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

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*

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

**DATE:** October 4, 2018

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

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

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board for consideration at its October 2018 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Terms for members of the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching are set forth in Regents Rule 3.14. 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. Board co-chairs are appointed for two-year terms.

There currently are five teacher, one public, and one administrator vacancies, on the Standards Board. Additionally, there is one Board member up for appointment as the P-12 co-chair and one Board member moving from the teacher category to the public category. The individuals below are recommended for appointment to fill these vacancies.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: Albert Inserra (administrator member), Katie Laboto (teacher member), Derek Pope (teacher member), each for a four-year term beginning November 8, 2018 and ending November 30, 2022.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following membership changes: Heather Buskirk, current teacher member will move to a public member to complete her term ending June 30, 2020. Theresa Reynolds is recommended as the P-12 co-chair of the Board with her term ending on December 31, 2020.

A brief biographical sketch of the recommended members seeking appointment is included as Attachment A, and a list of the current membership is included at Attachment B.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Members' terms will begin immediately upon appointment.

Attachments

**The University of the State of New York  
The State Education Department**

**State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching**

**Appointments**

**Dr. Albert Inserra**  
**Membership Category: Administrator**  
**Dean, College of Education, Information, and Technology**  
**LIU Post**  
**Brookville, New York**

Dr. Albert Inserra is Dean of LIU Post's College of Education, Information and Technology and is the Interim Dean for the School of Education at LIU Brooklyn.

Dr. Inserra began his career as a high school biology and chemistry teacher. He was then appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools, a position he held for 10 years in the Carle Place Union Free School District and 7 years in the Port Washington School District. Following his public education career, he joined the Dowling faculty as an Associate Professor, achieving tenure and becoming a full Professor in 2010. As chair of Dowling's Department of Educational Administration, Leadership and Technology, Dr. Inserra oversaw more than 40 doctoral students, many of whom went on to become leaders in their fields after completing research in areas related to public and private education, health care, and higher education. He was asked to assume Dowling's presidency in 2014 and held that position until the College's closing on August 31, 2016. Dr. Inserra maintains a research interest in public school finance, the future of liberal arts education in the United States, and the potential for partnerships between higher education and public schools.

**Ms. Katie Lobato**  
**Membership Category: Teacher**  
**Plattekill Elementary School**  
**Plattekill, New York**

After earning her B.A. in Inclusion Elementary and Special Education from Niagara University in 2001, Katie Lobato began her career as a middle school instructor of Spanish as a foreign language in the Hyde Park CSD. In 2007 with her M.S. in Education from SUNY New Paltz, Ms. Lobato switched to the field of TESOL and currently teaches English as a New Language in the Wallkill Central School District. Katie has 18 years of classroom experience and has focused on collaborative co-teaching in grades K-8 for the past 11 years. As a Mentor Teacher in the District ENL department, Katie facilitates professional development opportunities, designs ENL curriculum, and coordinates district

wide ENL parent and family events. She has also served as a cooperating teacher for future TESOL educators.

As a member of the Ulster BOCES Title III Consortium team, Ms. Lobato has been a presenter for designing successful Student Learning Academies. She has developed curriculum and project-based learning experiences to help meet the needs of English Language Learners at both the elementary and secondary levels. Ms. Lobato serves on a wide variety of school and district improvement teams, including the Professional Development Committee, CDEP team, and the Rtl team. She is an advocate for bringing the spotlight to culturally and linguistically relevant teaching practices district wide. Ms. Lobato has been a member of the NYSUT Subject Area Committee for English language learners since 2014. This group's work has included partnering to create guidance publications including "Yours, Mine, Ours: English Language Learners (ELLs) in New York State," as well as putting forth recommendations to SED.

With a passion for volunteer service, Ms. Lobato serves as a liaison for Spanish speaking families in the community. She dedicates countless hours teaching families how to gain access to programs and resources as well as fundraising to help families in need. Ms. Lobato recently volunteered to serve as Co-President of Walkkill Nursery School and helped to improve the teacher performance evaluation process. As a dedicated advocate for all students, her goal is to continue to improve resources and enhance understanding of our diverse learning community.

**Mr. Derek Pope**  
**Membership Category: Teacher**  
**Commack High School**  
**Commack, New York**

Derek Pope is a teacher at Commack High school, where he has taught multiple levels of mathematics, including International Baccalaureate courses, for the past twelve years. For the past three years he has also worked as an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University, where he teaches courses in methods for teaching mathematics to undergraduate and graduate students. Besides working with pre-service teachers in this capacity, he has hosted student teachers and observers, and worked as a mentor.

Mr. Pope is a National Board Certified Teacher as well as a NYS Master Teacher. In the beginning of his career he was a Teaching Fellow for the Knowles Teaching Initiative and continues to work with them as a Senior Fellow. As a classroom teacher, Mr. Pope is passionate about using various tools to teach his students to understand mathematics conceptually. He recently published an article in NCTM's *Mathematics Teacher* journal highlighting one example of how technology can be used to help students understand mathematics more deeply. Beyond the classroom, Mr. Pope has led professional development experiences in his district, notably using the method of "lesson study" as a tool for professional growth. Mr. Pope holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Seton Hall University and an M.A.T. in Mathematics from Stony Brook University.

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