members are the following gubernatorial appointments, subject to senate confirmation:

- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana State Garden Society;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs;
- Four members selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Nature Conservancy;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Preservation Alliance;
- One member selected from nominations submitted by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana; and
- Four at-large members, of whom two must be members of a minority.

Appointments to the State Parks and Recreation Commission:

Yvonne Calvin, of Grambling, is an assistant professor at Grambling State University and a member of the National Recreation and Park Association. Calvin was nominated by the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association, as required by statute.

Jean O'Roark, of Lafayette, is the President of Hurley Oil Company in Lafayette and the former President of the Acadiana Symphony Association. O'Roark was nominated by the Louisiana Preservation Alliance, as required by statute.

Kathryn Bedenbaugh, of Hammond, is the owner of Kathryn Bedenbaugh Interiors and is a member of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Bedenbaugh was nominated by the Louisiana State Garden Society, as required by statute.

Patrick Wesley, of Shreveport, is employed by the city of Shreveport as the Assistant Director of Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation. Wesley was nominated by the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association as required by statute.

Theresa Gray-Jacobs, of Grambling, is an internship supervisor and instructor at Grambling State University and a member of the Louisiana Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Association and the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association. Gray-Jacobs was nominated by the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association as required by statute.