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Banking Commissioner Names Wendy Rodriguez Chief Operating Officer

Texas Banking Commissioner Charles G. Cooper announced today the appointment of Ms. Wendy Rodriguez as the agency's Chief Operating Officer, effective immediately.

The newly created position will encompass the administrative activities of the Department, which includes the human resource functions, accounting activities, purchasing, facilities management and support services. The role is also responsible for coordinating activities for the Finance Commission and Internal Auditor.

Ms. Rodriguez is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University, with a BBA in Finance. She began her career with the Department in June 1999 as an Assistant Examiner in Austin. In November 2000, she accepted a position as a Consumer Assistance Specialist, assisting consumers with a range of consumer protection issues relating to banking.

In December 2007, she was promoted to Director of Strategic Support, which is responsible for overseeing the development of examination policy and procedures, examiner commissioning process, agency publications, training activities, consumer complaint activities, and several other agency support services.

"Ms. Rodriguez's regulatory and agency operations experience provide a solid foundation to succeed in this role. Her dedication, hard work, and positive attitude are truly appreciated," stated Commissioner Cooper.