



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

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

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary, State Committee on Professional Assistance

**DATE:** August 28, 2025

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**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Will the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Stephen Boese to the position of Executive Secretary to the State Committee on Professional Assistance?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

**Proposed Handling**

This appointment will come before the full Board of Regents for final action at its September 2025 meeting.

**Procedural History**

Education Law §6510-b(2) requires the Board of Regents to appoint an Executive Secretary to the committee on drug and alcohol abuse (State Committee on Professional Assistance), which shall advise the Board of Regents on matters relating to practice by professional licensees with drug or alcohol abuse problems.

**Background Information**

The State Committee on Professional Assistance administers the New York State Board of Regents Professional Assistance Program (PAP). The PAP assists professionals who have substance abuse problems, but who have not harmed patients or clients. This work is guided by the Executive Secretary to the Committee on

Professional Assistance. Accordingly, it became a priority to seek a strongly qualified candidate, and we are pleased to present Stephen Boese for your consideration.

Stephen Boese is an experienced manager. He has served as the Executive Secretary to the State Boards for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, to the State Committees for Medical Physics, Athletic Trainers, Perfusion and Pathologists' Assistant, since April of 2014. In these roles, Mr. Boese capably performs leadership, liaison, and coordination tasks for a broad range of activities related to those professions; and coordinates the work of the Professional State Boards, providing assistance to the Board of Regents and the Department by developing requirements for licensure, reviewing and evaluating applications for licensure, assessing professional practice issues, convening disciplinary panels, providing assistance on legislative issues, and handling other matters regarding professional regulation.

Mr. Boese has a rich professional history, serving in managerial and leadership positions in organizations dedicated to the health and well-being of New Yorkers. Prior to joining the Department, he served as the Executive Director for the Learning Disabilities Association of NYS (LDANYS), where he was responsible for policy and program initiatives. As the Director of Public Health for the New York State Senate Health Committee, Mr. Boese coordinated and negotiated the legislative public health agenda of successive Committee Chairs. Mr. Boese amassed extensive experience working in healthcare advocacy organizations, including serving as NYS Director of the Healthy Schools Network and Associate Director of Government Affairs for the State Medical Society. Mr. Boese was also the Director of Project Development at the State Medical Society responsible for the development and management of several related practices. His experience in working with voluntary boards and committees, as well as developing and administering programs, are essential skills for the work of the State Committee on Professional Assistance.

Mr. Boese earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hartwick College and a Master of Social Welfare (Management) from the State University of New York at Albany. His education and years of progressive responsibility will support the work of the PAP as they monitor licensed professionals who are suffering from the effects of a chemical dependency and as they receive proper treatment to maintain their professional status. Mr. Boese is the ideal candidate for this position.

### **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 appointment of Stephen Boese to the position of Executive Secretary to the State Committee on Professional Assistance.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective September 9, 2025.