



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

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

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

**DATE:** January 31, 2019

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

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

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

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

Required by State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board for consideration at its February 2019 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: Kathleen Ferguson (teacher member), and Claudia Englehardt (public member) each for a four-year term beginning March 21, 2019 and ending March 31, 2023.

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**

**Ms. Kathleen Ferguson**  
**Membership Category: Teacher**  
**Jessie T. Zoller Elementary School**  
**Schenectady, New York**

Katie Ferguson is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher in Schenectady City School District. She grew up in Schenectady and proudly graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in 1992. Her college of choice was SUNY Oneonta, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Upon returning to Schenectady, she attended Sage Graduate School to achieve her Masters of Science in Education, became certified in Special Education, and began her career in teaching.

Ms. Ferguson has had a passion for teaching since she joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School of Math, Science, Technology, and Invention as a first grade teacher in 1998. She began her career by embracing professional development and taking numerous additional PD courses. During this time Katie was recognized for her extensive work with videoconferencing through Project VIEW. In 2007, she became a part of the Jessie T. Zoller Elementary School community as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher where she was lucky enough to join the teachers in participating in a grant which enabled her to learn and grow as a literacy educator and to lead professional development in literacy. Throughout her career she has mentored new teachers. In May 2010, she was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Schenectady City School District, which led to her being selected as the 2012 New York State Teacher of the Year (NYSTOY). In her role as New York State Teacher of the Year, she has had the opportunity to speak at colleges across the state as well as nationally, lead professional development at numerous conferences, and was fortunate to have several television appearances including Connect NY with Susan Arbetter and the WMHT American Graduate Project. Following her selection as NYSTOY, she has also had the privilege of collaborating with teachers from around New York on the New York State Teacher of the Year Council and the Commissioner's Advisory Council at the New York State Education Department. She has also been named an NEA Pearson Global Learning Fellow and received the California Casualty Award for Excellence. She is a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was recognized as the Delta Kappa Woman of Distinction for her chapter in 2015.

Ms. Ferguson is currently pursuing National Board Certification as an Early Childhood Generalist.

**Ms. Claudia Engelhardt**  
**Membership Category: Public**  
**Retired Juvenile Justice Administrator**  
**Cohoes, NY**

A native of Albany, Ms. Engelhardt is a graduate of the College of St. Rose holding both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Sociology/Political Science. She is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma. Her career has focused on children and their social/emotional wellbeing. She began her career at the Albany County Department of Social Services. After the Department of Social Services, she served as the first Director of Trinity Place Child Care Center in the South End neighborhood of Albany; one of the first federally funded day care centers. She was the co-founder of The Capital District Childcare Coordinating Council. She was then recruited as the CEO of Samaritan Shelters Inc., a non-secure juvenile detention center housing both boys and girls ages 7 to 17. Claudia served as the Executive Director of Samaritan Shelters for 39 years.

Claudia is a member emeritus of the Juvenile Detention Association of New York State having served as President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative Chair. She also served as a member of the Delegate Assembly of the American Correctional Association. She is a member of the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents. Claudia was chairperson of the advisory council of the Albany County Department of Social Services, member of the Albany County Juvenile Justice Steering Committee, member of the City of Albany's Mayor's Safe Communities Advisory Board and served as Vice-Chair of the finance committee of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. She served as Treasurer of the NYS Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Currently, she serves on the Boards of Community Maternity Services, Albany County Historical Association and the City Club of Albany. In addition, she is active in several community organizations.

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