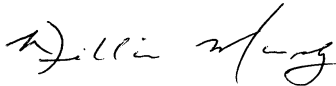





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: William P. Murphy 

SUBJECT: Appointment to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

DATE: June 30, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

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

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its July 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

Terms for members of the PSPB are set forth in section 3.14 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. 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. PSPB co-chairs are appointed for two-year terms. There are administrator, higher education, P-12 teacher, teacher education student, and public seats on the PSPB.

There is currently one vacancy on the PSPB. One higher education member resigned before the completion of the four-year term, creating a three-year vacancy which may be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

Background Information

The Department is recommending that Wen Ma fill one vacant higher education seat, due to a resignation, that expires June 30, 2025.

Biographical information on the recommended individual for appointment is included as (Attachment A). A list of the current PSPB members is included as (Attachment B).

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents appoint the following individual to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB) pursuant to section 3.14 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the PSPB Bylaws: Wen Ma (higher education) to complete the unexpired portion of a four-year term commencing August 1, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved, the term of Wen Ma (higher education) will commence on August 1, 2022.

New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB)

Appointment

Wen Ma

Membership Category: Higher Education

LeMoyne College

Syracuse, New York

Wen Ma received his Ph.D. in English Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and he is currently Department Chair and Professor of Education at Le Moyne College. In this role, Dr. Ma directs the inclusive childhood, inclusive adolescent, and teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) education programs both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. For the past 18 years, he has not only taught a dozen education courses required for state certifications, but also taken the student-centered approach to heart by mentoring his students to publish scholarly works, present at national conferences, or lead school Professional Development projects. Through participating in educator preparation provider (EPP) accreditation processes, he also became knowledgeable in meeting accreditation standards, building a quality data system, as well as following clinically rich practices. Invested in the field of education, he has served in multiple leadership roles, including President of the Chinese American Educational Research & Development Association, Co-chair for the National Reading Conference, and Co-editor of the *Literacy, Language and Learning* book series.

Dr. Ma's research interests span reading and writing across the curriculum, culturally responsive pedagogy, and holistic teacher education. In the past two decades, he has produced more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and made numerous international and national presentations. A persistent theme in his scholarship is literacy and content literacy learning by English language learners across grade levels, subject areas, and sociocultural and linguistic boundaries. His publications appeared in journals such as *Journal of Research in Education*, *Journal of Educational Psychology*, and *Journal of Literacy Research*. In addition, he published six edited volumes on global perspectives on teacher education, for which he collaborated with and supported over 100 rising scholars from around the world. Currently, he is working as Principal Investigator of an interdisciplinary National Science Foundation grant to train secondary STEM teachers for New York State.

Dr. Ma is passionate about training a new generation of teachers needed to teach and inspire our nation's diverse learners, while committed to creating sustainable EPP-district collaborative partnerships in the post-pandemic educational landscape. His cross-cultural educational, linguistic, and professional backgrounds have enabled him to attain, teach, and apply educational theories and practices from an international perspective, which in turn add to his skill set as an unconventional thinker and educator.

Attachment B

New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB)

2022-2023 PSPB Board Members

Patricia Bonfe, Teacher H.W. Smith K-8 Syracuse, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2026	Kathleen Briggs, Teacher Lake Placid Elementary School Lake Placid, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2023
Scott Brown, Administrator Leptondal Elementary School Walkkill, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2023	Brooke Burnett, Teacher Ithaca City School District Ithaca, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025
Heather Buskirk, Public Stride, Inc. Scotia, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024	Frank Chiachiere, Public Trustee, Valley Stream Board of Education Valley Stream, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2023
Ricardo Colon, Teacher UFT Teacher Center Instructional Coach PS/IS 30 Brooklyn, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024	Amaya DiGiovanni, Teacher Education Student SUNY Geneseo Geneseo, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2023
Juanita Dyer, Teacher Syracuse City School District Syracuse, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025	Kathleen Ferguson, co-chair, Teacher Jessie T Zoller Elementary School Schenectady, NY Term Expires: March 31, 2023
Virginia Goatley, co-chair, Higher Education SUNY Albany Albany, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024	Julie Gorlewski, Higher Education University of Buffalo Buffalo, NY Term Expires: September 30, 2023
Amy Hysick, Public New York State PTA Albany, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025	Glenn Jeffers, Public New York State United Teachers Albany, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2023
Katie Kurjakovic, Public UFT English Language Learner Specialist and Assistant to Vice President for Education for the United Federation of Teachers New York, NY	Edwin Lamboy, Higher Education The City College of New York New York, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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Katie Lobato, Teacher Plattekill Elementary School Plattekill, NY Term Expires: November 30, 2026	Angelina Maloney, Administrator Brunswick/Brittonkill CSD Troy, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024
Dwight Manning, Higher Education Teachers College, Columbia University New York, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024	Joanna Masingila, Higher Education Syracuse University Syracuse, NY Term Expires: September 30, 2023
Sheilah Paul, Higher Education Medgar Evers College of CUNY Brooklyn, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025	Derek Pope, Teacher Commack High School Commack, NY Term Expires: November 30, 2026
Amanda Silvestri, Teacher Karigon Elementary Clifton Park, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025	Pilar Sokol, Esq., Public New York State School Boards Association Latham, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024
Elizabeth Waite, Teacher Union–Endicott Central Schools Endicott, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024	Cindy Walter, Administrator TST BOCES Ithaca, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2024
Keith Wiley, Teacher Houghton Academy, PS 69 Houghton, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025	Patrick Wong, Teacher International HS at LaGuardia Community College Long Island City, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2023
Coretta Wright, Administrator Schools Without Walls Rochester, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2023	