



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Committee on the Professions
DATE: October 5, 2023
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Betsy M...*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Aaron Baldwin, Louise DeCandia, Jason Harmon, Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Daniel Morton-Bentley and Julia Patane to the Committee on the Professions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Rules of the Board of Regents.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Full Board for action at its October 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

Part 24 of the Rules of the Board of Regents establishes the Committee on the Professions and requires the appointment of members by the Board of Regents.

Background Information

The Committee on the Professions (COP) was established by the Board of Regents to assist the Board in supervising admission to and regulation of the licensed professions. Composed of Department officers designated by the Board and working in panels of three, the COP considers atypical licensure cases wherein applicants seek to meet given requirements by submitting credentials that are the substantial equivalent in scope and content to those normally presented. The COP also makes final determinations concerning questions of moral character for purposes of initial licensure; hears and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning requests for restoration of a professional

license that has been revoked or surrendered; and reviews and makes recommendations to the Regents on proposed penalties in consent orders related to professional misconduct.

Due to the departure of several members of the Committee on the Professions and the substantial workloads carried by current Committee members, it has become more difficult to plan meetings of the COP for which the requisite 3-member panel must be selected. As a result, additional Committee members are needed. Accordingly, I am recommending the addition of the following individuals to the roster of COP members (attached):

- Aaron Baldwin, Deputy Counsel, Office of Counsel
- Louise DeCandia, Chief Privacy Officer
- Jason Harmon, Deputy Commissioner, P12 Operations
- Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy Commissioner, P12 Instructional Support
- Daniel Morton-Bentley, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel
- Julia Patane, Associate Counsel, Office of Counsel

They have expressed interest in participating in the licensing and disciplinary processes by serving on the COP and would be valuable additions to the Committee.

Related Regent's Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the attached roster of the Committee on the Professions, effective October 17, 2023.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved, the appointments to the Committee on the Professions will become effective immediately.

**Committee on the Professions
Roster of Members
(Effective October 17, 2023)**

Sarah S. Benson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions

Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Aaron Baldwin, Deputy Counsel, Office of Counsel

Sharon Cates-Williams, Executive Deputy Commissioner

Dolores Cottrell, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Louise DeCandia, Chief Privacy Officer

Owen Donovan, Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice, Office of the Professions

Thania Fernández, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Eric Greppo, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

David H. Hamilton, Assistant Commissioner for Professional Licensing and Practice, Office of the Professions

Jason Harmon, Deputy Commissioner, P12 Operations

Victoria Hay, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Professions

Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy Commissioner, P12 Instructional Support

Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Deputy Commissioner, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

Daniel Morton-Bentley, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel

William Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Higher Education

Julia Patane, Associate Counsel, Office of Counsel

Evan Seiden, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Mark Shaming, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Cultural Education

Suzanne Sullivan, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Paul Thompson, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions

Jennifer Winters, Executive Secretary, Office of the Professions