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**CITIZENS CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT ASK CITIZENS' INSPECTOR GENERAL
TO REVIEW CITIZENS' POST-EMPLOYMENT ETHICAL GUIDELINES**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's Board of Governors Chairman Chris Gardner and President/CEO and Executive Director Barry Gilway on Monday asked Citizens' Inspector General to review policies and procedures regarding post-Citizens employment to address questions raised about the ability of former employees to seek jobs in the private market.

Despite having confidence that Citizens is complying with all current legal and ethical requirements, Gardner and Gilway requested that newly appointed Inspector General Bruce Meeks review state law and corporate restrictions as they relate to Citizens employees seeking positions with companies that do business with Citizens, the state's insurer of last resort.

Meeks, whose position was created by lawmakers in 2013, was appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Financial Services Commission (FSC). Under the law, Citizens' staff may not prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit, review, evaluation, study or investigation.

“Over the last two years, Citizens has made increased oversight and transparency a top priority and has carefully reviewed and strengthened its internal oversight procedures regarding travel expenses, procurement and governance,” Gardner said. “I look forward to a review by our Inspector General to ensure that post-employment guidelines are also appropriate given Citizens' unique role as a government entity providing insurance similar to the private market.”

Citizens senior managers and members of the Board of Governors are governed by Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, which in part sets restrictions for post-Citizens employment. Less-senior employees are governed by Citizens' internal code of ethics under the supervision of Citizens' Ethics Officer.

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The requested review is the latest effort by Citizens to continue improvements made to standardize management and internal oversight to ensure Citizens is operating in a transparent and ethical manner, according to Barry Gilway, Citizens President/CEO and Executive Director.

“Citizens is committed to maintaining appropriate safeguards to ensure that our post-employment guidelines meet Citizens’ high standards for ethical conduct, Gilway said.”

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In 2002, the Florida Legislature created Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (Citizens), a not-for-profit alternative insurer, whose public purpose is to provide insurance to, and serve the needs of, property owners who cannot find coverage in the private insurance market.

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