



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

SUBJECT: (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels

DATE: August 31, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board at its September 2023 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Approval of board members by the Board of Regents is required by Section 6508(4) of the Education Law.

Background Information

Information on the proposed (re)appointees is noted on the attachment.

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 proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve these (re)appointments, members' terms will go into effect as noted on the attachment.

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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
<p>Committee for Professional Assistance (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Burton L. Thelander Cuddebackville, NY 12729</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>The Joint Commission One Renaissance Blvd. Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181</p>	<p>October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: MS (Nursing), Pace University; AAS (Nursing), SUNY Orange County; BA (Psychology), SUNY Binghamton; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1981 License #342307</p>
<p>State Board for Architecture (Appointment)</p> <p>Gregory Gordon Canaras New York, NY 10002</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>League Studio Architects, PLLC 185 Van Dyke Street; Suite 201B Brooklyn, NY 11231</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: B ARCH (Architecture), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; M ARCH (Architecture), Harvard University Graduate School of Design; Profession: Architecture Licensed in 2010 License #034212</p>

<p>State Board for Dentistry (Appointment)</p> <p>Roya A. Mohajer Purchase, NY 10577</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>NYU College of Dentistry 345 East 24th St. New York, NY 10010</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>September 1, 2023 To August 31, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: DDS (Dentistry), NYU College of Dentistry; BA (Public Health), Johns Hopkins University; Profession: Dentistry Licensed in 2003 License # 050820</p>
<p>State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Brian R. Holbritter Schaghticoke, NY 12154</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>Brian Holbritter, PLS, LLC 34 Center Street Schaghticoke, NY 12154</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: AAS (Civil Engineering) Profession: Land Surveyor Licensed in 1998 License # 050326</p>
<p>(Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Thomas C. Mitchell Webster, NY 14580</p> <p>Judicial District VII</p>	<p>Bergmann Associates DPC 280 E Broad Street Rochester, NY 14604</p> <p>Judicial District VII</p>	<p>September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: BSN (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Clarkson University; Profession: Engineering Licensed in 1984 License #061498</p>

<p>State Board for Medicine (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Elisabeth Benson Guthrie, MD Bronx, NY 10471</p> <p>Judicial District XII</p>	<p>(Retired) Volunteers at Columbia Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons 1051 Riverside Dr New York, NY 10032</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>September 19, 2023 to September 18, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: BA, Sarah Lawrence College; MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1984 License #158840</p>
<p>(Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Neeta Minal Shah, MD Woodbury, NY 11797</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Self Employed 5 Hillcrest Lane Woodbury, NY 11797</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: M.B.B.S (Medicine), Jawaharial Nehru Medical Center Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1991 License #186042</p>
<p>(Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Rahul Sharma, MD New York, NY 10065</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medicine 525 East 68th Street, Suite M-130 New York, NY 10065</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: MD (Medicine), Tufts University School of Medicine; MBA, Tufts University; BA (Biology), Hofstra University Profession: Medicine Licensed in 2004 License #231020</p>

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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
<p>State Board for Nursing (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Anne Marie Puentespina Brooklyn, NY 11219</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>Bellevue Hospital Center 462 1st Avenue New York, NY 10016</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2028</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Nursing), San Pedro College Profession: Registered Nurse Licensed in 1984 License #365865</p>