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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

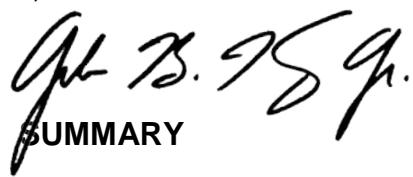
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SUBJECT: Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary, State Board for Nursing

DATE: March 12, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the appointment of Suzanne Sullivan as Executive Secretary to the State Board for Nursing?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation was considered by the full Board of Regents at its executive session for discussion during the March Regents meeting. It is now being brought before the full Board for final action at the Board's public session in March 2012.

Procedural History

Section 6904 of the Education Law requires the Board of Regents to appoint the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Nursing. The State professional boards advise and assist the Regents and the Department on matters of professional licensing and professional conduct.

Background Information

The New York State Education Department oversees the licensing and registration of over 300,000 nurses. The primary oversight of that function falls under the direction of the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Nursing. Accordingly, upon the retirement of the past Executive Secretary, it became a priority to seek a strongly qualified candidate. After an extensive search, we are pleased to present Suzanne Sullivan for your consideration for the following reasons.

Ms. Sullivan has experience as a Registered Professional Nurse, both as a staff nurse and as a supervising nurse. This experience was gained primarily in medical-surgical units and as the supervisor of a hospice program. Ms. Sullivan is also a practicing attorney and brings with her over seventeen years of experience in health law. As a member of the Department of Health's Division of Legal Affairs, she has been involved in numerous collaborative efforts with the State Education Department over the years. She is keenly aware of the issues facing the practice of nursing in particular, as well as those facing the health professions in general.

In summary, Suzanne Sullivan brings a unique blend of nursing knowledge and background together with the managerial and legal skills necessary to assume the responsibilities necessary as the Executive Secretary to the New York State Board for Nursing.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the appointment of Suzanne Sullivan as Executive Secretary to the State Board for Nursing.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the recommendation, the appointment will be effective March 20, 2012.