



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary to the State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying, and Geology, and the State Board for Interior Design

DATE: April 12, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S):



SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Eric Greppo, P.E. to the position of Executive Secretary to the State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying, and Geology, and the State Board for Interior Design?

Reason(s) for Consideration

The New York State Education Department oversees the licensing and practice of approximately 32,188 Engineers, 1,397 Land Surveyors, 1,239 Geologists and 344 Interior Designers. The primary oversight of those functions falls under the direction of the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying, and Geology and the State Board for Interior Design and it became a priority to seek a strongly qualified candidate when the prior Executive Secretary retired. Filling of this position is required by State statute.

Mr. Greppo has been a practicing licensed Professional Engineer since 2007. Mr. Greppo has professional experience in the private sector, as well as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS). Since 2009, Mr. Greppo has served as a Professional Engineer for the NYSDOCCS Office of Facilities Planning and Development, handling a wide variety of management and regulatory responsibilities. Mr. Greppo graduated magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, from Northeastern University. His education and professional experience

in public and private settings will enable him to build on the Board of Regents' record of success in overseeing the work of the State Boards for Engineering, Land Surveying, and Geology and Interior Design and of the board office serving those State boards.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Board of Regents for action at its April 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

Education Law section 6508(7) requires the Board of Regents to appoint an Executive Secretary to each state board on recommendation of the Commissioner. Education Law § 7205 requires the Board of Regents to appoint an executive secretary to the board, on recommendation of the commissioner, who shall be a professional engineer, land surveyor or professional geologist licensed in this state. The State professional boards advise and assist the Regents and the Department on matters of professional licensing and professional practice.

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 appointment of Eric Greppo to the position of Executive Secretary to the State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying, and Geology and the State Board for Interior Design.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective April 28, 2022.