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**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

**SUBJECT:** (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

**DATE:** February 29, 2024

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should 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 for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board at its March 2024 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Approval of board members by the Board of Regents is required by Section 6508(4) of the Education Law.

**Background Information**

Information on the proposed (re)appointees is noted on the attachment.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: 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.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Regents approve these (re)appointments, members' terms will go into effect as noted on the attachment.

**Table 1 of 2**

Proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
<p><b>State Board for Clinical Laboratory Technology</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Adrienne Alexander Boyd Valley Stream, NY 11580</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>NYU Langone Hospitals – Long Island 222 Station Plaza North Suite 606 Mineola, NY 11501</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Medical Technology), St. John's University; Certificate (Cytotechnology), Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Profession: Clinical Laboratory Technology Licensed in 2007 License# 000263</p>
<p><b>State Board for Pharmacy</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Ruth E. Cassidy Valhalla, NY 10595</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>SBH Health System 4422 Third Ave. Bronx, NY 10457</p> <p>Judicial District XII</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: MBA (Business), West Texas A&amp;M University; Pharm. D. (Pharmacy), University of Florida; B.S. (Pharmacy), St. John's University; Profession: Pharmacist Licensed in 1985 License# 036823</p>

<p><b>State Board for Public Accountancy</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Gretchen Guenther-Collins Slingerlands, NY 12061</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>Teal, Becker &amp; Chiaramonte CPSs PC 7 Washington Sq. Albany, NY 12205</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: JD (Juris Doctorate), Albany Law School; MS (Accounting), The College of Saint Rose; BS (Accounting), The College of Saint Rose; Profession: Certified Public Accountancy Licensed in 2001 License# 084919</p>
<p>(Appointment)</p> <p>Danilsa Lopez Ozone Park, NY 11416</p> <p>Judicial District XI</p>	<p>Grant Thornton LLP 757 Third Ave. New York, NY 10017</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Public Accountancy), CUNY, Brooklyn College; Profession: Certified Public Accountancy Licensed in 2012 License# 110997</p>

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Proposed (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			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
<p><b>Athletic Trainers Committee</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Louann Kuntz, CAT Albany, NY 12208</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>Albany Medical Center 43 New Scotland Avenue Albany, NY 12208</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: D.P.T. (Physical Therapy), Sage Colleges; M.S. Ed. (Health Education), College of New Jersey; Profession: Athletic Trainer Licensed in 1997 License# 000001</p>
<p><b>State Board for Mental Health Practitioners</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Raul Alejandro Garcia New York, NY 10010</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 902 New York, NY 10011</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>March 13, 2024 to March 12, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: Ph.D. (History), Stanford University; Profession: Mental Health Practitioners Licensed in 2006 License# 000382</p>

<p><b>State Board for Nursing</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Prissana Alston Dix Hills, NY 11746</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>OBH Interfaith Medical Center 1545 Atlantic Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11213</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: Ed.D (Organizational Leadership), Nova Southeastern Univ; M.A. (Nursing Education Nurse Executive), Teachers College/Columbia University; BSN (Nursing), Long Island University; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1984 License #367761</p>
<p><b>State Board for Social Work</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Virginia Whitford Oriskany Falls, NY 13425</p> <p>Judicial District V</p>	<p>The House of the Good Shepard, Business Office 100 Lomond Court Utica, NY 13502</p> <p>Judicial District V</p>	<p>March 12, 2024 to March 11, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: MS (Social Work), Syracuse University; BA (Sociology), Hamilton College; Profession: Social Work Licensed in 2005 License# 071827</p>