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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Adjunct Members of the Regents Review

Committee

DATE: April 8, 2015

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SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Board of Regents appoint Chancellor Emeritus Robert Bennett, Regent Emeritus James Dawson, and Regent Emeritus Harry Phillips III as Adjunct Members of the Regents Review Committee?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its April 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Pursuant to statute, the Regents Review Committee, when it sits to conduct professional discipline hearings, consists of three members, with at least one member being a current member of the New York State Board of Regents. The balance of the Committee is obtained from the roster of those appointed by the Board of Regents as Adjunct Members of the Regents Review Committee. Adjunct Members of the Regents Review Committees are appointed to serve for fixed terms.

Background Information

Chancellor Emeritus Robert Bennett served as a member of the Board of Regents for 20 years, seven of which he served as Chancellor of the Board. Regent Emeritus James Dawson served on the Board for 22 years and has served frequently as the active Regent on the Regents Review Committee. Regent Emeritus Harry Phillips III served as a Regent for close to 15 years, the last several of which he spent as the chair of the Professional Practice Committee. Their years of experience serving on the Board of Regents and their familiarity with the disciplinary process will greatly enhance the work of the Regents Review Committee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Chancellor Emeritus Robert Bennett, Regent Emeritus James Dawson, and Regent Emeritus Harry Phillips III as Adjunct Members of the Regents Review Committee for a term to begin on April 14, 2015 and end on December 31, 2017.

<u>Timetable for Implementation</u>

The term of service for the recommended appointments would begin on April 14, 2015 and end on December 31, 2017.