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SCI NAMES CHAIR TIFFANY WILLIAMS BREWER AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TRENTON – The State Commission of Investigation announced today the appointment of former Commission Chair Tiffany Williams Brewer as the agency’s Chief Executive Officer.

Ms. Brewer previously served as the Chair of the four-member Commission from 2022 through 2024. She also has been serving on an interim basis in the day-to-day leadership role of the SCI following the death of former Executive Director Chadd W. Lackey in a July traffic accident.

“It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the SCI, along with my fellow Commissioners, in an unprecedented period of engagement and productivity for the SCI,” Ms. Brewer said. “This transition carries a deep sense of purpose and reflection given the sudden and untimely passing of our former Executive Director. It is with

humility and respect for his memory that I step into this role with a continued level of commitment to advancing the unique mission of the SCI."

A former New Jersey Administrative Law Judge and law professor, Ms. Brewer has served in several executive roles in state government, including Chief Counsel to the Speaker of the General Assembly, Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Jon Corzine, a Regulatory Officer at the Civil Service Commission, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. After starting her legal career in private practice in Boston, Ms. Brewer became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey and eventually joined the law firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti. She began her legal career as a law clerk for the Massachusetts Appeals Court, after which she joined the Boston office of the law firm of Mintz Levin.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Ms. Brewer also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University and a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. She is an ordained pastor and an active leader in the American Bar Association as Chair-Elect of the Litigation Section.

As the SCI's top administrator, Ms. Brewer is responsible for the daily operations of the independent state watchdog agency, charged with conducting fact-finding investigations into organized crime, corruption and the waste, fraud and abuse of public tax dollars. In 2024, the SCI completed investigations and issued reports on abuses in the addiction treatment industry, the efficacy of legislation intended to prevent sexual abuse of students in New Jersey's public schools, illegal gun violence trends and indicators of human trafficking activity in massage therapy businesses.

Ms. Brewer's former colleagues, SCI Commissioners John P. Lacey, Robert J. Burzichelli and Kevin R. Reina, praised her appointment as Chief Executive Officer.

"As our former Chair, Tiffany is already intimately familiar with our ongoing investigations, and she has led the SCI during a period of significant productivity," said Commissioner Lacey. "We are extremely pleased that Tiffany accepted the new challenge to serve as the new CEO of the agency."

Commissioner Burzichelli, who has served on the Commission since 2014, also had high praise for the SCI's new CEO. "Tiffany is someone with strong intellect and character who is committed to ensuring the SCI continues to operate with excellence and integrity."

Sharing those same sentiments, Commissioner Reina praised Brewer's vision for the SCI and said he expected that the SCI would continue to excel under her watch.

"This is an exciting new chapter for the Commission, and I'm pleased that Tiffany will lead the SCI as it continues its important work on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey," said Mr. Reina.

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The State Commission of Investigation is an independent New Jersey watchdog agency established in 1968 to investigate organized crime and corruption, waste of tax money and other abuses of the public trust. Copies of public reports are available at the Commission's offices or via its Web site at www.nj.gov/sci.