



# Cover Memo

To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development  
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner  
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Item: 6

## Issue

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Chair Stockhausen will administer the oath of office to new board member of the State Board of Education & Early Development.

## Background

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- Governor Mike Dunleavy appointed Joy Cogburn-Smith to the Second Judicial seat, on April 16, 2026. The Legislature confirmed the appointments on May 14, 2026.
- AS 39.5.040 requires members of each board within state government to take an oath of office before entering duties of office.
- Chair Stockhausen will conduct the swearing in.

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as *a member of the State Board of Education and Early Development* to the best of my ability.”