



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:** Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Summary of the December 2025 Meeting

**DATE:** December 31, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**



**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Should the Board of Regents approve the Summary of the December 2025 Meeting?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Not applicable.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its January 2026 meeting.

**Procedural History**

This document summarizes the actions of the Board of Regents during the monthly meeting and is brought before the Board during its next meeting for approval.

**Background Information**

Not applicable.

**Related Regent's Items**

Not Applicable.

### **Recommendation**

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

**VOTED:** That the Summary of the December 2025 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Effective January 13, 2026.



**SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 2025 MEETING**

**OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

*Held at the  
State Education Building  
Albany, New York*

***December 15 and 16, 2025***

***Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary***

The Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York held a public session in Albany on Monday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the State Education Building pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

**MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*

Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*

Roger Tilles

Christine D. Cea

Wade S. Norwood

Susan W. Mittler

Frances G. Wills

Aramina Vega Ferrer

Shino Tanikawa

Roger P. Catania

Adrian I. Hale

Hasoni L. Pratts

Patrick A. Mannion

Seema Rivera

Brian Krist

Keith B. Wiley

Felicia Thomas-Williams

Also present were Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy, Jeff Matteson, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Daniel Morton-Bentley, and Secretary, Board of Regents, Christopher J. Halpin.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Executive Session Motion**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents enter into executive session on Tuesday, December 16, at 9:25 a.m. to discuss litigation matters.

**Motion by:** Vice Chancellor Judith Chin

**Seconded by:** Regent Christine D. Cea

**Action:** Motion passed. Regent Norwood was absent for the vote.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Update on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System**

Jason Harmon, Deputy Commissioner of Performance Improvement & Management Services, Yufan Huang, Assistant Commissioner and Lead Data Officer, Michael St. John, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, and guest presenter Maria Fernandez, Deputy Secretary for Education, NYS Governor's Office provided an update regarding the development of the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (Attachment I).

Chancellor Young adjourned the meeting.

**MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Tuesday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*  
Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*  
Roger Tilles  
Christine D. Cea  
Wade S. Norwood  
Susan W. Mittler  
Frances G. Wills  
Aramina Vega Ferrer  
Roger P. Catania  
Adrian I. Hale  
Hasoni L. Pratts  
Patrick A. Mannion  
Seema Rivera  
Brian Krist  
Keith B. Wiley  
Felicia Thomas-Williams

Also present were Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy, Jeff Matteson, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Daniel Morton-Bentley, and Secretary, Board of Regents, Christopher J. Halpin. Regent Shino Tanikawa was absent and excused.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2026-2027 Regents Budget and Legislative Priorities  
BR (A) 4 – REVISED**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents adopt the attached as their 2026-2027 State Aid and Budget Proposal.

**Motion by:** Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer  
**Seconded by:** Regent Felicia Thomas-Williams  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Charter Applications**  
**BR (A) 1**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve each application in accordance with the recommendations contained in the summary table (See Appendix I).

**Summary of the November 2025 Meeting of the Board of Regents**  
**BR (A) 2**

**MOVED**, that the Summary of the October 2025 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

**Motion by:** Regent Susan W. Mittler  
**Seconded by:** Regent Roger P. Catania  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**State Education Department November 2025 Fiscal Report**  
**BR (A) 3**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the State Education Department November 2025 Fiscal Report as presented.

**Motion by:** Regent Frances G. Wills  
**Seconded by:** Regent Seema Rivera  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS**

**Cultural Education**

**Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries**  
**BR (CA) 1**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Emily Clasper, Kim McNeil-Capers, and Jack Scott to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for terms beginning December 16, 2025 and ending December 15, 2030.

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of AnnaLee Dragon as an Ex Officio member of the Regents Advisory Council for a term beginning December 16, 2025, and ending when Ms. Dragon no longer holds the position of Executive Director of the New York Library Association.

**Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Museums**  
**BR (CA) 2**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Sean Decatur, Stephanie Ratcliff, and Sarah Van Anden to terms beginning December 16, 2025, and ending December 15, 2030.

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the reappointment Tracy Fitzpatrick to a three-year term beginning December 16, 2025 and ending December 15, 2030.

**Higher Education**

**Conferral of Degrees: The College of Saint Rose**  
**BR (CA) 3**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents confer upon the following individual, who has completed the requirements for the registered degree program at The College of Saint Rose, the degree listed below. 3

The following student has completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) at The College of Saint Rose:

Brandon Taveras

**Master Plan Amendment Applications - Fei Tian College and New York Institute of Technology**  
**BR (CA) 4**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications on the summary table below.

| Name of Institution              | Location     | Description of Master Plan Amendment   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Fei Tian College                 | Middletown   | Authorization to offer a program in Business Analytics leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree award at the College's branch campus in Middletown. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first bachelor's program in the discipline of Business registered at the branch campus. |
| New York Institute of Technology | Old Westbury | Authorization to offer a program in Integrative Anatomy leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree award. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first doctoral program in the discipline of Biological Sciences.  |

**Office of Counsel**

**2026 Regulatory Agenda  
BR (CA) 5**

**MOVED**, that the 2026 Regulatory Agenda for the State Education Department be approved, as submitted.

**Professional Practice**

**(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  
BR (CA) 6**

**MOVED**, 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.

**Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and  
Degree Conferrals  
BR (CA) 7**

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petition(s) and degree conferrals.

**Daemen University: Master Plan Amendment to offer a PhD Program in  
Behavioral Science  
BR (CA) 8**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve an MPA to authorize Daemen University to offer the PhD program in Behavioral Science. This amendment will be effective until December 16, 2026, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case the master plan amendment shall be without term.

**Proposed Amendment to Paragraph (8) of Subdivision (a) of Section 63.6 of the  
Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Transferring of  
Prescriptions by Pharmacists  
BR (CA) 9**

**MOVED**, that paragraph (8) of subdivision (a) of section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective January 5, 2026, as an emergency rule, upon the finding that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare to immediately require that pharmacists and pharmacies transfer a patient's entire prescription, including all authorized refills.

**Swedish Institute, Inc.: Transfer of Degree-conferring Authority  
BR (CA) 10**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents consent to the transfer of degree-conferring authority of Swedish Institute, Inc., through a change of ownership to Lotus, USA. This consent will be effective until December 16, 2026, unless Swedish Institute, Inc., receives approval from its institutional accreditor to change ownership and remains eligible to participate in the Federal Student Financial Aid programs under the new ownership, in which case the consent shall be without term.

## **Special Education/Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (SE/ACCES)**

### **Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. BR (CA) 11**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Richard Bedard, Jocelyn Blanchard, and Jose Hernandez to the New York State Independent Living Council for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the reappointments of Rasheta Bunting, Barbara Goldstein, Lindsay Miller, and Sonam Ben Willow to the New York State Independent Living Council for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the consent agenda items.

**Motion by:** Regent Roger P. Catania  
**Seconded by:** Regent Brian Krist  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **REGENTS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### **Regents Committee on Higher Education Members**

Regent Ferrer, Co-Chair, Regent Rivera, Co-Chair, Vice Chancellor Chin, Regent Norwood, Regent Wills, Regent Catania, Regent Hale, Regent Pratts, Regent Krist, Regent Wiley

The Higher Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on December 15, 2025. All members were present. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Christine D. Cea, Regent Susan W. Mittler, Regent Shino Tanikawa, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, and Regent Felicia Thomas-Williams also attended the meeting.

### **MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**A proposed amendment to sections 145-2.1 and 145-2.9 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to Part-time Study for Undergraduate Students** - Department staff presented a proposed regulatory amendment to align

Commissioner Regulations with an amendment to New York State Education Law § 667-c, which lowered the minimum required credit load for the Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) from 6 to 3 credit hours.

The 2025-26 Enacted State Budget (Part D of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2025) consolidated three existing state financial aid programs for part-time students into a single Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), as well as expanded eligibility for Part-Time TAP. Specifically, the Budget amended New York State Education Law § 667-c, lowering the minimum required credit load for the Part-Time TAP from 6 to 3 credit hours. This change affects students enrolled in an approved undergraduate degree program who are taking less than 12 credits per semester.

This new minimum credit hour requirement for Part-Time TAP applies to part-time students who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at participating New York institutions, including SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges. Other requirements are unchanged: Students must still meet other eligibility requirements, including New York State residency, being in good standing on any student loans, and meeting income guidelines. Therefore, the Department proposes to amend section 145-2.1 to reflect this change.

Additionally, the Budget repealed section 666 of the Education Law regarding the Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) Program. Therefore, the amendment removes references to this section in the Commissioner's regulations in sections 145-2.3 and 145-2.9.1.

Deputy Commissioner William Murphy reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

#### **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

The Higher Education Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents approve the report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on December 15, 2025.

#### **REGENTS COMMITTEE ON P-12 EDUCATION**

##### **Regents Committee on P-12 Education Members**

Vice Chancellor Chin, Co-Chair, Regent Catania, Co-Chair, Regent Tilles, Regent Cea, Regent Norwood, Regent Wills, Regent Ferrer, Regent Tanikawa, Regent Rivera, Regent Thomas-Williams

The P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on December 15, 2025. All members were present. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Susan W. Mittler, Regent Adrian I. Hale, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, Regent Brian Krist, and Regent Keith B. Wiley also attended the meeting but did not vote on any action.

## **MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**SUNY-authorized New Charter School Applications [P-12 (A) 1]** - Department staff presented recommendations regarding three new SUNY-authorized charter schools.

NYSED is recommending that the Board of Regents return the applications for the following charter schools due to significant community opposition:

- The Academy Charter School Brentwood Elementary – Approved to open Fall 2026
- The Academy Charter School Brentwood Middle – Approved to open Fall 2026
- The Academy Charter School Central Islip Regional High – Approved to open Fall 2026

This recommendation follows precedent from 2021, when similar opposition led the Regents to return SUNY approvals for other schools for reconsideration.

The committee recommends that the Board of Regents return the proposed charters for **The Academy Charter School Brentwood Elementary, The Academy Charter School Brentwood Middle, and The Academy Charter School Central Islip Regional High** to the Trustees of the State University of New York for reconsideration, with the following comment and recommendation, “The Regents are unable to make the required findings in accordance with Education Law §2852(2), including, but not limited to, the findings that granting the applications is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law. In addition, there is significant community opposition to the proposed schools that must be considered. The Regents encourage the SUNY Trustees to re-examine and consider the comments presented in the SUNY Summary of Findings and Recommendations for these applications, many in opposition to these charter applications, and to provide a substantive response to the concerns raised. These proposed charter actions should be abandoned.”

The motion passed unanimously.

## **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

The P-12 Education Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on December 15, 2025.

## **REGENTS COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

### **Regents Committee on Professional Practice**

Regent Norwood, Co-Chair, Regent Mannion, Co-Chair, Vice Chancellor Chin, Regent Cea, Regent Wills, Regent Catania, Regent Hale, Regent Pratts, Regent Krist, Regent Wiley

The Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on December 16, 2025. All members were present. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Susan W. Mittler, Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer, Regent Seema Rivera, and Regent Felicia Thomas-Williams, also attended the meeting, but did not vote on any action.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Professional Discipline Cases [PPC (A) 1 – 3]**

The Committee recommends that the reports of the Regents Review Committees, including rulings, findings of fact, determinations as to guilt, and recommendations, by unanimous or majority vote, contained in those reports which have been distributed to you, be accepted in 3 cases. In addition, your Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 15 consent order applications, and that 12 surrender applications be granted.

These recommendations are made following the review of 30 cases involving five certified public accountants, five licensed practical nurses, five registered professional nurses, three massage therapists, two certified public accountancy professional corporations, one architect, one architecture design professional corporation, one certified public accountancy professional service limited liability company, one licensed clinical social worker, one licensed master social worker, one licensed mental health counselor, one pharmacist, one registered professional nurse who is also nurse practitioner in Family Health, and one professional engineer.

The Professional Practice Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on December 16, 2025.

### **Restorations [PPC (A) 4 - 5]**

The Committee recommends that the application of Nasreen Dharsee-Dungersi for the restoration of her license to practice as a pharmacist in New York State be granted, with Regent Brian Krist opposed.

The Committee recommends that the application of Louis A. Sidoti for the restoration of his license to practice as a physician in New York State be denied.

### **Proposed Amendment of Section 29.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and Section 63.14 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Practice Settings of Registered Pharmacy Technicians [PPC (A) 1]**

Department staff presented for emergency action a proposed amendment to Section 29.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and Section 63.14 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to conform them to Chapter 543 of the Laws of 2025, which became effective November 21, 2025, which permits registered pharmacy technicians to practice in any pharmacy under the supervision of a pharmacist.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

The Professional Practice Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on December 16, 2025.

### **MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

### **Proposed Amendment of Section 64.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Professional Study of Nursing [PPC (D) 1]**

Department staff proposed technical amendments to section 64.1(c) of the Commissioner's regulations to clarify the intent of Chapter 502 of the Laws of 2017 and Chapter 380 of the Laws of 2018, which are known as the BSN in 10 Law, by further prescribing which baccalaureate or higher degrees are acceptable to the Department to

satisfy the requirement that registered professional nurses must attain such degree in nursing within 10 years of licensure to continue to practicing in this State. The proposed technical amendments will clarify the BSN in 10 Law's exemptions for certain registered professional nurses from the requirement of attaining a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing within 10 years of being issued a New York State registered professional nurse license.

Deputy Commissioner David Hamilton reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the Committee Reports.

**Motion by:** Vice Chancellor Chin  
**Seconded by:** Regent Felicia Thomas-Williams  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor Young adjourned the meeting.

**Appendix I**  
**NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS CHARTER ACTIONS**

| <b>Name of Institution</b>                  | <b>Program Area</b> | <b>County of Location (City/Town)</b> | <b>Description of Charter Action(s)</b>   |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Friends of Harmony Hall - Jacob Sloat House | CE                  | Rockland (Sloatsburg)                 | Extend provisional charter for five years.  |
| Skaneateles Library Association             | CE                  | Onondaga (Skaneateles)                | Merge with "Skaneateles Library Association", a domestic not-for-profit corporation, with "Skaneateles Library Association", an education corporation, as the survivor. |
| The Studio Museum in Harlem                 | CE                  | New York (New York)                   | Consent to filing of certificate of assumed name "Studio Cafe".   |
| City of Faith Christian School              | P-12                | Bronx (Bronx)                         | Extend provisional charter for three years.   |
| Wildwood Montessori School                  | P-12                | Oneida (Camden)                       | Extend provisional charter for three years.   |
| Daemen University                           | HE OP               | Erie (Snyder)                         | Amend charter to add authority to confer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree.   |
| Manhattanville University                   | HE OP               | Westchester (Harrison)                | Amend charter to modernize degree language in their charter.  |

## **Appendix II**

### **REGENTS ACTIONS IN 30 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES AND 2 RESTORATION PETITIONS**

December 16, 2025

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the surrender of 10 licenses and 2 registrations, and 18 other disciplinary actions. The penalty indicated for each case relates solely to the misconduct outlined in that particular case. In addition, the Board acted upon 2 restoration petitions.

#### **I. SURRENDERS**

##### **Massage Therapy**

Michael L. Wright; Massage Therapist; East Aurora, NY 14052; Lic. No. 025677; Cal. No. 34912; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having inappropriately touched a female patient during a massage.

Renzo S. Reyes; Massage Therapist; Nyack, NY 10960; Lic. No. 030231; Cal. No. 34948; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest charges of performing a massage on a client not properly draped and failing to keep an accurate record on a massage client's intake form.

##### **Nursing**

Alfred L. Nickerson; Licensed Practical Nurse; Arkport, NY 14807; Lic. No. 348949; Cal. No. 34928; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of having importuned a patient to engage in intimate behavior.

Sherilyn Maria Pellitteri; Licensed Practical Nurse; Somerset, KY 42501; Lic. No. 315455; Cal. No. 34949; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States Department of Health and Human Services, a felony.

##### **Pharmacy**

Timothy S. Pierce; Pharmacist; Canandaigua, NY 14424; Lic. No. 034227; Cal. No. 34964; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the

charge of dispensing a drug, for which a prescription is required by the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or by the commissioner of health, without a prescription written by a person legally authorized to issue such prescription.

### **Public Accountancy**

Steven Farrell Kirn; Certified Public Accountant; Shelton, CT 06484; Lic. No. 090936; Cal. No. 34615; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to adequately plan audits, failing to design and implement bill and hold testing procedures, and/or failing to supervise audit team members performing bill and hold revenue testing.

Michael Andrew Piqueira; Certified Public Accountant; Norwalk, CT 06851; Lic. No. 094836; Cal. No. 34616; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to adequately plan audits, failing to design and implement bill and hold testing procedures, and/or failing to supervise audit team members performing bill and hold revenue testing.

Howard Komendant CPA NY PC; Professional Service Corporation; Passaic, NJ 07055; Reg. No. 042691; Cal. No. 34873; Application to surrender registration granted. Summary: Registrant did not contest the charge of willfully failing to register a professional service corporation after expiration of its registration, and/or willfully failing to file a triennial statement to the New York State Education Department.

Paul A. Febbraro Jr.; Certified Public Accountant; Douglaston, NY 11363; Lic. No. 037034; Cal. No. 34893; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of authorizing a person to sign an accountant's report on the financial statements of a client while employed by a firm that was not registered, and/or by a firm that failed to undergo a peer review.

Paul A. Febbraro Jr CPA PC; Professional Service Corporation; Douglaston, NY 11363; Reg. No. 025199; Cal. No. 34894; Application to surrender registration granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest charges of failing to undergo a peer review of a professional service corporation's attest services and failing to include required content elements and appropriate language in an audit report in connection with an audit of a 401(K) Savings Plan.

Pamela Linn Small; Certified Public Accountant; La Grangeville, NY 12540; Lic. No. 048698; Cal. No. 34935; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did

not contest the charge of failing to comply with the conditional registration mandatory continuing education requirements.

Jack Vivinetto; Certified Public Accountant; Manhasset, NY 11030-2112; Lic. No. 042512; Cal. No. 34961; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements.

## **II. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### **Architecture**

Paul Gregory; Architect; Brooklyn, NY 11231; Lic. No. 026717; Cal. No. 34848; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$7,500 fine.

GOART Architecture D.P.C.; Design Professional Corporation; New York, NY 10001; Cal. No. 34849; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: \$5,000 fine.

### **Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology**

Oswin Mark Fairweather; Professional Engineer; Brooklyn, NY 11236; Lic. No. 079428; Cal. No. 34892; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, \$1,000 fine.

### **Massage Therapy**

Jonathan P. Wascak; Massage Therapist; Depew, NY 14043; Lic. No. 016680; Cal. No. 34793; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation.

### **Mental Health Practitioners**

Courtney Blair Graham; Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Rochester, NY 14607; Lic. No. 004219; Cal. No. 32496; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

## **Nursing**

Kaley Lynn Garman; Licensed Practical Nurse; Seneca Falls, NY 13148; Lic. No. 313107; Cal. No. 33750; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Indefinite actual suspension for no less than 1 year and until substance abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

McKennalee Gloria Gordon; Licensed Practical Nurse; Albany, NY 12204; Lic. No. 339537; Cal. No. 34025; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Nicole L. Mombrea; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Family Heath); Youngstown, NY 14174; Lic. No. 525453, Cert. No. 349051; Cal. Nos. 34417, 34416; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension of registered professional nurse license, 3 months actual suspension of nurse practitioner certificate, upon return to full practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Caroline Lennon; Registered Professional Nurse; Long Beach, NY 11561; Lic. No. 616621; Cal. No. 34436; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Stephanie F. Archer; Registered Professional Nurse; Rochester, NY 14626; Lic. No. 813597; Cal. No. 34446; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Angela J. Perry; Licensed Practical Nurse; Cohoes, NY 12047-2912; Lic. No. 292791; Cal. No. 34467; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Anita Lynette Dvornicky; Registered Professional Nurse; Watkins Glen, NY 14891; Lic. No. 400673; Cal. No. 34751; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Jonathan P. Wascak; Registered Professional Nurse; Depew, NY 14043; Lic. No. 655001; Cal. No. 34794; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Terrence Russel Bloom; Registered Professional Nurse; Sherman, NY 14781; Lic. No. 713153; Cal. No. 34858; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

### **Public Accountancy**

James Pai CPA PLLC; Professional Service Limited Liability Company; New York, NY 10013; Reg. No. 059085; Cal. No. 34792; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

### **Social Work**

Liza Jane Koff; Licensed Master Social Worker; Brooklyn, NY 11211; Lic. No. 098359; Cal. No. 34624; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Patricia L. Kelsey; Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Rochester, NY 14626; Lic. No. 061158; Cal. No. 34950; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

### **III. RESTORATIONS**

The Board of Regents voted on December 16, 2025, to recommend that the execution of the Order of Surrender of the New York State pharmacist license of Ms. Nasreen Dharsee-Dungersi, North Belmore, NY, be stayed, that upon her return to the practice of pharmacy, she be placed on probation for a period of two years with specified terms and conditions, and that upon completion of probation her license be fully restored. Ms. Dharsee-Dungersi's license was surrendered on October 18, 2016.

The Board of Regents voted on December 16, 2025, to deny the application for restoration of the physician license in the State of New York of Mr. Louis A. Sidoti, Rensselaer, NY. Dr. Sidoti's license was revoked on January 4, 2007.

# ATTACHMENT I



# An Update on NYSED's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Initiative

A Presentation to the Board of Regents

December 2025



New York State  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

# Overview of the Conversation

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## Background

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## Updates on Grant Funded Work

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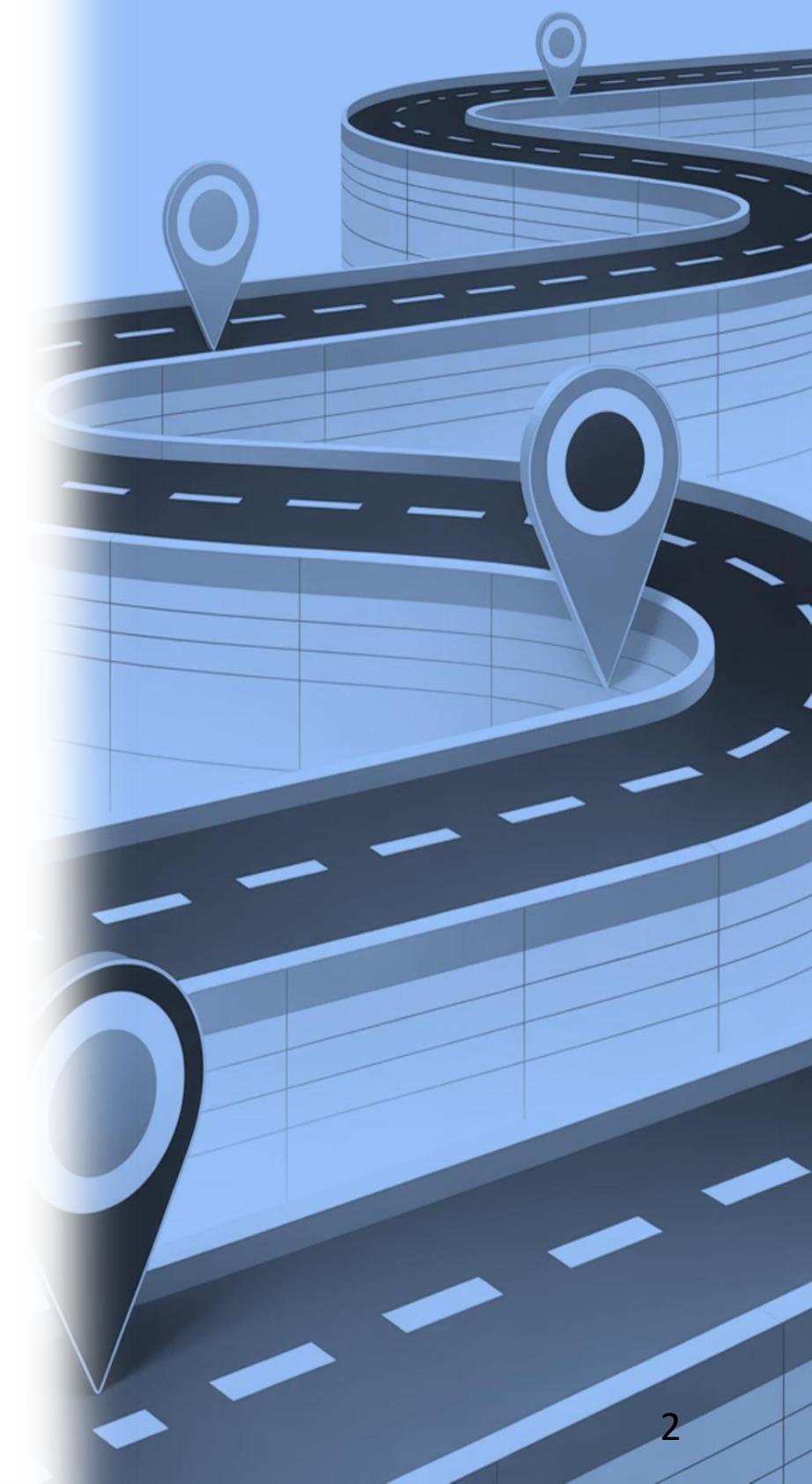
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## Inter-Agency Collaborations

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## Next Steps



# *What is an SLDS?*





## Why Does New York Need an SLDS?

Evidence-Based  
Policymaking

Identify Service  
Gaps and  
Opportunities

Measure True  
Impact



*Creating an SLDS is  
fundamentally  
about serving  
people, not simply a  
technology project.*

# The Department's Federal SLDS Grant

1

Establish Data Security Protocols

2

Connect P-12 to Professional Licensure

3

Link P-12 to Postsecondary Systems

4

Demonstrate Data Visualization

# SLDS Grant: Security Infrastructure

We are meeting or exceeding the most rigorous security standards applicable to educational, health, and federal data systems.

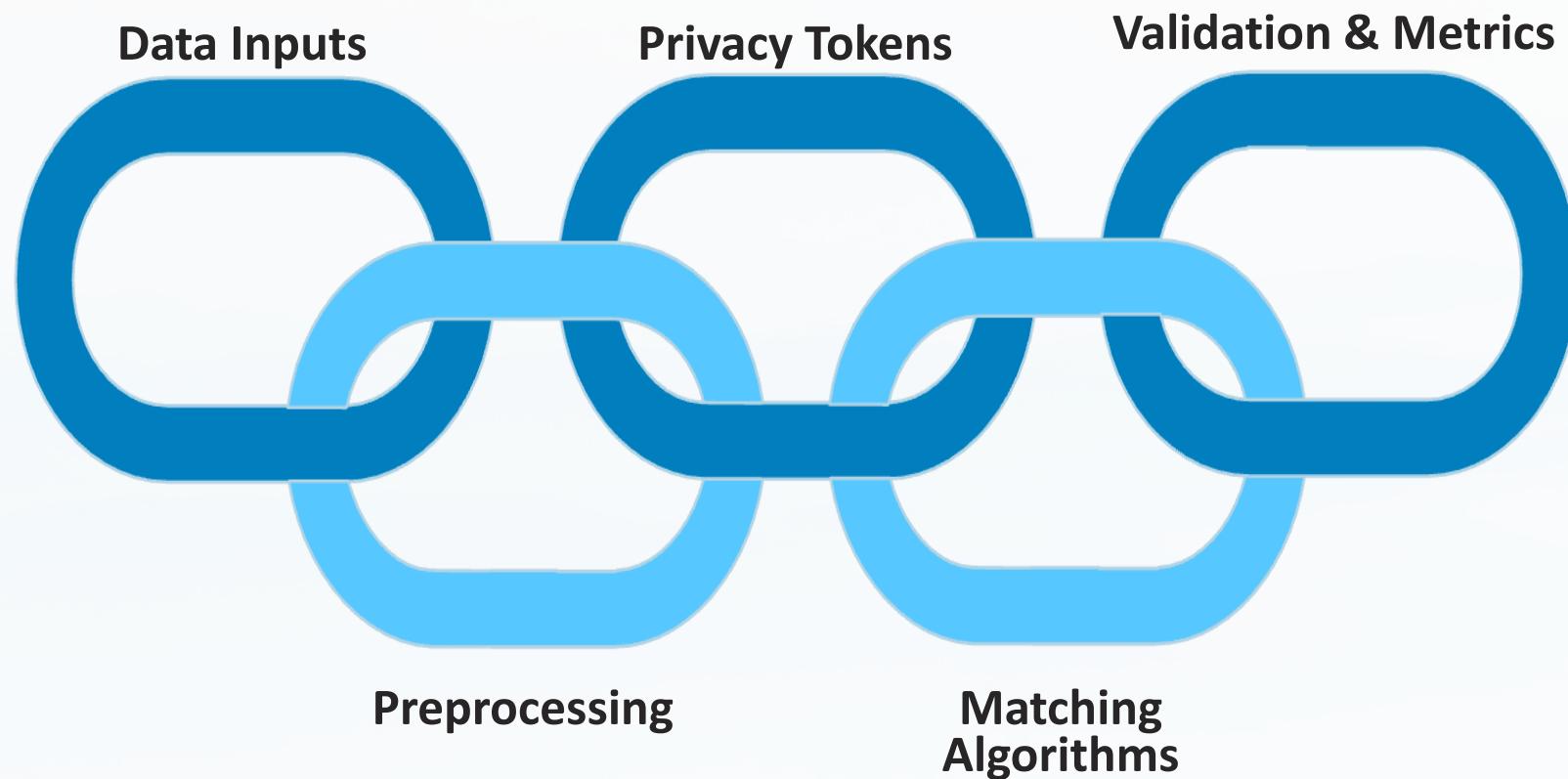
Federal Security Standards

Privacy Compliance

Zero-Trust Architecture

Independent Validation

# SLDS Grant: Records Linkage



Probabilistic  
Matching

Privacy-  
Preserving  
Techniques

# SLDS Grant Proof of Concept: Connecting P-12 & Professions



The Challenge



Our Approach



Insights Gained

# SLDS Grant: Learnings to Date

Validated Approach

Scaling and Maturation

CTE Programs Exploration

Expanding to Second  
Proof of Concept



# SLDS Strategic Partnerships



**Governor's Office**



**WestEd**



**Data Quality Campaign**



**Education Commission  
of the States**

# SLDS Inter-Agency Collaborations

## Spring 2025 Stakeholder Engagement: Bringing Diverse Voices Together



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## Creating a Roadmap for Responsible SLDS Development

1

Learning from  
Success

2

Addressing  
Privacy Concerns

3

Identifying  
Priority Users

4

Governance  
Requirements

5

Finding Early  
Wins

6

Governance  
Development

# SLDS Inter-Agency Collaborations

## Prioritize the Research & Analytics Function

### Three functions of a modern data system



#### Public Reports & Dashboards

Provides transparent, consistent information that displays and clarifies outcomes



#### Research & Analytics

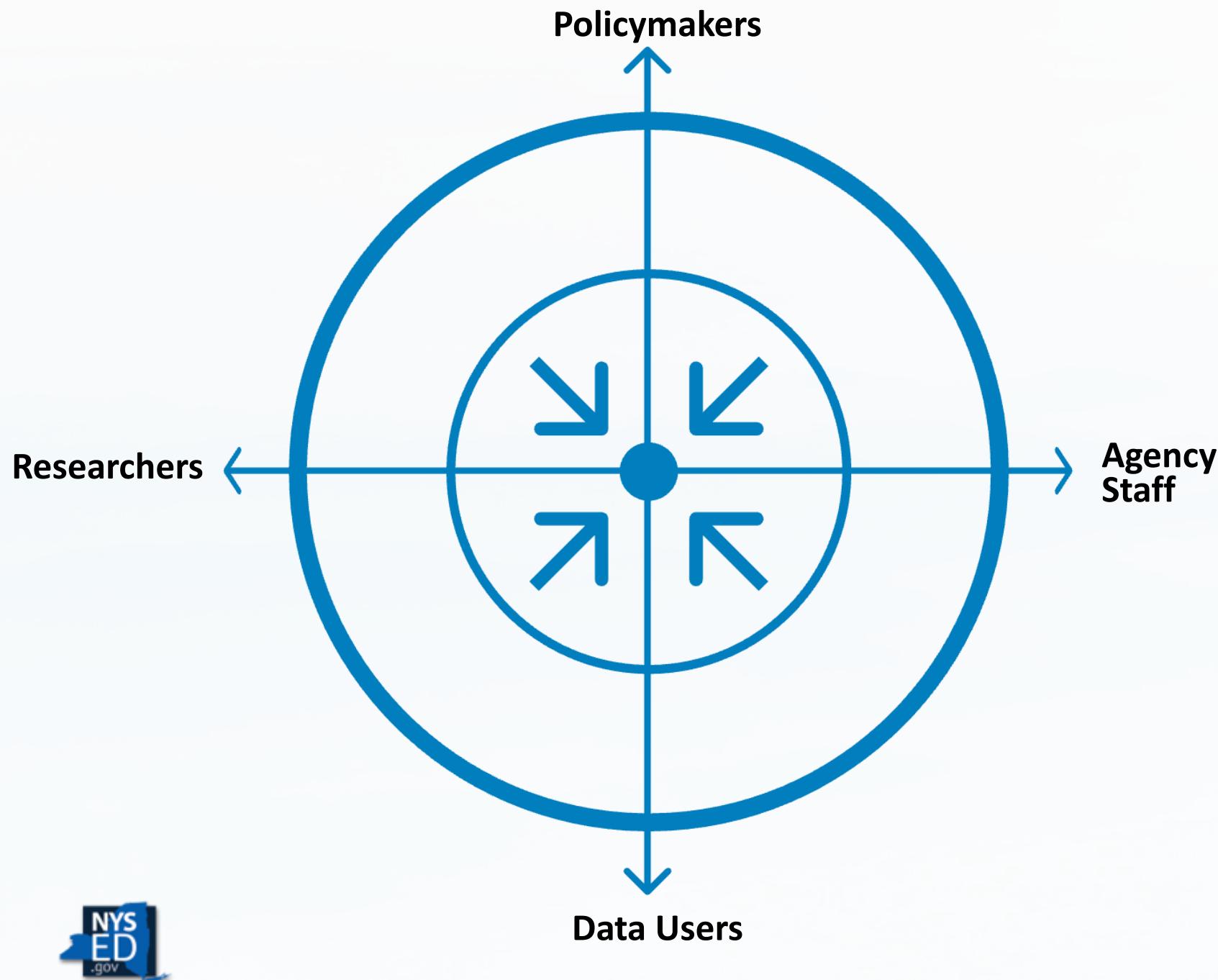
Makes data available to authorized parties to develop nuanced analyses of the factors impacting outcomes



#### Supporting Individuals

Provides personalized services to individuals so they can access education and public services.

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Build  
Governance  
Through  
Collaboration

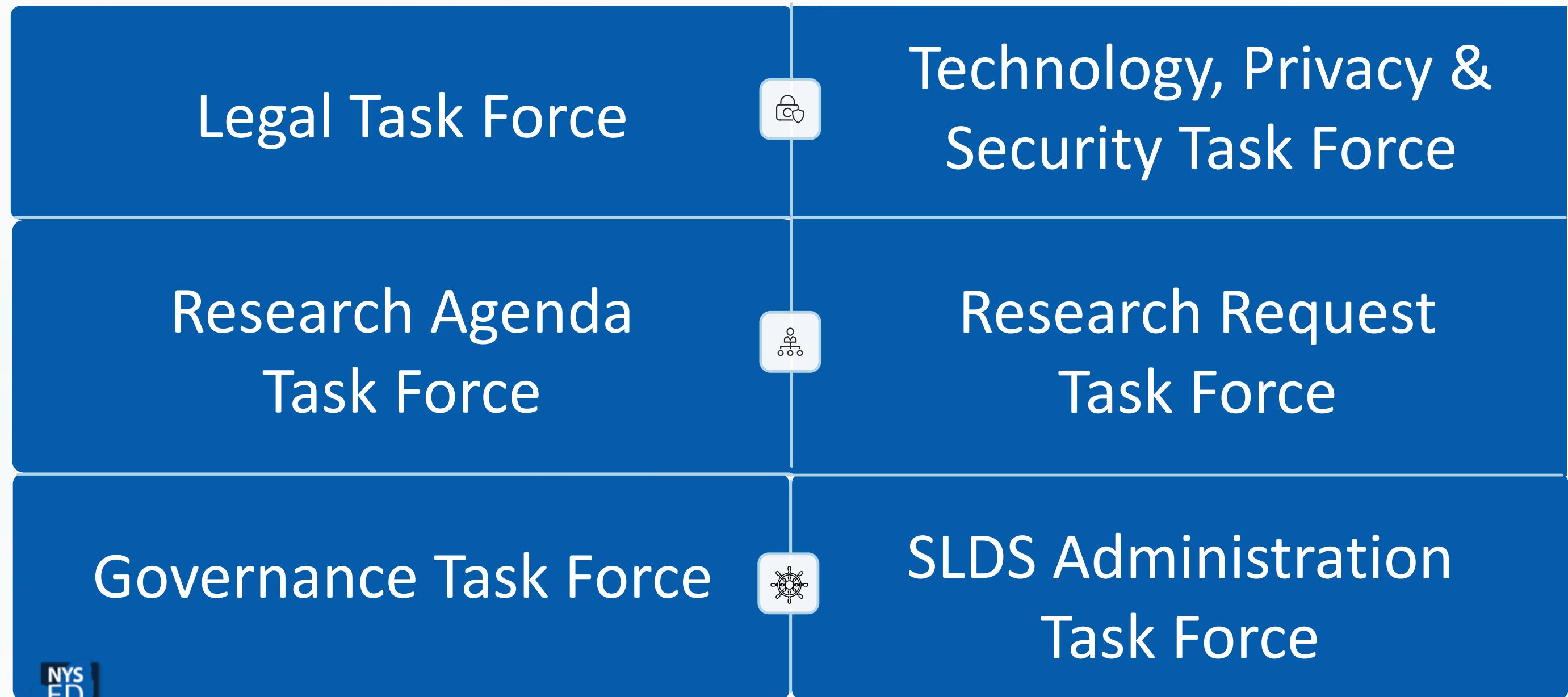
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## Proposed Structure: The Steering Committee



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## Proposed Structure: Specialized Task Forces

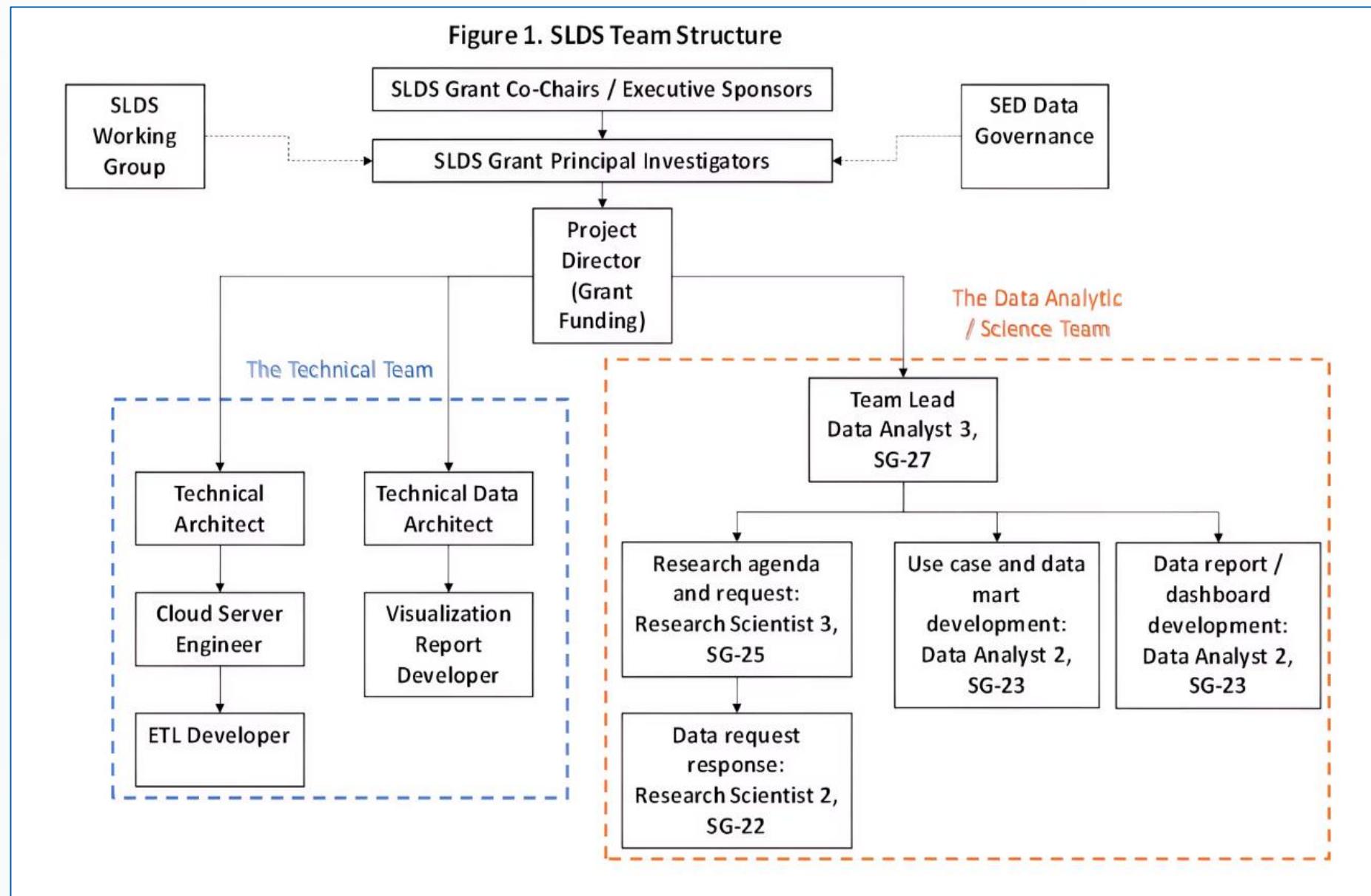




## Next Steps: Continuing Collaboration

- ✓ Research and Analytics Function
- ✓ Committee-Based Governance Process
- ✓ Cross-Agency Commitment

# Next Steps: Requested Staffing





# QUESTIONS?



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Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity