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**Mississippi Senate confirms MSPB appointments**

Jackson, Miss. (April 20, 2016) – The Mississippi Senate has confirmed the appointments of Donald G. Brown and Colonel (ret.) Nick P. Ardillo, Jr. to the Mississippi State Personnel Board. Brown was reappointed to the board by Gov. Phil Bryant to fill a five-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020, representing the state at-large. Ardillo was reappointed to the board by Gov. Bryant and represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Court District for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021.

Brown was originally appointed to the board in 2005 and was reappointed by Gov. Haley Barbour in 2010. He is the deputy executive director of Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service. Prior to joining that organization, he worked with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, and the Vicksburg Early Education Center.

Ardillo was originally appointed to the board by Gov. Haley Barbour to fill an unexpired term in June 2011. As a former commander of Columbus Air Force Base, Ardillo, now retired from active duty, is the principal of NPA, LLC and a partner in Ardillo, McCullough and Taggart LLC. He provides aerospace, airports, and defense consulting.

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