



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary, State Board for Medicine, State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition, and State Board for Veterinary Medicine

**DATE:** April 21, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Decision**

Should the Regents approve the appointment of Stephen J. Boese as Executive Secretary to the State Board for Medicine, State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition, and State Board for Veterinary Medicine?

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

### **Proposed Handling**

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its executive session during the April 2014 Regents meeting. If approved in executive session, it will then come before the full Board for final action at the Board's public session in April 2014.

### **Procedural History**

Education Law section 6523 requires the Board of Regents to appoint the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, which also serves as the overseeing State board for the State Committee for Athletic Trainers and the State Committee for Medical Physics. Education Law section 8003 requires the Board of Regents to appoint the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition, and Education Law section 6703 of Education Law requires the Board of Regents to appoint the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Veterinary Medicine.

The State professional boards and committees advise and assist the Regents and the Department on matters of professional licensing and professional practice.

### **Background Information**

The New York State Education Department oversees the licensing and practice of over 100,000 physicians, physician assistants, and specialist assistants; over 700 medical physicists; over 10,000 veterinarians and veterinarian technicians; over 5,000 certified dietitians and nutritionists; and nearly 2,000 certified athletic trainers. The primary oversight of those functions falls under the direction of the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, the State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition, and the State Board for Veterinary Medicine. Accordingly, it became a priority to seek a strongly qualified candidate, and after an extensive search, we are pleased to present Stephen J. Boese for your consideration.

Mr. Boese has a rich professional history, serving in managerial/leadership positions in organizations dedicated to the health and well-being of New Yorkers. He has served for the last six years as the Executive Director for the Learning Disabilities Association of NYS, where he was responsible for policy and program initiatives. Mr. Boese has extensive experience working in healthcare advocacy organizations, including serving as NYS Director of the Healthy Schools Network and Associate Director of Government Affairs for the State Medical Society. His background in strategic development and administrative leadership will complement the work of the Board of Regents and State Education Department on issues impacting the health and safety of New Yorkers, including the oversight of international medical schools seeking to place students into long-term clinical clerkships. In addition, Mr. Boese has broad experience developing policy and collaboratively working with the New York State Legislature and other State officials. His extensive healthcare knowledge and management experience will enable him to build on the Board of Regents' record of success in overseeing the work of the State Boards for Medicine, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Veterinary Medicine and of the board office serving those three State boards.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Stephen J. Boese as the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Medicine, State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition, and State Board for Veterinary Medicine.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective April 29, 2014.