



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Shannon L. Tahoe

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions

DATE: March 2, 2020

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Sarah S. Benson to the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions (OP)?

Reason for Consideration

Ms. Benson will bring to the Deputy Commissioner position nearly 15 years with the Department's Office of the Professions (OP). Sarah currently serves as the Director of Operations for OP and is a member of the Deputy Commissioner's senior management team. In this role, she was instrumental in the approval of a 5-year \$50M project plan to modernize OP's antiquated technology and continues to oversee the plan. She has also served as Acting Executive Secretary for State Boards for Respiratory Therapy and Chiropractic and Executive Coordinator for the Deputy. Prior to joining the Department, Sarah was a Legislative and Staff Director for the NYS Assembly. She earned a Master of Administration from Johns Hopkins University and her Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College. She was also a graduate of the Public Management Institute Program, The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation will come before the Full Board at its Executive Session for discussion at the March 2, 2020 Regents meeting and then come before the Full Board for final action March 3, 2020.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ms. Sarah S. Benson to the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective March 24, 2020.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ms. Sarah S. Benson to Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions effective March 24, 2020.