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

FROM: John L. D'Agati

SUBJECT: Appointment to the State Professional

Standards and Practices Board

**DATE:** July 6, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S): Jarollen Ceia

### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed appointment to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching?

## Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

## **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board for consideration at its July 2017 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.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following appointment to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching – Keith Wiley (teacher member), for a four-year term beginning September 1, 2017 and ending July 31, 2021.

A brief biographical sketch of the recommended member seeking appointment is included as Attachment A, and a list of the current membership is included as Attachment B.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Members' terms will begin immediately upon appointment.

Attachments

#### Attachment A

## State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

### **Appointments**

Keith Wiley Membership Category: Teacher Buffalo Public Schools Buffalo, NY

Keith Wiley has taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics at Houghton Academy for 16 years. Prior to that he was in venture capital and investment banking. In response to growing concern with helping Buffalo's inner-city students pass the New York State Math A Regents exam, Mr. Wiley began tutoring high school students in preparation for the exam. His 100% success rate was noticed by parents, students and members of the Buffalo Board of Education. Mr. Wiley has experience teaching all levels of Mathematics from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to college Calculus. He has taught in co-teaching environments, 8<sup>th</sup> grade advanced algebra classes, single gender classes and semester block schedules.

In 2013, Mr. Wiley led Houghton Academy students, with an 85% poverty rate, in the Buffalo City School Middle School Math League competition and toppled one of the top ranked schools in the nation, City Honors. This tremendous accomplishment was recognized and featured on the front page of the Buffalo News Sunday September 22, 2013 edition entitled. "An Underdog Story of Academic Glory." Four years later, on May 19, 2017, Houghton Academy won the League Championship again. Over the past seven years, Mr. Wiley has served as an Adjunct Professor at Medaille College, teaching Math Methods for undergraduate and graduate teaching candidates. He has won numerous awards including the Buffalo News 2014 Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Wiley has a B.A. in Mathematics and Economics from Canisius College, a M.B.A. in Finance from Canisius College; and a Secondary Math certificate from Canisius College.

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