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Broadcasting Commission Saddened By Death of Commissioner Rosemarie Vernon

The Broadcasting Commission deeply regrets the passing of long-standing Commissioner, Mrs. Rosemarie Vernon, who died on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Vernon served the Commission for seventeen (17) years, having joined the regulatory body in 1999.

Commenting on Mrs. Vernon's passing BCJ Chairman, Professor Hopeton Dunn said that she provided sterling service to the Commission, particularly as a member and former chairperson of its Monitoring, Content and Compliance Committee. "She was a model Commissioner, displaying consistent commitment and integrity to the work of the Broadcasting Commission over many years", Prof. Dunn said.

Mrs. Vernon was a career educator who served in that field for over 30 years. She was the former Principal of the Alpha Primary School which she served for 34 years and a Past President of the Jamaica Teachers' Association for one term, starting in 1991. She served on several boards including the Jamaica Foundation for Lifelong Learning, the Board of Studies of the University Council of Jamaica, the Kingston and St. Andrew Appeals Committee of the Programme for Advancement through Health and Education (PATH), and on the National Committee for the Governor General's Achievement Award Scheme.

In 2005 Mrs. Vernon received the Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation and in 2006 was conferred with the National Honour, Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander (CD) for sterling contribution to education in Jamaica.

The Commissioners and staff of the Broadcasting Commission express deep condolences to her immediate family, friends and colleagues.