




TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Betty A. Rosa

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. David Hamilton to Deputy
Commissioner, Office of the Professions

DATE: March 12, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. David Hamilton to Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Dr. David Hamilton has demonstrated exemplary leadership and continuous commitment. He has experienced a notable professional trajectory spanning over two decades with the New York State Education Department. Dr. Hamilton's collaboration with the 56 professions licensed by the Department has played a crucial role in ensuring the health and safety of New Yorkers, particularly during the challenging times caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prior to his current role, Dr. Hamilton served as the Executive Secretary in the Office of the Professions for more than 20 years. In this position, Dr. Hamilton was responsible for supporting the State Boards for Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners, as well as the State Boards for Physical Therapy, Podiatry, and Ophthalmic Dispensing.

In December 2021, Dr. Hamilton was appointed to his current position of Assistant Commissioner for Professional Licensing & Practice. In this role, he has been responsible for leadership and coordination of tasks for a broad range of activities related to the professions licensed by the Department, including leading Department efforts to implement legislative and regulatory changes, coordinating response by the Office of Professions and the Department's Office of Counsel to the fraudulent nursing education programs, and facilitating receipt and processing of applications for licensure in a timely and accurate manner while using data-driven knowledge to protect consumers of professional services in all settings.

Dr. Hamilton holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Social Welfare degree from UCLA, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, with a minor in Communication Arts, from Loyola Marymount University. Additionally, he interned with the House Select Committee on Aging and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation is to appoint Dr. David Hamilton to the position of Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions. This appointment will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Not applicable.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable

Recommendation

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

VOTED: It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. David Hamilton to the position of Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective March 12, 2024.