

New Jersey State Commission of Investigation



Joint Statement from the SCI Commissioners on the Passing of Executive Director Chadd W. Lackey

We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Executive Director Chadd Lackey yesterday morning after he succumbed to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Chadd was incredibly passionate about the SCI's responsibility to protect the integrity of the governmental process in New Jersey and justifiably proud of the work completed under his watch. Over the course of a nearly 20-year career at the SCI, he rose up the ranks to assume the leadership of the Commission in 2020.

His historic appointment as the first African-American to serve as an Executive Director of the SCI ushered in a legacy of leadership that resulted in his oversight of groundbreaking investigations, which included abuses in the addiction recovery industry, organized crime and mismanagement of the state-run veterans homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his children, Joshua and Jordan, his parents, Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Joyce Lackey, and all of those whose lives were impacted by Chadd's life, including our own SCI family. His loss is immeasurable.

We, along with the entire SCI staff, deeply mourn his passing.

**Chair Tiffany Williams Brewer
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