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Galveston Park Board of Trustees Appoints Kimberly Danesi as Interim CEO

Galveston, TX, [May 23, 2023] – The Galveston Park Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Kimberly Danesi as its interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The decision was made today during the Park Board’s regular meeting.

Currently serving as the Chief Operations Officer (COO), Danesi will assume the responsibilities of the CEO position following the departure of current CEO, Kelly de Schaun. De Schaun, who has served in the role for the past 12 years, plans to leave the organization June 23 to make a career transition. While Danesi steps in during the interim, the Park Board has formed a committee to conduct a nationwide search for candidates.

"We believe that Kimberly Danesi is the ideal choice for the role of interim CEO, given her extensive experience, results-driven approach, and commitment to the community," said Marty Fluke, Park Board chair. "Additionally, I have great confidence that our committee will source outstanding candidates for the permanent CEO position. Together, we are committed to the continued success of Galveston and the Galveston Park Board."

A proud 22-year resident of Galveston Island, Danesi has worked for the Park Board for the past six years. She said she is thrilled to serve her community in this new capacity.

"I'm honored and grateful to the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization of creative, dedicated, and talented professionals and volunteers," Danesi said. "I recognize this is a crucial time for the Park Board, and I am committed to working closely with the Trustees and our partners during this transitional period."

De Schaun added: "It is time for a new mind in this role, and I am excited to embark on new endeavors. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Galveston Park Board and the community for the last twelve years."

About the Galveston Park Board of Trustees

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2023. The organization plays an important role in the Galveston community by overseeing tourism development, beach maintenance and the management of several beach parks. The Park Board was established in 1963 by a City of Galveston ordinance that tasked the organization with spearheading tourism and managing land for recreational purposes as part of a wider Texas environmental push that aimed to protect coastal waters and habitats.

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