




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

TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Betty A. Rosa

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Laura S. Glass to Assistant Commissioner,
Office of Education Policy

DATE: April 8, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Dr. Laura S. Glass to Assistant Commissioner, Office of Education Policy?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Dr. Laura S. Glass's extensive experience and leadership in the field of education spans more than 30 years across the K-12, higher education, and state education agency levels. Her deep knowledge of policy and regulations, educator preparation and certification, higher education, mathematics education, and the teaching profession make her exceptionally qualified for the position of Assistant Commissioner, Office of Education Policy.

Currently, Dr. Glass serves as the Chief of Staff in the Office of Education Policy at the New York State Education Department. In this role, she is instrumental in developing critical policies and managing strategic initiatives across the P-20 continuum. She also worked for six years in the Office of Higher Education in the Department on policies and initiatives primarily in the areas of educator preparation and certification, with two years overseeing the Office of Teaching Initiatives.

Before working at the Department, Dr. Glass worked at the University of Delaware for 14 years as an administrator and mathematics education faculty member. Her administrative positions included coordinating the elementary teacher education program, serving as the Associate Director of the School of Education, and leading the Delaware Center for Teacher Education that supported the educator preparation programs across the University in the areas of accreditation, certification, and clinical experiences.

Dr. Glass's dedication to her students as a high school mathematics teacher, teacher candidates and graduate students as a teacher educator, and Department colleagues and New York State stakeholders as a policymaker demonstrates her passion to make a difference in the lives of educators and all learners along the P-20 continuum. Her unique and outstanding background equips her to significantly contribute to advancing the priorities of the Department. Dr. Glass holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in mathematics education from Kent State University, and a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology and B.S. in Secondary Education with major in the teaching of mathematics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Proposed Handling

This appointment will come before the Full Board of Regents for action at its April 2025 meeting.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Laura S. Glass to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Office of Education Policy.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective April 8, 2025.