



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board of Teaching

DATE: June 10, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):

John L. D'Agati
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve reappointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching, and to approve an appointment of a new co-chair?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its June 2013 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Terms for members of the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching are set forth in Regents Rule 3.14. The Board of Regents appoints members to four-year terms, with the exception of the teacher education student member, who is appointed to a two-year term. Board co-chairs are appointed for two-year terms.

Background Information

There are currently four members with terms expiring on June 30, 2013, who are seeking reappointment to seats on the Board. The reappointments would be as follows: Rita Floess as a teacher member, Billie Gastic as a higher education member, Lesli Myers as an administrative member, and Julius Adams as a public member.

There is currently a vacancy for the higher education co-chair position on the Board. This vacancy exists due to the resignation of co-chair Gerald Mager earlier this year. Kate DaBoll-Lavoie is recommended to serve as co-chair of the Professional Standards and Practices Board.

Each one of the members seeking reappointment has made valuable contributions to the Board and is eager to continue working for the Regents in this capacity.

A brief biographical sketch of these recommended members and a list of the current membership are attached.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following reappointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: Rita Floess (teacher member) to complete the term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2017; Billie Gastic (higher education member) to complete the term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2017; Lesli Myers (administrative member) to complete the term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2017; and Julius Adams to complete the term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2017.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Kate DaBoll-Lavoie as co-chair of the Professional Standards and Practices Board to complete a two year term beginning June 21, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015

Timetable for Implementation

Members' terms will begin immediately upon appointment.

Rita Floess
Math Coach/Mentor Coordinator
City School District of Albany
Albany, New York

Membership Category: Teacher

Ms. Floess currently serves as a Math Coach and Mentor Program Coordinator for the City School District of Albany. As a math coach, Ms. Floess provides coaching and assistance to teachers in the instruction and assessment of the Common Core Learning Standards, the District's mathematics curriculum, as well as effective teaching practices. In her capacity as a mentor program coordinator, Ms. Floess is responsible for coordinating and assessing the Mentor Teacher Program, facilitating the state-required mentoring of all Initial Certificate holders and all new teachers to the district, and coordinating the Mentor Teacher Intern Program SED grant. Under her leadership, the Mentor Teacher Program has moved from a basic mentoring program to a three-year "differentiated levels of support" induction program for teachers new to the district.

As well, Ms. Floess is an active member of the i-3 AFT/NYSUT Innovation Teacher Evaluation and Development Design team, where she has worked with Teaching Standards, NYSUT Teacher Practice Rubric, and Peer Assistance and Review. She also serves as a facilitator for Urban Teachers National Board for Professional Standards support group.

Ms. Floess holds a BS from the College of St. Rose and an MA from SUNY Albany. Ms. Floess is also a National Board Certified teacher for middle childhood.

Billie Gastic
Director of Research
Relay Graduate School of Education
New York, New York

Membership Category: Higher Education

Since earning her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2005, Dr. Gastic's teaching, scholarship and service have focused on improving educational opportunities for young people, with a particular interest in the role of teachers and school leaders in supporting student success. As a professor at Temple and UMass Boston, Dr. Gastic has worked with graduate students who were also full-time teachers, or school or district administrators, and served on many dissertation committees in the areas of school quality, teacher leadership and development, and student achievement. Over the years, Dr. Gastic has designed and taught courses on youth risk and resilience, research methods, and educational policy. At Temple, Dr. Gastic's teaching extended to professional development, as she was selected to design and lead a training workshop on school safety and related legal issues for career and technical educators.

As the Director of Research at Relay Graduate School of Education, Dr. Gastic leads a team of staff researchers and MAT program faculty in investigations of effective teaching practices, promising pedagogical strategies (including technology) in teacher

education, the use of video to improve teacher practice, and the role of measurements of student achievement growth in teachers' performance evaluations.

Dr. Gastic holds a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education and an M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University, an Ed.M. from Harvard University, and a B.A. in Economics from Yale University.

Lesli Myers
Superintendent
Brockport Central School District
Brockport, New York

Membership Category: Administrator

Dr. Myers became the Superintendent of the Brockport Central School District in June of 2012. She came to Brockport from the Ithaca City School District where she served as the assistant superintendent of student services since 2007.

Prior to her current position, Dr. Myers served in the Greece Central School District as director of student and career support and coordinator of student support and enrichment. While in this position, Dr. Myers implemented the NYS Comprehensive K-12 School Counseling Curriculum. She also held the titles of school counselor and house administrator for the Rochester City School District, where she worked for nine years.

Dr. Myers holds a Ph.D. in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College and M.A.s from St. John Fisher (educational administration) and the University of Rochester (counseling and human development).

Julius Adams
Executive Director of the Educational Opportunity Center, University at Buffalo,
SUNY (Retired)

Membership Category: Public

Julius Gregg Adams, Ph.D., is currently the Executive Director of the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). The Buffalo EOC delivers comprehensive community-based academic and workforce development programs, wrap-around supportive services and access to further education and employment to those who are economically eligible. Dr. Adams began his professional career as a school psychologist for the Buffalo Public Schools in 1982. In this role he worked with students with educational handicaps ranging in age from 4 to 22 years of age. In 1987 he accepted a position as a Psychologist II for the Mobile Mental Health Team (MMHT). MMHT was an outpatient unit of the New York State Children's Psychiatric Center that provided services for children and adolescents involved with the New York State Division for Youth (DFY).

Dr. Adams began his association with the State University of New York in 1988 as an Assistant Professor at Fredonia College in the Department of Education where he taught psychological foundations courses. Dr. Adams has been nominated several times for Discretionary Merit Awards and in 1993 he received the SUNY Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was promoted to Associate Professor and received tenure in 1994. Dr. Adams was appointed the Director of the School of Education in July, 1997.

Dr. Adams served as Associate Dean for Teacher Education and Director of the Teacher Education Institute in the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education from 2002-06. During that time, he was also appointed as the Interim Executive Director of the Office for University Preparatory Programs (OUPP), an organization that works to enrich the education provided to local children and teenagers.

He previously held teaching and administrative positions at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY and Daemen College in Amherst, NY where he was Associate Dean for Special Programs, Director of Accreditation and Chair of the Education Department.

Dr. Adams has presented nationally and internationally in the areas of school-based mental health programs and teacher knowledge and attitudes towards HIV/AIDS. He has a B.A. degree in Psychology, an M.A. in Educational Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology (major in development, minor in learning theory) all from the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

He is the Immediate Past President of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators (NYSATE) and has worked with members of the NYSED in the area of teacher and leader preparation.

Kathleen M. DaBoll-Lavoie
Professor/ Department Chair
Nazareth College
Rochester, New York

Membership Category: Higher Ed

Kathleen DaBoll-Lavoie has served as Professor in the School of Education at Nazareth College for the past four years, and has been teaching at Nazareth since 1991. She is currently the Chair of the Department of Inclusive Childhood Education, overseeing one of the largest undergraduate majors at the institution, seven graduate teacher education programs and one extension program. She currently is the co-director of the Robert Noyce Scholar Program, funded through the National Science Foundation. She has also served as Associate Chair of the School of Education, the Director of Graduate Inclusive Early Childhood and Childhood Education Programs, and the Director of the Undergraduate Inclusive Childhood/Middle Childhood Education Program. Prior to her tenure at Nazareth, Dr. DaBoll-Lavoie taught at Syracuse University. She began her career in education as a high school social studies teacher at South Jefferson Central School and Lowville Academy.

Dr. DaBoll-Lavoie is President of the New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and serves on the Teacher Education Advisory Group to the New York State Education Department. She is past president of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators, and was a member of the New York State Higher Education Task Force on Quality Inclusive Schooling/ New York State Partnership for Statewide

Systems Change 2000. She was also a member of the planning group for “Building a New York State P-16 Educational Quality Information System.” She was an invited member of the New York State Teacher Standards Development Working Group, and currently serves on the New York Assessments for Initial Teacher and School Building Leader Certification Work Group. Dr. DaBoll-Lavoie has presented extensively at state and national conferences; her work has focused on the development of inclusive teacher education programs, school/college partnerships, and assessment.

Dr. DaBoll-Lavoie has a B.A. in history, art history and secondary education from the State University of New York College at Potsdam; an M.S.Ed. in secondary education from the State University of New York University Center at Binghamton; and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Syracuse University.

Membership State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching
As of May 2013

<p>Dr. Joan Lucariello The City University of New York 535 East 80th Street New York, New York 10075 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Debra Calvino, Co-chair Valley Central School District 944 Rt. 17K Montgomery, New York 12549 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Dr. Julius Gregg Adams Director of the University at Buffalo University at Buffalo, SUNY 465 Washington Street., Room 426 Buffalo, New York 14203-1707 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>	<p>Dr. Richard R. Ahola 4568 Lakeview Road Dundee, New York 14837 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Trudy Bantle Fairport Central School District 38 W. Church Street Fairport, New York 14450 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>	<p>Grace Barrett Commack Central School District 480 Clay Pitts Road Commack, New York 11725 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>
<p>David Babikian North Syracuse Central School District 5355 W. Taft Road North Syracuse, New York 13212 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>	<p>Dr. Kate Daboll-Lavoie Nazareth College 4245 East Avenue Rochester, New York 14618 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Khieta Davis Rochester City School District 131 West Broad Street Rochester, New York 14614 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>	<p>Maria DeWald Dutchess County BOCES 900 Dutchess Tpke. Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>
<p>Sharon Eghigian Utica City School District 106 Memorial Parkway Utica, New York 13501 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>	<p>Rita Floess Albany City School District 1 Academy Park Albany, New York 12207 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Dr. Billie Gastic Relay Graduate School of Education 40 W. 20th Street New York, New York 10011 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>	<p>Dr. Margaret Madden SUNY College at Potsdam 144 Pierrepont Avenue Potsdam, New York 13676 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>

<p>Dr. R. Lloyd Jaeger Millbrook Central School District P.O. Box AA Millbrook, New York 12545 Term Expires: June 30, 2014</p>	<p>Dr. Charles Khoury Ulster BOCES 175 Route 32 North New Paltz, New York 12561 Term Expires: June 30, 2016</p>
<p>Dr. Lesli Myers Brockport Central School District 40 Allen Street Brockport, New York 14420 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>	<p>John Mahony Questar III BOCES 131 Union Turnpike Hudson, New York 12534 Term Expires: June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Dr. Ruth Pagerey State University on New York State University Plaza Albany, New York 12246 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	<p>Dr. Gale Sookdeo New York City School District #28 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, New York 14335 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>
<p>Ellen Sullivan Greater Capital Region Teacher Center 120 Clermont Street Albany, New York 12203 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	<p>James Vasquez New York City School District #30 28-01 41 Avenue Queens, New York 11101 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>
<p>Tony Vargas Teach for America 519 8th Avenue New York, New York 10018 Term Expires: June 30, 2015</p>	