

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

**FROM:** MaryEllen Elia

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Deputy Counsel

**DATE:** September 12, 2017

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## **Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Shannon Tahoe to the position of Deputy Counsel?

## **Reason for Consideration**

Shannon Tahoe will bring to the Deputy Counsel position extensive legal experience and has over 10 years of experience with the Department. Shannon started with the Department as a Senior Attorney where she drafted regulations and legislation affecting the Department. Since 2011 she has served as the Assistant Counsel and has been directly responsible for oversight of the Department's legislative and regulatory initiatives and has handled some of the Department's most significant litigation. Shannon's extensive legal experience and vast knowledge of Department legislation will make her an asset as she serves in this role.

## **Proposed Handling**

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Tahoe's credentials and experience in Executive Session on September 12, 2017.

## **Recommendation**

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Shannon Tahoe to the position of Deputy Counsel.