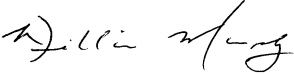





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: William P. Murphy 

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

DATE: March 2, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

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

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

Terms for members of the PSPB are set forth in section 3.14 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents appoints members to four-year terms, except for the teacher education student member, who is appointed to a two-year term. PSPB co-chairs are appointed for two-year terms. There is administrator, higher education, P-12 teacher, teacher education student, and public seats on the PSPB.

Background Information

The department is recommending that Kathleen Ferguson be reappointed to the teacher membership position for a four-year term and be reappointed as co-chair of the PSPB for a two-year term. Kathleen Ferguson's current PSPB member term will expire on March 31, 2023, and this term will commence on March 31, 2023, and expire on

March 31, 2027. Additionally, Kathleen Ferguson's co-chair term would commence on March 31, 2023, and expire on March 31, 2025.

Biographical information on the recommended individual for appointment is included (Attachment A). A list of the current PSPB members is included (Attachment B).

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents reappoint the following individual to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB) pursuant to section 3.14 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the PSPB Bylaws: Kathleen Ferguson (teacher member) for a four-year term commencing March 31, 2023, and expiring March 31, 2027, and for a two-year term as co-chair commencing March 31, 2023, and expiring March 31, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved, the term of Kathleen Ferguson (teacher member and co-chair) will commence on March 31, 2023.

New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB)

Reappointment

Kathleen Ferguson

Membership Category: Teacher, co-chair PSPB

Instructional Coach

Schenectady, New York

Kathleen (Katie) Ferguson is a National Board-Certified Early Childhood Generalist and an English Language Arts Instructional Support Coach at Paige School in the 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, Katie attended Sage Graduate School where she earned a Master of Science in Education, became certified in Special Education, and began her career in teaching.

Katie 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. During this time, Katie was recognized for her extensive work with videoconferencing through Project VIEW. In 2007, Katie became a part of the Jessie T. Zoller Elementary School community as a second-grade teacher. During this time, she participated in a grant which enabled her to learn and grow as a literacy educator and to lead professional development in literacy. In May 2010, Katie 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. In her role as New York State Teacher of the Year, Katie has had the opportunity to speak at colleges across the state as well as nationally, lead professional development at numerous conferences, and make several television appearances, including Connect NY with Susan Arbetter and the WMHT American Graduate Project. She was also named an NEA Pearson Global Learning Fellow and received the California Casualty Award for Excellence. She made the leap from second-grade teacher to an ELA Instructional Support Coach in September 2022.

As a teacher and instructional coach dedicated to advocating for other teachers and their students, Katie has also had the privilege of collaborating with teachers from

around the state on both the New York State Teacher of the Year Council and (previously) on the Commissioner's Advisory Council at the New York State Education Department. In her spare time, she likes volunteering for Kitten Angels, reading, painting, and spending time with her family.

New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching (PSPB)

2022-2023 PSPB Board Members

<p>Patricia Bonfe, Teacher H.W. Smith K-8 Syracuse, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2026</p>	<p>Kathleen Briggs, Teacher Lake Placid Elementary School Lake Placid, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2023</p>
<p>Brooke Burnett, Teacher Ithaca City School District Ithaca, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>	<p>Heather Buskirk, Public Stride, Inc. Scotia, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>
<p>Frank Chiachiere, Public Trustee, Valley Stream Board of Education Valley Stream, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2023</p>	<p>Ricardo Colon, Teacher UFT Teacher Center Instructional Coach PS/IS 30 Brooklyn, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>
<p>Amaya DiGiovanni, Teacher Education Student SUNY Geneseo Geneseo, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2023</p>	<p>Juanita Dyer, Teacher Syracuse City School District Syracuse, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>
<p>Kathleen Ferguson, co-chair, Teacher Jessie T Zoller Elementary School Schenectady, NY Term Expires: March 31, 2023</p>	<p>Virginia Goatley, co-chair, Higher Education SUNY Albany Albany, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>
<p>Julie Gorlewski, Higher Education University of Buffalo Buffalo, NY Term Expires: September 30, 2023</p>	<p>Amy Hysick, Public New York State PTA Albany, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>
<p>Glenn Jeffers, Public New York State United Teachers Albany, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2023</p>	<p>Katie Kurjakovic, Public UFT English Language Learner Specialist and Assistant to Vice President for Education for the United Federation of Teachers New York, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>

<p>Edwin Lamboy, Higher Education The City College of New York New York, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Katie Lobato, Teacher Plattekill Elementary School Plattekill, NY Term Expires: November 30, 2026</p>
<p>Wen Ma, Higher Education LeMoyne College Syracuse, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>	<p>Angelina Maloney, Administrator Brunswick/Brittonkill CSD Troy, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>
<p>Dwight Manning, Higher Education Teachers College, Columbia University New York, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Joanna Masingila, Higher Education Syracuse University Syracuse, NY Term Expires: September 30, 2023</p>
<p>Derek Pope, Teacher Commack High School Commack, NY Term Expires: November 30, 2026</p>	<p>Amanda Silvestri, Teacher Karigon Elementary Clifton Park, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>
<p>Pilar Sokol, Esq., Public New York State School Boards Association Latham, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Elizabeth Waite, Teacher Union–Endicott Central Schools Endicott, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2024</p>
<p>Cindy Walter, Administrator TST BOCES Ithaca, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Keith Wiley, Teacher Houghton Academy, PS 69 Houghton, NY Term Expires: June 30, 2025</p>
<p>Patrick Wong, Teacher International HS at LaGuardia Community College Long Island City, NY Term Expires: December 31, 2023</p>	<p>Coretta Wright, Administrator Schools Without Walls Rochester, New York Term Expires: June 30, 2023</p>