

**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.