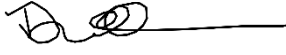





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Committee on the Professions

**DATE:** February 24, 2020

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

#### SUMMARY

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

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointments of John D'Agati, Mary Drzonsc, Thania Fernández, Dina Jazrawi, Jason Kramer, Anthony Lofrumento, Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Phyllis Morris, William Murphy, Thomas Ruller, and Mark Shaming to the Committee on the Professions?

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

Required by the Rules of the Board of Regents.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the Board of Regents at its March 2020 meeting where it will be submitted for action.

#### **Procedural History**

Part 24 of the Rules of the Board of Regents establishes the Committee on the Professions and requires the appointment of members by the Board of Regents.

#### **Background Information**

The Committee on the Professions (COP) was established by the Board of Regents to assist the Board in supervising admission to and regulation of the licensed professions. Composed of Department officers designated by the Board and working in panels of three, the COP considers atypical licensure cases wherein applicants seek to meet given requirements by submitting credentials that are the substantial equivalent in scope and content to those normally presented. The COP also makes final determinations

concerning questions of moral character for purposes of initial licensure; hears and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning requests for restoration of a professional license that has been revoked or surrendered; and reviews and makes recommendations to the Regents on proposed penalties in consent orders related to professional misconduct.

Due to the departure of several members of the Committee on the Professions and the substantial workloads carried by current Committee members, it has become more difficult to plan meetings of the COP for which the requisite 3-member panel must be selected. As a result, additional Committee members are needed. Accordingly, I am recommending the addition of the following individuals to the roster of COP members (attached):

- **John D'Agati**, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy
- **Mary Drzonsc**, Director of Operations, Office of Management Services
- **Thania Fernández**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy and Podiatry
- **Dina Jazrawi**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Pharmacy and Midwifery
- **Jason Kramer**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
- **Anthony Lofrumento**, Secretary to the Board of Regents
- **Ceylane Meyers-Ruff**, Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services
- **Phyllis Morris**, Chief Financial Officer
- **William Murphy**, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education
- **Thomas J. Ruller**, Assistant Commissioner for the NYS Archives
- **Mark Shaming**, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Cultural Education

They have expressed interest in participating in the licensing and disciplinary processes by serving on the COP and would be valuable additions to the Committee.

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the attached roster of the Committee on the Professions, effective March 3, 2020.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Immediately.

**Committee on the Professions**  
**Roster of Members**  
(Effective March 2020)

**Sarah S. Benson**, Director of Operations, Office of the Professions

**Jane W. Blair**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Engineering and Land Surveying and for Interior Design

**Stephen Boese**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Medicine, Athletic Trainers Committee, Medical Physics Committee, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Veterinary Medicine

**Dolores Cottrell**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Dentistry Chiropractic and Optometry

**John D'Agati**, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy

**Kathleen M. Doyle**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Applied Behavior Analysis, Massage Therapy, Perfusion, Psychology, & Clinical Laboratory Technology

**Mary Drzonsc**, Director of Operations, Office of Management Services

**Steven M. Earle**, Director of the Office for Diversity, Ethics and Access

**Thania Fernández**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy and Podiatry

**David H. Hamilton**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners

**Dina Jazrawi**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Pharmacy and Midwifery

**Jason Kramer**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology and Audiology

**Anthony Lofrumento**, Secretary to the Board of Regents

**Robert Lopez**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Architecture and Landscape Architecture

**Ceylane Meyers-Ruff**, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

**Phyllis Morris**, Chief Financial Officer

**William Murphy**, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education

**Susan Naccarato**, Director of Professional Licensing Services

**Thomas J. Ruller**, Assistant Commissioner for the NYS Archives

**Mark Shaming**, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Cultural Education

**Kevin Smith**, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

**Suzanne Sullivan**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Nursing and Respiratory Therapy, and the Psychotherapy/Psychoanalysis Review Unit

**Leslie Templeman**, Director, Office of College and University Evaluation

**Jennifer Winters**, Executive Secretary of the State Boards for Certified Shorthand and Reporting Public Accountancy