




TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Betty A. Rosa

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Owen Donovan to Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing and Practice

DATE: March 12, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. Owen Donovan to Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Dr. Owen Donovan has accumulated over 17 years of experience within the New York State Education Department. Throughout his period of service, he has held managerial roles in four distinct program areas (OP, OHE, ACCES, and P-12).

Dr. Donovan currently serves as the Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice in the Office of the Professions; a position he has held since January 2022. In this role, he is accountable for organizing matters of policy and practice across New York State's 56 professions licensed under Title VIII of the New York Education Law. He works with members of the New York State Legislature to ensure newly proposed legislation is reflective of the policy direction for licensed professions established by the Department and the Board of Regents. Dr. Donovan also collaborates with New York State Department of Health leadership and other New York State agencies regarding policy and practices impacting the 39 health-related licensed professions and the various settings in which they intersect (e.g., schools, hospitals, community clinics, etc.).

Upon the passage of new policies and regulations, Dr. Donovan is tasked with the design, implementation, and enforcement of those changes to ensure public protection and sound professional practice.

Dr. Donovan holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from SUNY Albany, a Master of Science in Education, Health Education, and a Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, from SUNY Cortland.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation is to appoint Dr. Owen Donovan to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing and Practice. 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. Owen Donovan to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice.

Timetable for Implementation

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