



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

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

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

**DATE:** May 23, 2019

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### **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 June 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 are currently three teacher, two public, two higher education, one administrator, and one student vacancies on the Standards Board. Additionally, there is one Board member up for appointment as the Higher Education co-chair. 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: Colleen Lester (administrator member), Scott Brown (administrator member), Frank Chiachiere (public member), David Rothfuss (public member) each for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023; and Claire Carpenter (student member) for a term two-year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021. Virginia Goatley is recommended as the Higher Education co-chair of the Board with her term ending on June 30, 2020

A brief biographical sketch of the recommended members seeking appointment is included as Attachment A, and a list of the current membership is included as 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**

**Colleen Lester**

**Membership: Administrator**

**Principal**

**Cambridge Central School District**

**Cambridge, New York**

Since 2009, Colleen Lester has served as the Elementary Principal and CSE chair at Cambridge Central School. Before coming to Cambridge, Colleen was the principal at Jansen Avenue Elementary School in the Johnstown City School District. Prior to the principalship, she taught middle and high school in the Clarence Central School District.

Colleen received her B.A. from Saint Bonaventure University. She completed her graduate work, a Master of Science in Social Studies Education and Certificate of Advanced Leadership in Educational Leadership at the State University College at Buffalo. She is NYS certified in the areas of Elementary Education, Social Studies, School District Administration and School Administration and Supervision.

Colleen has a strong interest in teacher leadership and supporting professional learning for current and pre-service teachers. As a teacher and administrator, she has been involved in a myriad of policy and committee work, including mentoring, professional development and professional performance and review.

Colleen is a member of the National Association of School Principals and the Council of New York State Special Education Administrators. She is involved in several PLCs and professional networks with her teaching staff as well as other regional school leaders. Last year she was awarded the SAANYS Excelsior Award for commitment to excellence and outstanding contribution to the community and educational process.

**Mr. Scott Brown**  
**Membership Category: Administrator**  
**Principal K-6**  
**Leptondale Elementary School**  
**Wallkill Central School District**

Scott Brown is the Principal of Leptondale Elementary School in the Wallkill Central School District. In his tenure as a Principal over the past 13 years he has collaborated with parents, students and teachers to promote new academic initiatives, optimize the learning atmosphere and promote a safe environment. Being a teacher, Staff Developer, and a Principal for 20 years has enabled Mr. Brown unique insight and perspective on education. He is a pragmatic and sequential thinker who has been able to work successfully within multiple school systems.

Mr. Brown holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz, an M.S in Educational Technology from the New York Institute of Technology and a C.A.S in Educational Leadership from Massachusetts College. He has been a member of the AFT E3TL Innovation Grant, the facilitator for the Mid-Hudson Principal Council and has been responsible for the daily operation of grades K-6 elementary buildings made up of over 425 – 700 students and 100 staff members. These opportunities have given Mr. Brown the understanding of the K-12 curriculum, state standards, and state and federal mandates. This understanding in combination with his abilities to lead and work effectively with others, allows for the development and implementation of programs that help students achieve success and develop their many talents. He continues to advocate the importance of social emotional support for students and how students and their behavior need to be viewed through different lenses.

**Frank Chiachiere**  
**Membership Category: Public**  
**Trustee, Valley Stream Board of Education**  
**Valley Stream, NY**

Dr. Chiachiere has served as the President of the Valley Stream UFSD 13 Board of Education as well as President of the Valley Stream Central High School District Board of Education several times during his 26 year tenure on those boards, and was re-elected to his ninth term as a board member in 2017. As a field representative for the New York State School Boards Association, Dr. Chiachiere has visited school boards both upstate and downstate where he has conducted workshops on Roles and Responsibilities, Evaluating the Superintendent, and Goal Setting. In addition, Dr. Chiachiere is Executive Director of Metro EduServe, Inc. an educational consulting company in Malverne, NY, specializing in career coaching for school teachers wishing to become school leaders. Dr. Chiachiere is also an associate with the executive recruiting firm School Leadership LLC where he has recruited over three dozen school superintendents on Long Island and in Westchester and Dutchess Counties.

Dr. Chiachiere spent his professional career as a high school teacher, department supervisor and middle school vice principal where he honed his skills as an observer and mentor of new and seasoned teachers. Dr. Chiachiere also worked at Molloy College in Rockville Center where he supervised student teachers. Currently, Dr. Chiachiere is a member of the Graduate Faculty at Stony Brook University where he teaches a guided research seminar in the School of Professional Development. Dr. Chiachiere has been published in several educational research journals and works with The Center for Integrated Teacher Education in furthering the Center's goal of developing the next generation of school leaders.

Dr. Chiachiere takes great pleasure volunteering his time working as a docent at the Crossroads Farm in his home town of Malverne where he has created partnerships with area schools that are interested in his Farm to Table initiative.

Dr. Chiachiere was honored by the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association as Distinguished School Board Member for the Year in 2014. Recently, StonyBrook University nominated and honored Dr. Chiachiere as Phi Delta Kappa International 2017 Friend of Education. In addition, Dr. Chiachiere chaired the NYSSBA Business Meeting in Lake Placid the autumn of 2017.

**Mr. David Rothfuss**  
**Membership Category: Public Member**  
**New York State United Teachers**  
**Albany, New York**

David Rothfuss holds permanent New York State certification in elementary education and special education and is currently an Associate in Research and Education Services for New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). He has been with NYSUT for almost 18 years and works on a wide range of federal and state educational policy issues. Areas of particular interest include services for students with disabilities, teacher certification and evaluation, and educational technology.

Mr. Rothfuss currently serves the Department as a member of the University of the State of New York Technology Policy and Practices Council (USNY TPPC) and the New York State Alternate Assessment Educator Advisory Panel (NYSAA EAP). He also regularly attends the meetings of the Commissioner's Advisory Panel (CAP) for Special Education Services as a public observer.

Prior to coming to NYSUT, Mr. Rothfuss was a 14-year member of the NYS Education Department (SED) staff. While at SED, he gained extensive experience addressing statewide special education program concerns and the provision of appropriate services for students with disabilities.

Mr. Rothfuss began his career as an early childhood and special education teacher and worked in a variety of educational settings in NYS and Colorado.

He earned his B.A in Communication Studies from the State University of New York at Oswego and his M.S. in Special Education from Bank Street College of Education in New York City.

**Claire Carpenter**  
**Membership Category: Student**  
**The College of Saint Rose**  
**Albany, New York**

Claire Carpenter was born on December 26, 1998 and grew up in South Glens Falls, New York. She attended public school in the South Glens Falls School District where she participated in athletics, student government and community service opportunities through the National Honor Society. Throughout her academic career, Claire was a hardworking student who enjoyed tutoring others in her free time.

After graduating top ten in her class in 2017, Claire went on to Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts to study Elementary Education. Since she was young, Claire knew she wanted to be a teacher because she was always passionate about helping others. Through Endicott College, Claire completed an internship at an elementary school, where she grew even fonder of working with children. In her sophomore year, Claire transferred to The College of Saint Rose to be closer to her family and to pursue Childhood Education certification in New York. She found her fit at Saint Rose and continues to look forward to opportunities to learn and grow as a person and an educator.

**Dr. Virginia Goatley**  
**Membership Category: Higher Education**  
**Professor, Department of Literacy Teaching and Learning**  
**University at Albany**  
**Albany, New York**

Dr. Virginia Goatley is the Department Chair and a Professor in the Department of Literacy Teaching and Learning at the University at Albany-SUNY. With a goal to prevent reading and writing difficulties for children, her recent research focused on teacher preparation and professional development that supports effective classroom practice, including the accreditation and assessment of teacher preparation. In collaboration with colleagues at the Child Research and Study Center, she was co-investigator for two recent federally funded grants through IES and FIPSE, focused on the early literacy coursework in teacher preparation programs. From 2011-15, she was a co-investigator on a graduate level clinically rich teacher preparation grant funded by the New York State Education Department. In her recent role as a member of the International Literacy Association's Literacy Research Panel, she participated in efforts to use research as a framework for improving classroom practice and the policies that influence it.

Dr. Goatley is currently the Chair of the IB Commission and a Board member (ex-officio) for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). She is a committee member for the International Literacy Association's *Standards for Specialized*

*Literacy Professionals* (2017 edition) and is chair of the Standard #3 Assessment and Evaluation sub-committee. She is a co-editor of the *Journal of Literacy Research*, a publication of the Literacy Research Association. Her publications have appeared in several journals including the *Journal of Educational Research*, *Language Arts*, *Language and Literacy Spectrum*, *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Reading and Writing Quarterly*, and *The Reading Teacher*. She is a co-author of *Engaging Elementary Students in Disciplinary Learning and Literacy* (TC Press, 2014).

After teaching first grade for three years, she received her M.S. in Reading Instruction and Ph.D. in Educational Psychology/Literacy from Michigan State University. A faculty member at the University at Albany since 1995, Dr. Goatley also served as the Associate Dean for Professional Studies (2003-08) and Vice Dean (2008) in the University at Albany School of Education. In 2011-12, she was the Director of Research for the International Reading Association.

## State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

Mr. David Babikian North Syracuse Central School District 5355 W. Taft Road North Syracuse, New York 13212 Term Expires: June 30, 2020	Ms. Grace Barrett Commack Central School District 480 Clay Pitts Road Commack, New York 11725 Term Expires: June 30, 2022
Dr. April Bedford CUNY Brooklyn College 2900 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11210 Term Expires: June 30, 2021	Mr. Jack (Jay) Boak, Jr. 8857 Parker Hollow Road Barneveld, New York 13304 Term Expires: June 30, 2019
Ms. Heather Buskirk Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES 2755 NY 67 Johnstown, NY 12095 Term Expires: June 30, 2020	<b>Dr. Kate DaBoll-Lavoie, Co-chair</b> Nazareth College 4245 East Avenue Rochester, New York 14618 Term Expires: June 30, 2019
Dr. David Cantaffa State University of New York System Administration State University Plaza 353 Broadway Avenue, Suite S-520 Albany, NY 12246 Term Expires: June 30, 2021	Ms. Claudia Engelhardt 42 Park Avenue, Van Schaick Island Cohoes, NY 12047 Term Expires: March 31, 2023
Ms. Kathleen Ferguson Jessie T Zoller Elementary School 1880 Lancaster Street Schenectady, NY 12308 Term Expires: March 31, 2023	Ms. Andrea Fortin-Nossavage Niagara Falls City School District 630 66th Street Niagara Falls, New York 14304 Term Expires: June 30, 2022
Dr. Virginia Goatley SUNY Albany EDU 309 1400 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12222 Term Expires: June 30, 2020	Dr. Albert Inserra Long Island University-LIU Post Campus 720 Northern Boulevard Brookville, NY 11548 Term Expires: November 30, 2022
Ms. Katie Lobato Plattekill Elementary School 1270 Route 32 Plattekill, NY 12568 Term Expires: November 30, 2022	Dr. Margaret Madden Siena College 515 Loudon Road Albany, New York 12211 Term Expires: June 30, 2019



<p>Ms. Yvette Malavé Diaz  NYS &amp; CSEA Partnership for Ed &amp; Training  240 Washington Avenue Ext.  Albany, New York 12203  Term Expires: June 30, 2019</p>	<p>Dr. Dwight Manning  Teachers College, Columbia  University  525 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St. Box 97  New York, NY 10027  Term Expires: June 30, 2020</p>
<p>Ms. Colleen McDonald  Cambridge Central School  24 S. Park Street.  Cambridge, New York 12816  Term Expires: June 30, 2020</p>	<p>Mr. Derek Pope  Commack High School  1 Scholar Lane  Commack, NY 11725  Term Expires: November 30, 2022</p>
<p><b>Ms. Theresa Reynolds, Co-chair</b>  Orange-Ulster BOCES  53 Gibson Road  Goshen, NY 10924  Term Expires: December 31, 2020</p>	<p>Ms. Annette Romano  Niskayuna Central Schools  1239 Van Antwerp Boulevard  Niskayuna, New York 12309  Term Expires: June 30, 2022</p>
<p>Dr. Michael Rosenberg  SUNY New Paltz  Old Main 114  800 Hawk Drive  New Paltz, New York 12561  Term Expires: June 30, 2021</p>	<p>Mr. Joseph Schaefer  The College of St. Rose  432 Western Avenue  Albany, NY 12203  Term Expires: June 30, 2021</p>
<p>Ms. Amanda Silvestri  Hudson Falls Central School District  2 Clark Street  Hudson Falls, NY 12839  Term Expires: June 30, 2021</p>	<p>Ms. Pilar Sokol, Esq.  New York State School Boards  Association  24 Century Hill Drive Suite 200  Latham, New York 12110  Term Expires: June 30, 2020</p>
<p>Ms. Ellen Sullivan  NYS United Teachers  Albany, New York 12203  Term Expires: June 30, 2019</p>	<p>Mr. James Vasquez  Newcomers High School  New York City Department of  Education  2801 41st Avenue  Long Island City, New York 11101  Term Expires: June 30, 2019</p>
<p>Ms. Elizabeth Waite  Union –Endicott Central Schools  1200 East Main Street  Endicott, NY 13760  Term Expires: June 30, 2020</p>	<p>Mr. Keith Wiley  Houghton Academy, PS 69  1725 Clinton Street  Houghton, NY 14206  Term Expires: June 30, 2021</p>