

# THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

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

FROM: David H. Hamilton Towl L. Handon

**SUBJECT:** (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the

Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and

Moral Character Panels

DATE: September 25, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): /Selly//Com-

SUMMARY

## <u>Issue for Decision (Consent)</u>

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels?

### Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board at its October 2025 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Approval of board members by the Board of Regents is required by Section 6508(4) of the Education Law.

#### **Background Information**

Information on the proposed (re)appointees is noted on the attachment.

## **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

# **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions.

# **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Regents approve these (re)appointments, members' terms will go into effect as noted on the attachment.

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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions				
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics	
Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Re-Appointment)				
Amit Shelat Jericho, NY 11753	Medsurant Health 100 Front Street, Suite 280 West Conshohocken, PA 19428	November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2028	Degree: BA (Chemistry & Psychology), NYU; MPA (Health Plcy & Mgmnt), NYU; Sc.M (Health Care Mgmnt), Harvard Univ; DO (Medicine), NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 2006 License# 238794	
State Board for Acupuncture (Appointment)				
Sabrina Havens Whitestone, NY 11357	Onda Blu Acupuncture PLLC 425 Northern Blvd., Suite 21 Great Neck, NY 11021	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: BA (English), NYU; MS (Oriental Medicine), New York College of Health Professions; DACM (Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine), Pacific College of Oriental Medicine; Profession: Acupuncture Licensed in 2021	
Judicial District XI	Judicial District X		License# 004456	

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State Board for Dietetics & Nutrition (Appointment)			
Carol DeNysschen Saratoga Springs, NY 12286	SUNY Empire State University 1 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: BS (Biology), Cornell University; MPH (Public Health Nutrition), Univ. of Minnesota; MBA (Business), SUNY Oswego; PhD (Exercise Science), SUNY Buffalo; Profession: Dietitian Licensed in 1995
Judicial District IV	Judicial District IV		License# 001229
State Board for Massage Therapy (Appointment)			
Christine Bailor- Goodlander Williamsville, NY 14221	Body Essential Holistic Wellness Center 5225 Sheridan Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: RN Diploma (Nursing), Sisters Charity Hospital School of Nursing; BA (Health Care), Siena Heights Univ.; Profession: Nursing
Judicial District VIII	Judicial District VIII		Licensed in 1985 License# 378490
(Appointment)			
Karen Harmon Rochester, NY 14614	Bodywork Unbound Massage & Spa 906 Elmgrove Rd Rochester, NY 14624	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: Certificate (Massage Therapy), North Texas School of Swedish Massage; Certificate (Massage Therapy), Onondaga School of Swedish Massage; Profession: Massage Therapy Licensed in 2013
Judicial District VII	Judicial District VII		License# 026854

(Appointment)			
Renee Taliana Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	Saratoga Massage LLC 73 Washington St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: BA (Advertising), Michigan State University; Certificate (Massage Therapy), Center for Natural Wellness; Profession: Massage Therapy Licensed in 2014 License# 028247
State Board for Medical Physics (Appointment)			
Richard Harvey East Aurora, NY 14052  Judicial District	Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center 665 Carlton St. Buffalo, NY 14263	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: BS (Nuclear Medicine Technology), SUNY Buffalo; MS (Health Physics), SUNY Buffalo; DrPH (Radiological Health), University of Michigan; Profession: Medical Physics Licensed in 2003
VIII  State Board for Medicine (Public Member) Appointment	Judicial District VIII		License# 000084
Mohammad-Zuber Nakadar Yonkers, NY 10710	Mount Sinai Health Systems 1468 Madison Ave New York, NY 10029	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: MBA (Healthcare Management), Iona College; MD (Medical Science), Ramaiah Medical College;
Judicial District IX	Judicial District I		

State Board for Nursing (Auxiliary) (Appointment)			
Maritess Barcancil Bernardo Clarence Center, NY 14032 Judicial District	Upstate Medical Center/College of Nursing 710 E. Adams St Syracuse, NY 13210	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: MSN (Nursing Education), Univ. of Phoenix; DNP (Educational Leadership), Chamberlain Univ.; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 2018
VIII	Judicial District V		License# 757862
(Auxiliary) (Appointment)			
Ray-an Bolonia Talatala Brooklyn, NY 11209	NYC Health & Hospitals/Bellevue 462 First Ave New York, NY 10016	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: BSN (Nursing), Xavier University; MS (Surgical Nursing), Liceo de Cagayan Univ.; DNP (Nursing). Aspen Univ.; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 2016
Judicial District II	Judicial District I		License# 724837
(Auxiliary) (Appointment)			
Cheryl Shaffer Port Jefferson, NY 11777	Suffolk County Community College 533 College Rd Selden, NY 11784	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: BSN (Nursing), Penn. State Univ.; MSN (Nursing), Syracuse Univ.; PhD (Nursing), Rutgers Univ.; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1996
Judicial District X	Judicial District X		License# 482299
(Auxiliary) (Appointment)			
Mary "Molly" Shea East Amherst, NY 14051	Sloan Comfort Care Home 17 Gierlach St Sloan, NY 14212	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030	Degree: APN (Nursing), Trocaire College; BSN (Nursing), SUNY Buffalo; MS (Forensic Science & Law), Duquesne Univ.; Profession: Nursing
Judicial District VIII	Judicial District VIII		Licensed in 1989 License# 413332

State Board for			
Perfusion			
(Appointment)			
(Appointment)			
Michael Cronin	Rochester General	October 7, 2025	Degree: BS (Biology),
Victor, NY 14564	Hospital	to	Le Moyne College; MS
	1425 Portland Ave	October 6, 2030	(Clinical Perfusion),
	Rochester, NY		SUNY Upstate Medical
	14621		University;
			Profession: Perfusion
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Judicial District VII	Judicial District VII		License# 000464
(Appointment)			
Karen Smith	Univ. of Rochester,	October 7, 2025	Degree: AS
Churchville, NY	Strong Memorial	to	(Math/Science),
14428	Hospital	October 6, 2030	Jefferson Community
	601 Elmwood Ave,	,	College; BS
	Box 624		(Cardiovascular
	Rochester, NY		Perfusion), SUNY
	14642		Upstate Medical Univ.;
			MS (Healthcare
			Administration), Roberts
			Wesleyan College; Profession: Perfusion
			Licensed in 2017
Judicial District VII	Judicial District VII		License# 000131
(Appointment)			
Public Member			
Jason Wiles	Syracuse Univ.	October 7, 2025	Degree: BA (Biology),
Syracuse, NY	Dept. of Biology	to	Harding Univ.; MST
13203	107 College Place	October 6, 2030	(Biology), Portland State
	Syracuse, NY 13244		Univ., MS (Geosciences),
	13244		Mississippi State Univ.;
			PhD (Science
Judicial District V	Judicial District V		Education), McGill Univ.;

State Board for Social Work (Appointment)			
Austen LaBarge Watertown, NY 13601	Children's Home of Jefferson County 211 JB Wise Plaza Watertown, NY 13601	October 29, 2025 to October 28, 2030	Degree: AA (Human Services), Jefferson Community College; BS (Social Work), SUNY Brockport; MS (Social Work), Greater Rochester Collaborative MSW Program; Profession: Social Work Licensed in 2019
Judicial District V	Judicial District V		License# 089032
(Appointment)			
Robyn Wiktorski- Reynolds Boston, NY 14025 Judicial District VIII	Univ. at Buffalo School of Social Work 626 Baldy Hall Buffalo, NY 14260 Judicial District VIII	October 29, 2025 to October 28, 2030	Degree: BA (English), SUNY Buffalo; MSSW (Social Work), Univ. of Texas at Austin; Profession: Social Work Licensed in 2004 License# 066925
State Board for Veterinary Technology (Appointment)			
Feliza Lopez Brooklyn, NY 11222	Schwarzman Animal Medical Center 510 E. 62 <sup>nd</sup> St New York, NY 10065	October 7, 2025 to October 6, 2030	Degree: BS (Veterinary Technology), Mercy Univ.; Profession: Veterinary Technology Licensed in 2012 License# 007135
Judicial District II	Judicial District I		

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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or				
Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels				
Board Name,	Candidate's	Proposed	Highest and/or Professional	
Proposed Action, Candidate's Name,	Current Employer, Address and	Term		
Residential	Judicial District		Degree(s) Earned, and	
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State Board of				
Chiropractic				
(Appointment)				
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Bruce Steinberg, Jr.	Queensbury Family	September 17,	Degree: DC	
Saratoga Springs,	Chiropractic	2025	(Chiropractic),	
NY 12866	959 State Route 9	to	Palmer College of	
	Queensbury, NY	September 16,	Chiropractic;	
	12804	2030	Profession:	
			Chiropractic	
			Licensed in 2006	
Judicial District IV	Judicial District IV		License# 011317	
State Board for				
Nursing				
(Appointment)				
Ralph Derrico	(Retired)	November 1, 2025	Degree: BSN	
Williamsville, NY	(ixeliieu)	to	(Nursing),	
14221		October 31, 2030	D'Youville College;	
1 124 1		2010001 01, 2000	Profession: Nursing	
			Licensed in 1978	
Judicial District VIII			License# 307741	

(Re-Appointment)			
Liesl Hall-Grant Jamaica, NY 11434	Mercy Hospital 1000 N. Village Ave Rockville Center, NY 11520	November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2030	Degree: BSN (Nursing), City College of New York; MS (Clinical Nurse Specialist), Adelphi University; Post Masters (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner), Hunter College; Profession: RN*, NP** Licensed in 1989*, 2000** License #416160*,
Judicial District XI	Judicial District X		381364**