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## **State Board of Education Selects Leadership, Swears in New Member**

**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) today selected the board’s leadership for the coming school year. Kathy Goldenberg will continue to serve as board president and Nedd James Johnson, Ed.D., was named vice president. In addition to the selection of president and vice president, the State Board swore in a new member, Dr. Claudine Keenan of Galloway, Atlantic County.

“State Board of Education members serve selflessly and without remuneration to advance public education in New Jersey,” **said Acting Education Commissioner Kevin Dehmer.** “Each State Board member brings a unique perspective and their personal expertise to the table. I look forward to continuing our work with Kathy Goldenberg as president, and with Dr. Johnson serving as vice president. In addition, I look forward to a positive, collaborative relationship with Dr. Keenan, the State Board’s newest member.”

### **State Board Leadership**

Ms. Goldenberg, a former board of education member served for 10 years in Moorestown, Burlington County, and as president and vice president until she was appointed to the State Board in 2017. She served as vice president in 2018-2019 and has served as president since 2019.

“It is a privilege to have been selected by my fellow board members as President of the State Board for another term,” **said Ms. Goldenberg.** “I anticipate that the next year will bring many opportunities to collaborate with Vice President Johnson, all of our State Board members, Acting Commissioner Dehmer in coordination with the Department of Education, and our citizens and stakeholders to ensure that New Jersey continues to be a national leader in public education.”

Dr. Johnson, of Pittsgrove, Salem County, was appointed to the State Board in 2017. He also serves as an Adjunct Clinical Practice Supervisor at Rowan University College of Education.

“I am honored to have been selected by my colleagues on the State Board to serve as vice president. I enter this new role not only as a State Board member for seven years, but also as a lifelong educator, administrator, and former district board of education member,” **said Dr. Johnson.** “I am eager to work in this new capacity with President Goldenberg, Acting Commissioner Dehmer, and my fellow State Board members as we strive to best serve all of New Jersey’s 1.4 million public school students.”

The State Board is a 13-member body that adopts the administrative code, which are the regulations that implement state education law. Such rules cover the supervision and governance of the state’s 2,500 public schools, which serve approximately 1.4 million students. In addition, the State Board confirms Department of Education staff appointments made by the Commissioner.

### **New Board Member**

Dr. Claudine Keenan of Galloway, Atlantic County, was sworn in today as a new member of the State Board.

Dr. Keenan has worked as Dean of Education at Stockton University, Atlantic County, since 2012. She previously served as the university’s Chief Planning and Budget Officer from 2010-2012, and as Executive Assistant to the Provost from 2006-2009.

Previously, she worked as a program development specialist at Sungard Higher Education in Malvern, Pa., from 2004-2006; as director of academic programs for Marlboro College Graduate School, Brattleboro, Vt., from 2000-2004; and from 1994-2000 as program administrator for the Lehigh Valley Writing Project and lecturer in English, both at Penn State University Lehigh Valley Campus.

She has an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; a master's in Rhetoric and Composition from California State University, Northridge; and a bachelor's in English and Secondary Education from Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y.

She served as trustee for the Atlantic City Academy Charter School from 2015-2016 and Galloway Community Charter School from 2008-2011; past president of the New Jersey Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; an advisory board member for Purdue Global (formerly Kaplan University); a visiting team member for the Middle States Association Commission on Higher Education from 2008-present; and various other positions of service for numerous educational, professional, and civic organizations.

She replaces Andrew Mulvihill, who had served on the State Board since 2011. Dr. Keenan's term expires June 30, 2027.

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