



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

SUBJECT: (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels

DATE: April 29, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board at its May 2021 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Approval of board members by the Board of Regents is required by Section 6508(4) of the Education Law.

Background Information

Information on the proposed (re)appointees is noted on the attachment.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the proposed (re)appointments.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approve these (re)appointments, members' terms will go into effect as noted on the attachment.

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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
<p>Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Appointment)</p> <p>Mushtaq A. Sheikh M.D. Elmira, NY 14903</p> <p>Judicial District VI</p>	<p>(Retired)</p>	<p>May 11, 2021 to May 10, 2024</p>	<p>Degree: M.B.B.S. (Medicine), Nishtar Medical College Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1974 License # 120820</p>
<p>Peer Review Oversight Committee (Appointment)</p> <p>Mitchell Mertz Massapequa, NY 11758</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Wei, Wei, and Co LLP 133-10 39th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Accounting) C.W. Post-Long Island University Profession: Public Accountancy Licensed in 1977 License # 037559</p>

<p>State Board for Medicine (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Sumathi Kasinathan M.D. Chappaqua, NY10514</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>Greenburg-Mt. Vernon Health Center 295 Knollwood Road White Plains, NY 10601</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>May 17, 2021 to May 16, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: M.B.B.S. (Medicine), Stanley Medical College; Medicine Residency (Medicine – Pediatrics), St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1997 License # 206884</p>
<p>State Board for Occupational Therapy (Appointment)</p> <p>Jaime Spencer Edelman Nesconset, NY 11767</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Levittown Public School District Levittown, NY 11756</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>May 11, 2021 to May 10, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Occupation al Therapy) Utica College of Syracuse University; MS (Special Education) Adelphi University Profession: Occupational Therapy License in 2000 License # 010297</p>

<p>(Appointment)</p> <p>Sharon Sedlak Hopewell Junction, NY 12533</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>Hawthorne Country Day School 5 Bradhurst Avenue Hawthorne, NY 10532</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>May 11, 2021 to May 10, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: AAS (Occupational Therapy Assistant) Orange County Community College; BS (Occupational Therapy) Dominican College; MS (Organization and Leadership) Mercy College Profession: Occupational Therapy Licensed in 1992 License # 005645</p>
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<p>State Board for Psychology (Re-appointment)</p> <p>Caroline Clauss-Ehlers New York, NY 10027</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>Private Practice from home New York NY, 10027</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>April 19, 2021 to April 18, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: Ph.D. (Counseling Psychology); M. Phil (Counseling Psychology); M.A., Ed. M. (Counseling Psychology), Teachers College, Columbia University; A.B. (Government), Oberlin College Profession: Psychology Licensed in 2000 License # 014232</p>
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Proposed (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels			
Board Name, Proposed Action, Candidate's Name, Residential Address, and Judicial District	Candidate's Current Employer, Address and Judicial District	Proposed Term	Highest and/or Professional Degree(s) Earned, and Licensure Specifics
State Board for Dentistry (Re-Appointment) Ronald I. Maitland, DDS Chappaqua, NY 10514 Judicial District IX	145 West 57 th Street New York, NY 10019 Judicial District I	June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026	Degree: D.M.D. (Dentistry), M.A. (Biology/Chemistry), Tufts University Profession: Dentistry Licensed in 1964 License # 024555
State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology (Re-Appointment) Jose Femenia Oakdale, NY 11769 Judicial District X	(Retired)	June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026	Degree: M.S. (Mechanical Engineering), CUNY, City College of New York; B.E. (Mechanical Engineering), SUNY Maritime College Profession: Engineering Licensed in 1988 License # 064405

<p>(Reappointment)</p> <p>Keith E. Giles Clifton Park, NY 12065</p> <p>Judicial District IV</p>	<p>(Retired)</p>	<p>June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: B.S.C.E. (Civil Engineering), University of Oklahoma Profession: Engineering* and Land Surveying** Licensed in 1975* and 1976** License # 051764* and 049174**</p>
<p>State Board for Veterinary Medicine (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Barry A. Lissman DVM Stony Brook, NY 11790</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Sachem Animal Hospital 227 Union Avenue Holbrook, NY 11741</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026</p>	<p>Degree: D.V.M. (Veterinary Medicine), Cornell University Profession: Veterinary Medicine Licensed in 1977 License # 003952</p>