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Office of the Professions: Professional Practice Overview

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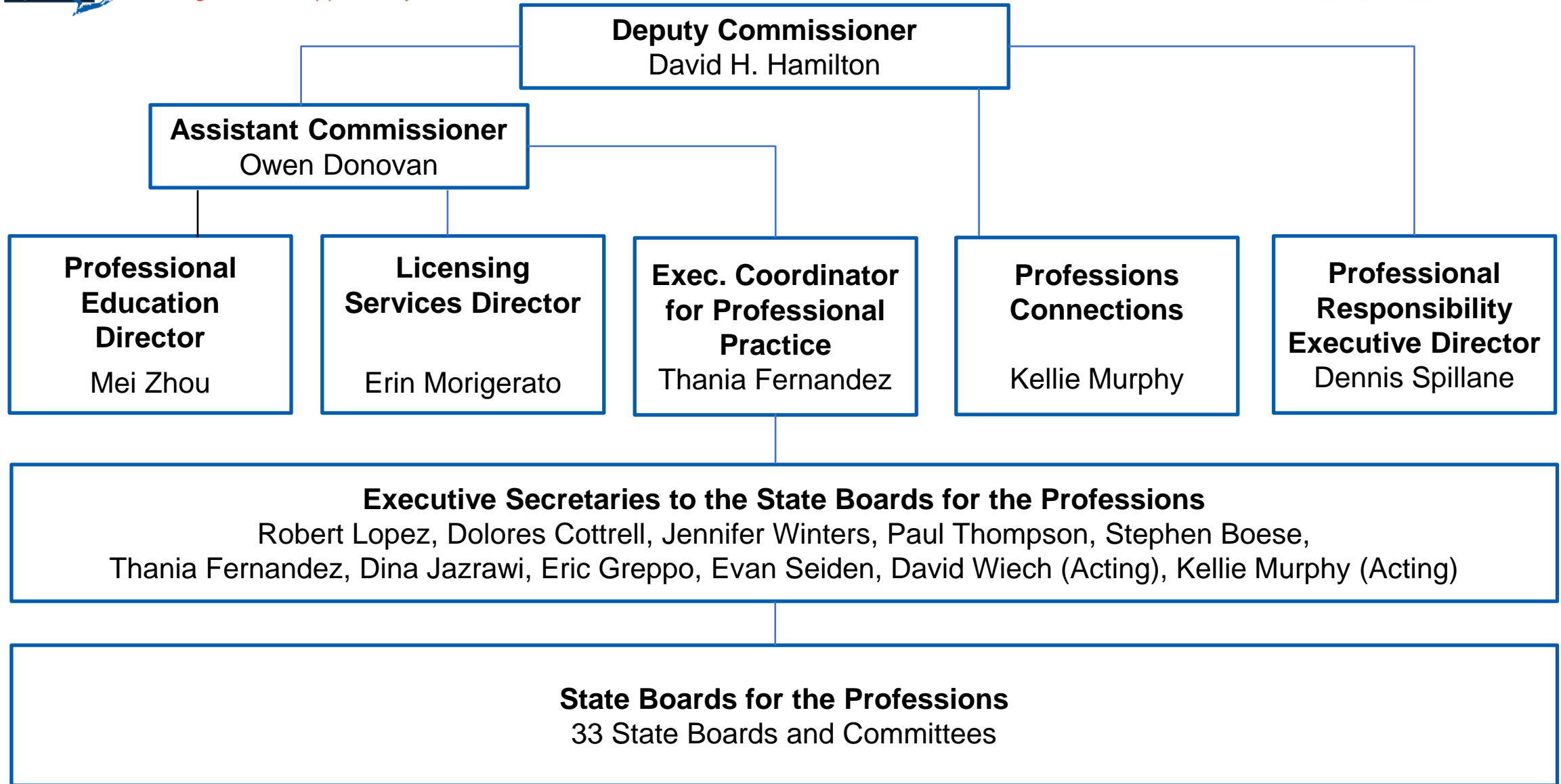


Board of Regents oversee 56 professions

- Responsible for all licenses, registrations and discipline*
- Guidance includes education's key role in preparing future applicants for safe practice of evolving professions
- Title VIII sets education, examination and experience requirements for license & registration in 47 health & 9 design/business professions
- Education Department, under the Board of Regents' direction, administers professional regulation assisted by 33 State Boards

** Except for Physicians, Physician's Assistants & Specialist's Assistants*

Office of the Professions



Professional Education for Licensure

Professional Education Program Review (PEPR)

- Approves NYS programs to offer license-qualifying education program, in consultation with State Board, ensuring statutory and regulatory requirements are consistent and satisfied
- Addresses complaints and concerns about NYS program performance
- Identify acceptable accrediting bodies in consultation with State Boards Offices

Comparative Education (CE)

- Conduct transcript evaluation for applicants who graduated from out-of-state programs that are not accredited or otherwise authorized
- Notifies applicant of deficiencies that must be satisfied for license or privilege
- Collaborate with State Board offices to determine eligibility for waiver or equivalence



State Boards & Committees are Essential

- Board of Regents appoint licensees and public members to 33 State Boards and Committees to assist NYSED and Regents with license, practice and discipline of the professions
- Executive Secretary, appointed by Regents, represents NYSED and coordinates work of the Board and NYSED staff, including State Board meetings, experience reviews and practice questions

Division of Professional Licensing Services

Customer Service

Provide information and updates



Pre-Licensure

Receive and process applications and all verification required for licensure in the profession; issue limited permits and licenses when requirements are met

Registration

Receive and process registrations



Professional Corporations

Receive and process new applications and registrations for business entities

Legislative Technical Assistance by NYSED

- Proposed legislation to create a new profession or amend an existing profession
- NYSED staff may provide technical assistance, consistent with Regents priorities, in response to inquiries
- Ensure adequate information & time required to implement changes and/or new professions





Moral character for initial practice

- Moral character acceptable to NYSED required for initial practice (permit or license) in majority of professions
- Applicant with prior discipline or other action must provide information that demonstrates good moral character, demonstrating remorse and rehabilitation for practice today



Licensed for life, registered to practice

- Practice the profession and use authorized title defined in law
- Professional license is valid for life, unless revoked, suspended or annulled by the Board of Regents.
- Licensee must register every three years (2 years in medicine)
- Continuing education is required in 31 professions to register for practice



Board of Regents disciplinary authority

- Education Law §6509 defines professional misconduct in the all professions, except medicine*
- Rules of the Board of Regents Part 29 establishes standards of conduct in professions, except medicine
- Designate a professional conduct officer in connection with professional licensing & misconduct proceedings & criminal matters

** Article 131-A (§§ 6530-6532) defines professional misconduct applicable to physicians, physician's assistants & specialist's assistants*



Office of Professional Responsibility

Operates throughout NYS to protect the public

Ten regional offices

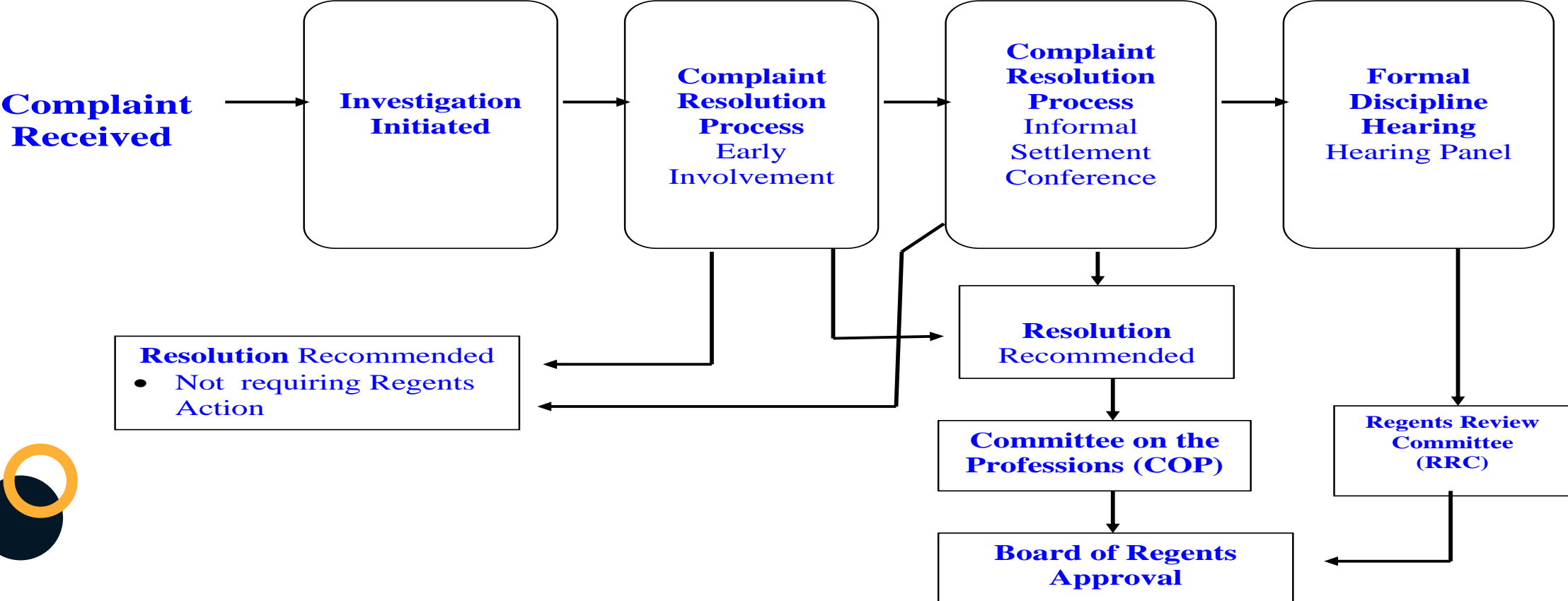
Investigations – Thomas Rogers

Prosecutions -- Catherine Slattery

Legal Services – Todd Monahan



Disciplinary Process: Balancing licensee's property right & public protection



Resolving Disciplinary Complaints



Written Complain

Written complaints received by the Office of Professional Discipline (OPD) and investigated



Consultation

Early involvement engages a professional member of the appropriate State Board consulting with the assigned investigator and prosecutor on the matter



Resolved / Unresolved

Most cases are resolved in an informal settlement conference, convened by OPD and attended by the licensee (who may be represented), State Board member and prosecutor; if matter is not resolved, a hearing will be scheduled before a panel of State Board members



Supervision Or Monitoring

Professional Practice Committee reviews and recommends action to the Board of Regents on applications for surrender or consent and determinations by Regents Review Committee



Committee Recommendations

Board of Regents acts upon the Professional Practice Committee's recommendations

Final disciplinary actions are posted online for public information

Raising Awareness of Licensed Professionals

How do I...? | Verifications & Certifications | Professions | Renew a Registration | State Boards | Corporate Entities | Professional Education | Career Path | Enforcement | COVID-19 | Professional Assistance Program

Paths to the Professions - Careers in the Licensed Professions

Professions Paths to the Professions features over 50 professions that are the responsibility of the New York State Education Department's Office of the Professions.

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<https://www.op.nysed.gov/careers-index>



OP Website Provides Tools for Career Development, Mentoring & More

Many organizations offer tools & experiences to help students explore the licensed professions

These have been gathered & arranged by profession including:

- Scholarships
- College Guidance
- Career Exploration
- Mentoring Opportunities

Questions & Discussion

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