

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, Commissioner of Elections

Sherri Wharton Hadskey is the Commissioner of Elections currently serving under Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin. Before her appointment as Commissioner in January 2017, she served the Elections Division as Director of Elections for over 12 years under Secretary of State Fox McKeithen, Al Ater, Jay Dardene and Tom Schedler. Prior to 2005, she served in many other elections capacities under Commissioner of Elections Jerry M. Fowler and Suzanne Haik Terrell.

Sherri's public service and passion for elections began at age 19 and continues over 37 years later. She has successfully conducted 283 elections in the State of Louisiana, and since 1991 has implemented and supported four different Early Voting and Election Day voting systems. She coordinated and conducted the first Orleans Municipal Election post-Hurricane Katrina and has since worked closely with parish officials to coordinate elections through many disasters, including Hurricanes Rita, Gustav, Laura, Zeta, and the disastrous flood of 2016 in Louisiana. She currently administers and is involved in elections on a statewide basis, overseeing storage and drayage of voting machines, ballot preparation, electronic ballot programming, testing of all systems, and training and support of all elections staff members on the state and local level. She is also involved in the maintenance of a statewide voter registration database.