

A Fond Farewell to Commissioner Edgar, after 12 years on the Bench

When Florida PSC Commissioner Lisa Edgar took her place on the dais in January 2005, her children were then three and six years old. As she prepares to leave the agency after 12 years, she notes that her son is now a sophomore in high school and her daughter is now a freshman at the University of Florida. Realizing how much her children have grown through the years is a good indication of her many accomplishments while at the PSC. Not only was she appointed by three different Governors, but she was the first Florida Commissioner to ever be President of the prestigious National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. At her last Commission Conference on December 6, her follow Commissioners proposed a resolution for her, offering a fond farewell and outlining some of her major accomplishments. Her colleagues praised her work ethic, her willingness to mentor new Commissioners, her intellect, her discipline to do her homework, and her resolve to endure the highs and lows that often come with public service. The resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Edgar, who also served as PSC Chair for two years, admitted her last meeting brought mixed emotions and a heavy heart, and she will miss doing the good work of the agency. Still, she said she was looking forward to new challenges. She also named the 16 Commissioners she'd served with, noting that while all were different in their personalities and how they worked, she'd learned something worthwhile from each of them. In reflecting on her time at the Commission and in her previous senior state government positions, she said, "public service is a calling." Certainly, Commissioner Edgar answered the call and always kept the public interest at heart in her work. Please see highlights of her many accomplishments in the resolution passed unanimously by her fellow Commissioners.

