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

**FROM:** David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

**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:** January 2, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Bellotti*

#### **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 for action at its January 2025 meeting.

#### **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 in the attachment.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That 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.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the 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><b>Peer Review Oversight Committee</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>David Pitcher Conesus, NY 14435</p> <p>Judicial District VII</p>	<p>David Kaplan CPA PC 100 Meridian Center, Suite 200 Rochester, NY 14618</p> <p>Judicial District VII</p>	<p>December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Accounting), St. John Fisher College; Profession: Public Accountancy Licensed in 1981 License# 043154</p>
<p><b>State Board for Acupuncture</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Danett Cymon Bean Brooklyn, NY 11207</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>Danett Bean Acupuncture PC 7 Marcus Garvey Blvd Ste 429 Brooklyn, NY 11206</p> <p>Judicial District II</p>	<p>January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: BA (Psychology), Hampton University; MA (Oriental Medicine), NY College of Health Professions; Doctorate (Women's Health &amp; Geriatrics), Oregon College of Oriental Medicine; Profession: Acupuncture Licensed in 2003 License# 002584</p>

<p><b>State Board for Medicine</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>John Hallowell Great River, NY 11739</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Retired</p>	<p>January 14, 2025 to January 13, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: BA (Biology), College of Wooster; AAS (Physician Assistant), Catawba Valley Technical Institute; PgD (Surgical PA) Montefiore Medical Center; MBA (Medicine), Dowling College; Profession: Physician Assistant Licensed in 1985 License# 002768</p>
<p><b>State Board for Nursing</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Maria Vezina New York, NY 10128</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>Mount Sinai Health System Nursing Dept. 19 E. 98<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: Ed.D. (Nursing), Teachers College – Columbia Univ.; M. Ed. (Communication’s and Instructional Technology); Teachers College – Columbia University; MA (Nursing), New York University; BSN (Nursing), Hartwick College; Profession: Nursing Licensed in 1973 License# 256123</p>
<p><b>State Board for Pharmacy</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Monica Ocon Williamsville, NY 14221</p> <p>Judicial District VIII</p>	<p>Bassett Medical Center 665 Elm Street Buffalo, NY 14203</p> <p>Judicial District VIII</p>	<p>February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: GED, DeWitt Clinton High School; Profession: Pharmacy Technician Licensed in 2021 License# 002585</p>

<p><b>State Board for Public Accountancy</b> (Re-Appointment)</p> <p>Thomas Sciametta Roslyn, NY 11576</p> <p>Judicial District XI</p>	<p>Ernst &amp; Young LLP One Manhattan West New York, NY 10001</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Accounting), Fairfield University; BS (Information Systems), Fairfield University; Profession: Public Accountancy Licensed in 1999 License# 082294</p>
<p>(Appointment)</p> <p>Denise M. Stefano Yorktown Heights, NY 10598</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>Mercy University 555 Broadway, Victoria Hall 100D Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: BBA (Public Accounting), Iona University; MBA (Finance/Financial Management), Iona University Profession: Public Accountancy Licensed in 1998 License# 079269</p>
<p><b>State Board for Veterinary Medicine</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Beth Ann Shane-Holser Averill Park, NY 12018</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>NY Dept. of Agriculture and Markets – Division of Animal Industry 10B Airline Drive Albany, NY 12235</p> <p>Judicial District III</p>	<p>January 14, 2025 to January 13, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: BS (Pre-veterinary Medicine), Cook College; VMD (Veterinary Medicine), Univ. of Pennsylvania; CVA (Large &amp; Small Animal Acupuncture), Curacore Veterinary Acupuncture; AV (NAVVP), USDA APHIS Veterinary Services; FADD (Foreign Animal Disease), USDA APHIS Veterinary Services; Profession: Veterinary Medicine Licensed in 2022 License# 008138</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
<p><b>State Board for Engineering &amp; Land Surveying</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Matthew A. Noviello Carmel, NY 10512</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>(self-employed) 77 Hughson Road Carmel, NY 10512</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>January 13, 2025 to January 12, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: A.A.S. (Engineering), Rochester Institute of Technology; B.S. (Industrial Engineering), Rochester Institute of Technology; M.E. (Engineering Management), Rochester Institute of Technology; J.D. (Law), Rutgers University – Newark; Profession: Engineering* and Land Surveying** Licensed in 1984* and 1994** License#'s 061145*; 050073**</p>

<p><b>State Board for Medicine</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Lawrence Jay Epstein New Rochelle, NY 10804</p> <p>Judicial District IX</p>	<p>Mount Sinai School of Medicine Dept of Anesthesiology Box 1192 One Gustave Levy Place New York, NY 10029</p> <p>Judicial District I</p>	<p>December 16, 2024 to December 15, 2029</p>	<p>Degree: M.D. (Medicine), Sackler School of Medicine/New York State Program, Tel Aviv University; Profession: Medicine Licensed in 1983 License# 156069</p>
<p>(Appointment)</p> <p>Marian Goldstein Baldwin, NY 11510</p> <p>Judicial District X</p>	<p>Retired</p>	<p>December 16, 2024 to December 15, 2029</p>	<p>Degree B.A. (Sociology / Social Work), Adelphi University; M.S.W. (Social Work), Adelphi University Public Member</p>
<p><b>State Board for Physical Therapy</b> (Appointment)</p> <p>Mindy Kaplan Three Mile Bay, NY 13693</p> <p>Judicial District V</p>	<p>Northern Physical Therapy 307 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY 13624</p> <p>Judicial District V</p>	<p>January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030</p>	<p>Degree: DPT (Physical Therapy), Daemen College; BS (Physical Therapy), Daemen College; Profession: Physical Therapy Licensed in 2002 License# 024434</p>