



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Shannon L. Tahoe
SUBJECT: Designation of Professional Conduct Officer
DATE: January 30, 2020
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Shannon L. Tahoe*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the designation of Dennis Spillane as Professional Conduct Officer?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the Full Board at its February 2020 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Education Law Section 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 Douglas E. Lentivech, however, Mr. Lentivech, who is also serving as the Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions, 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 Dennis Spillane to serve in this capacity. Mr.

Spillane will serve as the Executive Director for the Office of the Professional Discipline effective February 6, 2020.

Background Information

Not applicable.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents designate Dennis Spillane as Professional Conduct Officer.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve this appointment, the desginee's term will go into effect on February 11, 2020.