

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

**July 13, 2022**

**From: Heidi Teshner, Deputy Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 4**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to appoint an Acting Commissioner.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- AS 14.07.145(a) states the board shall appoint the department's commissioner subject to the Governor's approval.
- Section 6.2 of the Board Bylaws provides that the board shall determine the process for selecting a new commissioner.
- Due to Dr. Michael Johnson's resignation from the position, there is an immediate need to appoint an Acting Commissioner until the board can determine the process for selecting a new commissioner and conduct a formal recruitment.
- Behind this cover memo is a copy of AS 14.07.145(a).

**◆ OPTIONS**

Appoint an Acting Commissioner.

Do not appoint an Acting Commissioner.

Seek additional information.

On this agenda item, if the board finds it necessary to discuss "subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person," under the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c)(2), the board may vote to convene in executive session to discuss those subjects, before taking action in public.

**◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint an Acting Commissioner.

**◆ SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Acting Commissioner effective immediately.