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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Banking Commissioner Names Michelle Hodge as Director of Strategic Support**

Banking Commissioner Charles G. Cooper today announced the appointment of Michelle Hodge as Director of the Division of Strategic Support (DSS) effective February 10, 2020.

Ms. Hodge will oversee staff responsible for developing examination policy and procedures; administering examiner training activities and the commissioning process; ensuring the timely resolution of consumer complaints relating to state-chartered bank and trust companies; maintaining and updating the Department's website; coordinating the Department's financial literacy efforts; and producing legislative testimony and various talking points, reports, news releases, and industry notices.

Ms. Hodge began her career with the Department in 2008 as an Assistant Bank Examiner in the San Antonio Regional Office after working briefly at a bank in Lubbock. She was promoted to the position of Senior Assistant Examiner in 2011 and in 2013 transferred to Department's Houston Regional Office, achieving the position of Commissioned Examiner shortly thereafter.

In February 2018, Ms. Hodge earned a promotion to Review Examiner, transferring to the Department's headquarters in Austin where she was responsible for reviewing examination reports and correspondence, as well as preparing regulatory responses for banks and trust companies in her portfolio.

A graduate of Texas Tech University, receiving a Bachelor's in Business Administration in 2007, Ms. Hodge is also an alumna of the 2017 Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, a 70-year old institution recognized as one of the country's premier community banking schools. Ms. Hodge continues to be involved in organizations and events benefiting both the industry and her community.

"Michelle's experience as an examiner will guide her as she transitions into the administrative operations of the agency," Banking Commissioner Cooper said. "I am confident her leadership skills, combined with her strong appreciation for teamwork, will serve both the division and the Department well."