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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Frank Muñoz
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Committee on the Professions
DATE: March 21, 2011
AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Valerie Grey, Claudia Alexander, Jane W. Blair, Dolores Cottrell-Carson, Kathleen M. Doyle, Daniel J. Dustin, David Hamilton, Douglas E. Lentivech, Robert Lopez, Lawrence H. Mokhiber, Susan Naccarato, Walter Ramos, and Barbara Zittel to the Committee on the Professions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Rules of the Board of Regents.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Board of Regents at its April 2011 meeting where it will be submitted for action.

Procedural History

Part 24 of the Rules of the Board of Regents establishes the Committee on the Professions and requires the appointment of members by the Board of Regents.

Background Information

The Committee on the Professions (COP) was established by the Board of Regents to assist the Board in supervising admission to and regulation of the licensed professions. Composed of Department officers designated by the Board and working in panels of three, the COP considers atypical licensure cases wherein applicants seek to meet given requirements by submitting credentials that are the substantial equivalent in scope and content to those normally presented. The COP also makes final

determinations concerning questions of moral character for purposes of initial licensure; hears and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning requests for restoration of a professional license that has been revoked or surrendered; and reviews and makes recommendations to the Regents on proposed penalties in consent orders related to professional misconduct.

Due to the departure of several members of the Committee on the Professions and the substantial work loads carried by current Committee members, it has become more difficult to plan meetings of the COP for which the requisite 3-member panel must be selected. In January 2011, the Board of Regents approved the appointment of Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner for Adult Career and Continuing Education Services, to serve on the COP, but additional Committee members continue to be needed because of the busy schedules of all of the current members. Accordingly, I am recommending the addition of the following individuals to the roster of COP members (attached):

- Valerie Grey, Chief Operating Officer
- Claudia Alexander, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy, and Podiatry; Acting Director, Professional Assistance Program
- Jane W. Blair, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Engineering and Land Surveying and for Interior Design
- Dolores Cottrell-Carson, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Dentistry and Optometry
- Kathleen M. Doyle, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Massage Therapy, Psychology, and Clinical Laboratory Technology
- Daniel J. Dustin, Executive Secretary for the State Boards for Public Accountancy and Certified Shorthand Reporting
- David H. Hamilton, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners
- Douglas E. Lentivech, Assistant Counsel, Office of the Professions; Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Respiratory Therapy, & Chiropractic
- Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Lawrence H. Mokhiber, Executive Secretary of the State Boards of Pharmacy and Midwifery
- Susan Naccarato, Acting Director of Professional Licensing Services
- Walter Ramos, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Medicine, Dietetics and Nutrition and Veterinary Medicine, and the State Committees for Athletic Trainers and Medical Physics
- Barbara Zittel, Executive Secretary of the State Board for Nursing

They have expressed interest in participating in the licensing and disciplinary processes by serving on the COP and would be valuable additions to the Committee.

Recommendation

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the attached roster of the Committee on the Professions, effective April 5, 2011.

Timetable for Implementation

Immediately

**Committee on the Professions
Roster of Members
(Effective April 2011)**

Claudia Alexander, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy, and Podiatry; Acting Director, Professional Assistance Program

Robert G. Bentley, Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Teaching Initiatives

Jane W. Blair, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Engineering and Land Surveying and for Interior Design

Gayle Bowden, Director of the Office of Human Resources Management

Jeffrey Cannell, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Cultural Education

Rebecca H. Cort, Associate Commissioner for Special Education

Dolores Cottrell-Carson, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Dentistry and Optometry

Kathleen M. Doyle, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Massage Therapy, Psychology, and Clinical Laboratory Technology

Daniel J. Dustin, Executive Secretary for the State Boards for Public Accountancy and Certified Shorthand Reporting

Steven M. Earle, Director of the Office for Diversity, Ethics and Access

Valerie Grey, Chief Operating Officer

David H. Hamilton, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners

Stanley S. Hansen, Jr., Executive Director of the Office of K-16 Initiatives and Access Programs

Douglas E. Lentivech, Assistant Counsel, Office of the Professions; Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Respiratory Therapy, & Chiropractic

Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Lawrence H. Mokhiber, Executive Secretary of the State Boards of Pharmacy and Midwifery

Susan Naccarato, Acting Director of Professional Licensing Services

Erin O'Grady-Parent, Acting Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs

Walter Ramos, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Medicine, Dietetics and Nutrition and Veterinary Medicine, and the State Committees for Athletic Trainers and Medical Physics

Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

Leslie Templeman, Assistant Counsel, Office of Innovative School Models

Barbara Zittel, Executive Secretary of the State Board for Nursing