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## **Flood Protection Authority-East Announces New Regional Director**

New Orleans, LA – On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA-East), Herbert Miller, appointed Kelli Chandler as the incoming Regional Director. Chandler is a Certified Public Accountant who has served as the Regional Finance Director for FPA-East since October of 2016 and was instrumental in the regionalization of the FPA-East. She joined the organization with 20 years of experience to call upon, 12 of which were spent working with other state agencies as a senior executive.

Chandler has led her division with distinction by overseeing the consolidation and centralization of Finance functions, spearheading the Culture Change Initiative, and receiving recognition from the Board for Outstanding Leadership, Teamwork, and Commitment to Excellence for all of her efforts. In her new capacity as Regional Director, she will ensure that the FPA-East carries out its mission to protect the community from flood events.

Herbert Miller, Board President, said of the announcement, “Kelli is exceptionally qualified to lead the FPA-East. As the Regional Finance Director, she is already intimately familiar with our operations and has a rapport with all departments. The Board looks forward to working with her as our new Regional Director.”

Regarding her conferment as Regional Director, Chandler said, “I am excited to serve as the Regional Director of the Flood Authority. I’m confident in the staff and directors that have made the Authority what it is today. I look forward to leading the FPA-East in a manner that reflects our mission to protect the residents of Orleans, St. Bernard, and Jefferson Parish.”

The title of Chief Administrative Officer, currently held by Derek Boese, will be retired and its responsibilities transferred to the Regional Director. Boese will be stepping down on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He has led the FPA-East since March of 2017.