



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

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech 

**SUBJECT:** Designation of Professional Conduct Officer

**DATE:** January 11, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision**

Should the Regents approve the designation of George Ding as Professional Conduct Officer?

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

Required by State statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

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

#### **Procedural History**

Education Law Section 6505(8) requires that the Board of Regents designate a professional conduct officer, "who shall be the chief administrative officer of the office of the professions, or his designee, in connection with professional licensing and misconduct proceedings and criminal matters, such officer to be empowered to issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with such proceedings". Currently, the professional conduct officer designated by the Board of Regents is Douglas E. Lentivech, however, Mr. Lentivech is also serving as the Deputy Commissioner.

As it is imperative that a professional conduct officer be appointed and available to perform numerous ongoing requirements relating to professional conduct, it is recommended that the Board appoint George Ding, an individual with a long history and background in the Office of Professional Discipline, to serve in this capacity.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents designate George Ding as professional conduct officer.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Regents approve this appointment, it will go into effect on February 13, 2018.