



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*
SUBJECT: Appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board of Teaching

DATE: May 14, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S):

John L. D'Agati
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve 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 May 2012 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.

Background Information

There are currently nine vacancies on the Board. One of these vacancies is for a higher education member, to be filled by a provost or chief academic officer. Three vacancies are for teacher members. Three vacancies are for public members. One vacancy is for a school administrator and one vacancy is for a student member. Several

of these vacancies will be for uncompleted terms due to membership resignation before the completion of the member's term.

We currently have three additional interviews scheduled for the last week in May. We hope to return to the board in June with a new consent item with additional appointment and reappointment recommendations. Our goal is to have most of these vacancies filled for the upcoming 2012-2013 September Professional Standards and Practices Board meeting.

David Babikian and James Vasquez are recommended for teacher member vacancies. Tony Vargas is recommended for a public member vacancy.

A brief biographical sketch of these recommended members and a list of the current membership are attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: David Babikian (teacher member) to complete the term beginning May 21, 2012 and ending June 30, 2016, James Vasquez (teacher member) to complete an unexpired term beginning May 21, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015, and Tony Vargas (public member) to complete the term beginning May 21, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015

Timetable for Implementation

Members' terms will begin immediately upon appointment.

David Babikian
Social Studies Teacher
North Syracuse Central School District
North Syracuse, New York

Membership Category: Teacher

Mr. Babikian began his career teaching social studies, English and English as a Second Language in the Utica City School District. He has been a social studies teacher for the North Syracuse School District since 1999. He has taught 7th through 12th grade students and currently teaches Global Studies and Modern European History.

Mr. Babikian has devoted much of his career to mentoring new teachers in his district, as well as hosting student teaching candidates. He has been involved in many teacher leadership opportunities including interview committees, contract negotiation committees, district technology committees and curriculum development committees. Most recently he has worked in a collaborative effort with the school union and administration on the Innovative Fund sponsored by the New York State union of teachers. The goal of this collaborative effort is to increase student achievement by creating better teachers through data analysis and focused professional development. Mr. Babikian was directly involved in the development of a Peer Assistance and Review panel and has been integral in the transition of the district to this new model.

Mr. Babikian has also been a key participant in designing the new North Syracuse Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). He has been actively informing his colleagues and most recently led a panel discussion with over 200 staff members regarding the transition to the new APPR.

Mr. Babikian earned his B.S. in Education from Butler University, and his Master's in History from the State University of New York at Oswego.

James Vasquez
Social Studies Teacher
Newcomers High School
New York City Department of Education
Long Island City, New York

Membership Category: Teacher

For the last 13 years, Mr. Vasquez has taught United States History, Participation in Government and Economics at Newcomer's High School in Long Island City. Newcomers High School's mission is to provide new immigrant students with an instructional program that emphasizes the development of English language proficiency as well as helping students and their parents with the adaptation process to a new school system, a new city, and a new country.

Mr. Vasquez has embraced the challenge of teaching his academic subject and simultaneously teaching language and literacy skills to students that are primarily English language learners. He works in close collaboration with his colleagues trained in English as a Second Language to develop and adapt curriculum to meet the needs

of the schools unique population of students. He is recognized by the principal of Newcomers as being one of the reasons the high school has received an “A” grade by the New York City Department of Education.

Mr. Vasquez served as the Chairperson of the Newcomer’s School Leadership Team for seven years. This team fosters the initiative of shared leadership and bridges connections between parents, teachers, administrators and community organizations. He also served as district representative for the Queens High Schools.

He has taken on student teaching candidates and mentored new teachers. He has facilitated professional development sessions and has a leadership role in the High School’s Comprehensive Development Plan, conducting needs assessment, and framing goals and objectives to improve student performance.

Mr. Vasquez earned his B.A. in History and Philosophy and his Master’s in Secondary Education from The City University of New York Queens College.

Tony Vargas
Manager of Teacher Leader Development
Teach for America
New York, New York

Membership Category: Public

Mr. Vargas is a Manager of Teacher Leadership Development for Teach for America in New York City. Teach for America is growing the movement of leaders who work to ensure that kids growing up in poverty get an excellent education. As an instructional coach and manager Mr. Vargas works with 35 Teach for America candidates in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx during their first and second year mentored teacher placements.

Mr. Vargas joined Teach for America in 2007 and taught 7th grade biology at Sunset Park Prep M.S. 821 in Brooklyn. After two years Mr. Vargas decided he could better serve Teach for America as a coach and mentor and has provided leadership training and helps hold his TFA teachers accountable to reaching their class academic goals.

Mr. Vargas holds a B.A. in Psychology and Biology from the University of Rochester.

Membership
State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

As of May 1, 2012

<p>Dr. Gerald M. Mager, Co-Chair School of Education Syracuse University 150 Huntington Hall Syracuse, New York 13244-2340 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	<p>Debra Calvino, Co-Chair Valley Central High School 1175 St. Rt. 17K Montgomery, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Dr. Julius Gregg Adams Associate Dean for Special Initiatives Daemen College Duns Scotus 352 4380 Main Street Amherst, New York 14226 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Mr. Richard R. Ahola 4568 Lakeview Road Dundee, NY 14837 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Getrude Bantle Fairport High School 1 Dave Paddock Way Fairport, New York 14450 Term Expires: June 30, 2012</p>	<p>Dr. Coleen Clay, Department Chair Teacher Education Department York College CUNY 94-20 Guy Brewer Blvd. Jamaica, New York 11451 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Ms. Allison Cugini New York City Department of Education 715 Ocean Terrace Room 319, Building A Staten Island, New York 10301 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Dr. Kate Daboll-Lavoie Nazareth College 4245 East Avenue Rochester, New York 14618 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Dr. Stephen Danna Hadley-Luzerne Central School 273 Lake Avenue Lake Luzerne, New York 12846 Term Expires: June 30, 2012</p>	<p>Khieta Davis Flower City School #54 311 Flower City Park Rochester, New York 14615 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Maria DeWald Dutchess County BOCES 900 Dutchess Tpke. Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Sharon Eghigian Columbus School Utica City School District Utica, New York 13403 Term Expires: June 30, 2012</p>

<p>Dr. Jan P. Hammond SUNY College at New Paltz School of Education, FOB, N13 1 Hawk Drive New Paltz, New York 12561 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Dr. R. Lloyd Jaeger Millbrook Central School District P.O. Box AA Millbrook, New York 12545 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>John Mahony Questar III Columbia-Greene Educational Center 131 Union Turnpike Hudson, New York 12534 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>	<p>Ms. Susan W. Mittler Ithaca Teachers Association Ithaca City School District 1375 North Cayuga Street Ithaca, New York 14850 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Dr. Ruth Pagerey Assistant Provost SUNY System Administration State University Plaza Albany, New York 12246 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	<p>Dr. Gale Sookdeo Susan B. Anthony IS 238 Q 88-15 182nd Street Hollis, New York 11423 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>
<p>Ellen Sullivan Board Member Greater Capital Region Teacher Center University at Albany-East Campus 120 Clermont Street Albany, New York 12203 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	