



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

**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:** November 21, 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 December 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 currently are five teacher vacancies on the Standards Board. The individuals below are recommended for appointment to fill two of the teacher vacancies.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the following appointments to the State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching: Waiho (Patrick) Wong (teacher member) and Kathleen Briggs (teacher member), each for a four-year term beginning December 10, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023.

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.

**The University of the State of New York  
The State Education Department**

**State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching**

**Appointments**

**Ms. Kathleen Briggs**  
**Membership Category: Teacher**  
**Lake Placid Elementary School**  
**Lake Placid, New York**

Ms. Briggs earned a Bachelor of Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Teaching Reading from SUNY Plattsburgh. She has been employed by the Lake Placid Central School district since 1989. For the first ten years, she worked at every level teaching general and vocal music. In 1999, she began working exclusively at the elementary level teaching general music to grades K-5 and instrumental music to grades 4 and 5. She directs both a band and a chorus and is co-editor of the yearbook. She has collaborated with colleagues who teach third and fifth grade to create an integrated curriculum including music, art, and social studies. She has been a mentor to new teachers and served on many different committees.

Ms. Briggs is active in the Lake Placid Education Association, serving as a building representative and as co-president. She has represented Zone 6 (Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties) for the New York State School Music Association and has recently been inducted into the Beta Mu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Outside of school, Ms. Briggs volunteers at events in the community and has served on the Board of Trustees to the EM Cooper Wilmington Library, holding offices of secretary, vice president, and president. She also directs a community hand bell choir.

**Mr. Waiho (Patrick) Wong**  
**Membership Category: Teacher**  
**International High School at LaGuardia Community College**  
**New York, New York**

Mr. Wong received his B.S. and M.A.T. in Mathematics from Stony Brook University and is dually certified in Mathematics and Special Education. He has been a mathematics teacher at the International High School at LaGuardia Community College for the past 13 years. He was the Course Coordinator Assistant who supervised teaching assistants and helped improve the quality of the remedial program in the Math Department.

Prior to becoming a high school teacher, Mr. Wong had taught introductory-level math courses at Stony Brook University, including Elements of Problem Solving and Calculus courses to high school students and incoming freshman. He also worked closely with the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program.

Mr. Wong is passionate about helping students who come from diverse backgrounds. At his current school, where all students are English language learners, he has held different leadership positions such as Coordinator of Student Activities, Junior Portfolio Coordinator, and Personnel Committee Chair. As a veteran math teacher in the school, he also shares his expertise and best practices with his colleagues and new teachers. He also has provided professional development workshops to faculty members. Mr. Wong is currently a Master Teacher in the *Math for America* fellowship.

## State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching

### 2019-2020 PSPB Board Members

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