Commissioner Hodgen Mainda was appointed by Governor Bill Lee to lead the Department of Commerce and Insurance starting on October 1, 2019.

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