



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Designation of Professional Conduct Officer
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the designation of Douglas E. Lentivech, as Professional Conduct Officer?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its January 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Education Law §6505(8) requires that the Board of Regents designate a professional conduct officer, "who shall be the chief administrative officer of the office of the professions, or his designee, in connection with professional licensing and misconduct proceedings and criminal matters, such officer to be empowered to issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with such proceedings". Currently, the professional conduct officer designated by the Board of Regents is George Ding, however, Mr. Ding will be retiring from state service shortly, leaving a vacancy in the designation of this position.

As it is imperative that a professional conduct officer be appointed and available to perform numerous ongoing requirements relating to professional conduct, it is recommended that the Board appoint Douglas E. Lentivech, who currently serves as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions to serve in this capacity.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents designate Douglas E. Lentivech as professional conduct officer.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve this appointment, the desginee's term will go into effect on January 24, 2019.