

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

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

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Committee on the Professions

DATE: November 10, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

## Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Elizabeth Berlin, Sarah S. Benson, Seth Rockmuller, James Hinds, Suzanne Sullivan, Stephen Boese, and Jennifer Winters 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 Board of Regents at its November 2014 meeting where it will be submitted for action.

## 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hears and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning requests for restoration of a professional license that has been revoked or surrendered; and reviews and makes recommendations to the Regents on proposed penalties in consent orders related to professional misconduct.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 work loads 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):

- Elizabeth Berlin, Executive Deputy Commissioner
- Sarah S. Benson, Director of Operations, Office of the Professions
- Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Medicine, Athletic Trainers Committee, Medical Physics Committee, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Veterinary Medicine
- James R. Hinds, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Seth Rockmuller, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy and Podiatry
- Suzanne Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Nursing and Respiratory Therapy, and the Psychotherapy/Psychoanalysis Review Unit
- Jennifer Winters, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Certified Shorthand and Reporting Public Accountancy

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.

#### Recommendation

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the attached roster of the Committee on the Professions, effective November 18, 2014.

### Timetable for Implementation

**Immediately** 

# Committee on the Professions Roster of Members (Effective November 2014)

Sarah S. Benson, Director of Operations, Office of the Professions

Elizabeth Berlin, Executive Deputy Commissioner

**Jane W. Blair**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Engineering and Land Surveying and for Interior Design

**Stephen Boese**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Medicine, Athletic Trainers Committee, Medical Physics Committee, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Veterinary Medicine

Jeffrey Cannell, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Cultural Education

**Dolores Cottrell-Carson**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Dentistry Chiropractic and Optometry

**Kathleen M. Doyle**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Applied Behavior Analysis, Massage Therapy, Perfusion, Psychology, & Clinical Laboratory Technology

Steven M. Earle, Director of the Office for Diversity, Ethics and Access

**David H. Hamilton**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners

**Stanley S. Hansen, Jr.**, Executive Director of the Office of K-16 Initiatives and Access Programs

**James R. Hinds**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

**Douglas E. Lentivech**, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions

**Robert Lopez**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Architecture and Landscape Architecture

**Lawrence H. Mokhiber**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards of Pharmacy and Midwifery

**Susan Naccarato**, Acting Director of Professional Licensing Services

**Seth Rockmuller**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy & Podiatry

**Kevin Smith**, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

**Suzanne Sullivan**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Nursing and Respiratory Therapy, and the Psychotherapy/Psychoanalysis Review Unit

**Leslie Templeman**, Director, Office of College and University Evaluation

**Jennifer Winters**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Certified Shorthand and Reporting Public Accountancy