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TikTok duo become Louisiana Ambassadors



British TikTokers Josh and Jase arrive in Louisiana. PROVIDED BY JOSH & JASE FACEBOOK PAGE

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Back in May, British TikTok duo “JoshandJase” traveled to Louisiana and documented their journey throughout the state on social media. • Josh Cauldwell-Clarke and Jason (Jase) Riley are from Nottingham in the United Kingdom and are known for their travels and reactions to American culture on social media. • During their time in Louisiana, Josh and Jase visited several cities, tried all kinds of cuisine, embarked on a number of adventures and partook in various celebrations.

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Louisiana names tax leader for Landry plan

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Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry has promoted Jarrod Coniglio to lead the state’s tax agency as secretary of the Department of Revenue.

Coniglio replaces Secretary Richard Nelson, who has been hired as president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Landry also promoted Brandea Averett to deputy secretary and Catherine Logan to assistant secretary in the agency’s Office of Legal Affairs.

“First, I want to thank Richard Nelson for his dedicated service over the past two years as Secretary of Revenue,” Landry said in a statement. “Under his leadership, and with the hard work of this team, we passed historic tax reform that has already helped attract 10s of billions of dollars in new investment to our state.

“I look forward to continuing that momentum with Jarrod Coniglio as secretary and I am proud to recognize Brandea Averett and Catherine Logan as they move into their new roles and continue serving the people of Louisiana.”

The agency has implemented a series of major tax initiatives under Landry’s administration including lowering income and business taxes while raising the state sales tax.

Coniglio is a veteran of the Department of Revenue and state government having previously led Louisiana’s Medicaid Program Integrity Section before his job as deputy secretary in revenue.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to continue the momentum Secretary Nelson has initiated and look forward to build on that success in the future,” Coniglio said in an interview with USA Today Network.

His private business experience includes a previous career in banking. Coniglio is an LSU graduate and veteran of the Louisiana National Guard.

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Justices mull presidential control of agencies

Boards may lose ground to the executive branch

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s attempt to increase his power by taking control of independent agencies comes before the Supreme Court on Dec. 8 in the second of at least four major cases on Trump’s expansive view of presidential authority the justices are considering this term.

Trump wants the court to overturn a 1935 decision limiting presidents’ ability to remove leaders of multimember administrative agencies that could include the Federal Reserve and the Federal Trade Commission. He may get his wish

because the court has been chipping away at the decision since 2010.

And even if the court’s conservative supermajority doesn’t completely overturn the ruling, it’s expected to further curtail its reach, reshaping the balance of power between the president, independent federal agencies and Congress.

The justices could at least allow Trump to control the Federal Trade Commission, which enforces a variety of antitrust and consumer protection laws affecting virtually every area of commerce.

Many other agencies could be affected, including the Federal Reserve and agencies that enforce campaign finance laws, protect workers, stop fraudulent business practices, regulate broadcasting and broadband services, investigate air and road accidents, and more.

“This case marks a pivotal moment for the separation of powers, with the potential to redefine how dozens of government agencies operate,” said Varu Chilakamarri, a former Justice Department attorney now with the law firm K&L Gates.

‘Unitary executive theory’

The agencies were set up by Congress to be led by politically balanced boards of experts serving fixed terms.

But under the “unitary executive theory” that conservatives have advanced for years, the Constitution gives presidents complete control over executive functions, which must include the power to remove commission members.

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