

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

January 22, 2026

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 8

♦ ISSUE

The board is being asked to approve Commissioner Bishop's appointment of Florence E. Preston (Eleilia) as Special Assistant to the Commissioner 2.

♦ BACKGROUND

- AS 14.07.145(e) allows the commissioner to employ and remove personnel in exempt and partial exempt service subject to the approval of the board.
- Behind this cover memo are: 1) a copy of AS 14.07.145, and 2) Eleilia Preston's resume.
- Commissioner Bishop will be present to brief the board.

♦ 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 the Commissioner's appointment of Florence E. Preston (Eleilia) as Special Assistant to the Commissioner 2, effective immediately.