

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education & Early Development**

**August 25, 2021**

**From: Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 12**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to approve Commissioner Johnson's appointment of Susan McKenzie as Division Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- AS 14.07.145(e) states the Commissioner may employ and remove personnel in exempt or partially exempt service subject to approval of the board.
- Commissioner Johnson has appointed Susan McKenzie as Division Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence.
- Behind this cover memo are: 1) a copy of AS 14.07.145(e), and 2) Susan McKenzie's resume.

**◆ OPTIONS**

Approve the appointment.  
Disapprove the appointment.  
Seek additional information.

**◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the appointment.

**◆ SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve Commissioner's appointment of Susan McKenzie as Division Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence.