



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

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: December 4, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellamy*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

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 December 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)			
Jerry Balentine Bearsville, NY 12409	NY Institute of Technology Northern Blvd. P.O. Box 8000 Old Westbury, NY 11568	November 4, 2025 to November 3, 2028	Degree: DO (Osteopathy), Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1990 License# 181012
Judicial District III (Re-Appointment)	Judicial District X		
Ramanathan Raju Staten Island, NY 10304	(Retired)	December 31, 2025 to December 30, 2028	Degree: MD (General Surgery Medicine), Madras Medical College; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1983 License# 156241
Judicial District XIII			
State Board for Medicine (Appointment)			
Audrey Murray Rego Park, NY 11374	North Shore University Hospital 300 Community Drive Manhasset, NY 11030	December 16, 2025 to December 15, 2030	Degree: BA (Biology), CUNY Hunter; MD (Medicine), Weill Cornell Medical College; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 2010 License# 256608
Judicial District XI	Judicial District X		
State Board for Nursing (Appointment)			

Georgina Howard Cambria Heights, NY, 11411	(Retired)	January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030	Degree: BSN (Nursing), Adelphi University; MPA (Health Care Administration), Long Island Univ.-CW Post College; MSN (Nurse Executive Leadership), St. Xavier University; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1982 License# 345086
Judicial District XI (Re-Appointment)			
Heidi Mix Geneseo, NY 14454	Genesee Valley Educational Partnership 80 Munson Street Leroy, NY 14482	January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030	Degree: BS (Social Sciences), SUNY Geneseo; BSN (Nursing), Univ of Rochester; Assoc (Nursing), Genesee CC; MS (Nursing Leadership), Univ of Rochester; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1997 License# 491514
Judicial District VII	Judicial District VIII		
State Board for Occupational Therapy (Appointment)			
Vikram Pagpatan Farmingdale, NY 11735	SUNY Downstate 445 Lenox Road Brooklyn, NY 11203	January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030	Degree: BS (Occupational Therapy), CUNY York College; MS (Occupational Therapy), CUNY York College; EdD (Educational Technology), Walden University; Profession: Occupational Therapy Licensed in 2013 License# 018285
Judicial District X (Appointment)	Judicial District II		
Linda Rini West Babylon, NY 11704	Touro University 225 Eastview Dr	January 1, 2026 to	Degree: AAS (Occupational Therapy Assistant), Suffolk

	Central Islip, NY 11772	December 31, 2030	Community College, Brentwood; BS/MS (Occupational Therapy), Dominican College; OTD (Occupational Therapy), Chatham University; Profession(s): Occupational Therapy*; Occupational Therapy Assistant** Licensed in 2019* & 2003** License#(s) 024167* & 006052
Judicial District X	Judicial District X		

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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, 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
Committee on Athletic Training (Re-Appointment) Timothy Kelly West Point, NY 10996 Judicial District IX	US Military Academy Bldg. 639, Howard Road West Point, NY 10996 Judicial District IX	February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2031	Degree: BS (Athletic Training), University of Iowa; MA (Exercise Science), University of Nebraska; Profession: Athletic Training Licensed in 1997 License# 000006
State Board for Chiropractic (Appointment) Anthony V. Morgante Buffalo, NY 14216 Judicial District VIII	Morgante Family Chiropractic 1660 Kensington Ave, Suite 1 Buffalo, NY 14215 Judicial District VIII	January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030	Degree: BS (Marketing), Canisius College; DC (Chiropractic), NY Chiropractic college; Profession: Chiropractic Licensed in 1998 License# 008978
State Board for Dentistry (Re-Appointment) Rekha C. Gehani Manhasset, NY 11030	35-40 82 nd St, Apt. 1F Jackson Heights, NY 11372	November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2030	Degree: BDS (Dentistry), University of Bombay, India; DDS (Orthodontics),

Judicial District X	Judicial District XI		Columbia University, School of Dental and Oral Surgery Profession: Dentistry Licensed in 1979 License# 034549
State Board for Medicine (Appointment) Robert Walther New York, NY 10128 Judicial District I	(Retired)	January 12, 2026 to January 11, 2031	Degree: MD (Medicine), University of North Carolina; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1975 License# 123822