



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## State Board of Education Welcomes New Member

**Trenton, NJ** – The State Board of Education welcomed its newest member, Ahmed Shehata, who joined the board today for his first meeting. Brief bio information is below, and additional information is available on the State Board's [webpage](#).

### Ahmed Shehata – Linden, Union County

Ahmed Shehata has worked as Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary (CFO) for Clifton Public Schools for the past year, and previously served as the district's Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary (Assistant CFO) from 2021-2023. Prior to his career in education, he worked for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

He earned a Master of Business Administration in data analytics from Seton Hall Stillman School of Business in 2023; a Master of Public Administration from Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration in 2018; and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/political science from Rutgers University in 2016. He was a delegate to the Muslim Student Delegate at the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs in West Point in 2015.

Shehata received a Certificate in American Politics and Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers in 2016, and currently serves as an Alumni Committee Member for the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He has also served as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars since 2014.

A member of the Linden Board of Education from 2018 to 2021, Shehata also has served as a board member of the Union County Improvement Authority since 2020.

He replaces Fatimah Burnam-Watkins.

The New Jersey [State Board of Education](#) is a 13-member panel appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The State Board adopts the [administrative code](#), which are the regulations that detail how education law will be implemented. Regulations cover the supervision and governance of the state's local educational agencies, which include all public school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects that collectively serve nearly 1.4 million students. In addition, the State Board advises on educational policies proposed by the Commissioner and confirms Department of Education staff appointments made by the Commissioner.



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