



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Betty A. Rosa, Interim Commissioner
SUBJECT: Appointment of Daniel Morton-Bentley as Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs
DATE: November 16, 2020

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Daniel Morton-Bentley as Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Mr. Morton-Bentley has served as an attorney for the Department for over seven years. He began his career with the Department as a Senior Attorney in the Office of State Review in 2013 and was promoted to the supervisory position of Assistant Counsel in 2015. He was then assigned to the Department's Office of Counsel in 2016 and subsequently appointed manager of the 250+ administrative appeals that the Department receives each year. Mr. Morton-Bentley has advised the Commissioner in the Department's most complex administrative appeals and litigation matters. Prior to joining the Department, he practiced law at two private firms, including the nationally recognized litigation firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. Mr. Morton-Bentley holds law degrees from Suffolk University (LL.M) and Roger Williams University (J.D.) and a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College (B.A.).

Proposed Handling

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its Executive Session for discussion at the November 16, 2020 Regents meeting and then will come before the full Board for final action November 16, 2020.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective and he will start in the position November 17, 2020.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Daniel Morton-Bentley to Counsel & Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs effective November 17, 2020.