



To: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
From: John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*
Subject: Appointments/Reappointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board of Teaching
Date: October 7, 2011

Authorizations:

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its October 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Terms for members of the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching are set forth in Regents Rule 3.14. The Board of Regents appoints members to four-year terms, with the exception of the teacher education student member, who is appointed to a two-year term. Board co-chairs are appointed for two-year terms.

The terms of seven members on the Standards Board expired as of June 30, 2011. Two of these members are being recommended for reappointment to the Board, each for an additional four-year term. Another member resigned before the completion of his term, creating a vacancy of an unexpired term. A teacher member left the position of teacher prior to the completion of her term and is being recommended for a public member vacancy.

The individuals below are recommended for appointment or reappointment to fill six of these vacancies. Two of these recommendations are to fill unexpired terms.

Background Information

The following members are recommended for reappointment: Gerald Mager (higher education member) and Gale Sookdeo (teacher member).

The following members are recommended for appointment: Sharon Eghigian (teacher member), Mark Kaercher (teacher member), Ruth Pagerey (higher education member) and Ellen Sullivan (public member). A brief biographical sketch of these new recommended members and a list of the current membership are attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following reappointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: Gerald Mager (higher education member) for the four-year term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015 and Gale Sookdeo (teacher member) for the four-year term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: Sharon Eghigian (teacher member) to complete an unexpired term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, Mark Kaercher (teacher member) for the four-year term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015, Ruth Pagerey (higher education member) for the four-year term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015, and Ellen Sullivan (public member) for the four-year term beginning October 18, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015.

Timetable for Implementation

Members' terms will begin immediately upon appointment.

The University of the State of New York
The State Education Department

State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

Sharon Eghigian
English as a Second Language Teacher
Columbus School
Utica, New York

Membership Category:
Educator/ Teacher

Ms. Eghigian began her teaching career serving in the Peace Corps as a Biology teacher on the Fiji Islands. She holds New York State and National Board Certification in English as a New or Second Language. She has been teaching in the Utica City School District for the past 20 years. In addition to classroom teaching, Ms. Eghigian has taught college level content in Puerto Rico and English as a Second Language (ESL) in Malaysia. She is also an ESL teacher at Mohawk Valley Community College and the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.

Ms. Eghigian facilitated the development of the K-5 ESL curriculum for the Utica City School District. She is a trainer in Sheltered Instruction and has developed ESL workshops for the elementary teachers in her district. She has mentored new teachers and teacher candidates in her district. She has served on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners and has worked with the State Education Department to assess teacher preparation exams and the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test.

Ms. Eghigian has a B.A. in Biology from St. Lawrence University and a Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from the School for International Training.

Mark Kaercher
Mathematics Teacher
Shaker High School
Latham, New York

Membership Category:
Educator/ Teacher

Mark Kaercher has been teaching mathematics for 17 years. He has been teaching at Shaker High School since 2003 and began his teaching career in 1994 at Newport Middle School in New Hampshire. He serves as a Technology Resource Teacher for his district and supports colleagues with implementation of education technology software and equipment. He is Math Club Advisor and has supervised and mentored teacher candidates from Sienna College, SUNY Albany and Union College.

Mr. Kaercher is a facilitator for SEMI High Tech U Teacher and Student Program whose goal is to teach students and teachers about the skills and knowledge needed for

employment in the high tech industry of semiconductors. He is the 2011 SEMI Foundation Educator of the Year and he was also recognized in 2001 as a Milken Family Foundation National Educator.

Mr Kaercher has a B.S. in Mathematics and Mathematics Education with a minor in Business from Plattsburgh State University and a Masters in Mathematics Education from Plymouth State College, New Hampshire.

Ruth Pagerey
Assistant Provost
Teacher Education
State University of New York
Albany, New York

Membership Category:
Educator/ Teacher

Dr. Ruth L. Pagerey is Assistant Provost for Teacher Education at SUNY System Administration, where she provides leadership for the implementation of a comprehensive agenda of change in teacher education and serves as liaison between/among teacher education constituencies, including SUNY's 17 campuses offering teacher preparation.

Prior to her position at SUNY System, Dr. Pagerey served as Assistant Dean for Professional Studies in the University at Albany's School of Education, where she lead the teacher education program to continuing program accreditation with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). Dr. Pagerey provided oversight of the School's Educational Studies minor, as well as the Pathways Into Education Center, which disseminates information on degree programs, teacher certification, and educational careers. She came to the University from Siena College, where she was Director of Field Experiences and Accreditation. Previously Dr. Pagerey worked in the Office of Higher Education at the State Education Department where she supervised the registration and accreditation of New York State's teacher preparation programs. She was Project Director of federal grants totaling \$3.5 million for the preparation of new teachers for hard-to-staff schools. Prior to working at the State Education Department, she taught high school for eighteen years.

Dr. Pagerey earned her Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership from St. John's University (Queens, NY) and her M.S. and B. S. in education from the University at Albany.

Ellen Sullivan
Board Member
The Greater Capital Region Teacher Center
University at Albany
Albany, New York

Membership Category:
Public Member

Ellen Sullivan is a member of the board of directors for the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The Center encompasses the 93 public school districts, four BOCES and 83 non-public schools in the Capital Region. Previous to her serving on the board for the center Ms. Sullivan was Center Director. She has also spent the last year

working on the American Federation of Teachers i3 grant for teacher evaluation in New York and Rhode Island.

Ms. Sullivan first joined the teacher center staff in 1996 as a program assistant. Prior to this, she was the Education Director for the Junior Museum of Troy, Education Assistant for the Albany Institute of History and Art, and Instructor and Education Assistant at Hudson Valley Community College. She was an Adjunct Instructor at the College of St. Rose teaching Business Communication and she began her career in education as an elementary school teacher at St. Patrick's School in Albany.

Ms. Sullivan has previously served the department as a member of the NYSED Career and Technology Task Force, and as a grant reviewer for the NYSED Comprehensive School Reform Program, the Learning Technology Grants program and Goals 2000 grants program.

Ms. Sullivan has presented for numerous conferences and committees including the NYS Teacher Center Higher Education Committee, New York State Union of Teachers, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Conference, Washington DC, and the NYS In-service Conference on Mentoring Programs.

Ms. Sullivan has her B.A in Education, magna cum laude, from the College of St. Rose, her M.S. in Education from SUNY Albany and an A.C. in Grant Making and Foundations from New York University. In 2008, she completed the Federal Policy Institute program at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Membership
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