

## General Information

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### Introduction

The **Board of Regents**, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education, appoints a State Board for each licensed profession to advise and assist the Board of Regents and the State Education Department on matters of professional regulation. The Board of Regents also appoints a Committee for Professional Assistance to advise them on matters relating to practice by professional licensees with alcohol or other drug abuse problems. The 28 State Boards for the Professions and the Committee for Professional Assistance are comprised of professional members and one or more representatives of the general public. The **composition** of each board and the Committee is specified in **Title VIII of Education Law**. In addition, Board and Committee composition should reflect the State's regions, cultural diversity, and the various aspects of the professions.

*Professional board members* must be New York State-licensed professionals who are residents of the State. For many boards, professional member appointees must have at least five years of experience. *Committee members* are not required to be licensed professionals.

Every State Board must also have at least one *public representative* (and in some cases up to five public members), who is a consumer of services of the profession(s) on which the board advises. The individual must be a New York State resident and meet various requirements to ensure that the public perspective is not compromised.

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### Responsibilities

All professional and public members of the State Boards and the Committee for Professional Assistance must be dedicated to public protection and quality professional preparation and conduct. Depending on the particular board, members of the State Boards advise on licensing requirements, licensing examinations and practice issues, and provide community outreach, as well as participate in licensure disciplinary and/or restoration and moral character proceedings. Members of the Committee for Professional Assistance advise on matters relating to impaired practice, administer the Professional Assistance Program, and serve on panels for Program admission or professional license reinstatement.

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### Terms

A board or committee member is appointed for a five-year term and may be reappointed for a second term; receives an honorarium and is reimbursed for basic expenses. The number of meetings, professional discipline proceedings, etc. varies from board to board.

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### Nominations

Nominations for membership on all State Boards, as well as the Committee for Professional Assistance, are accepted continuously. For details about the responsibilities and needs of a particular board/committee, please **contact** the respective executive secretary.

Applications for board membership may be submitted directly by interested individuals, or nominations may be made by colleagues, professional associations, consumer groups, etc. All nominees will receive full consideration for current and expected board vacancies. The Office strives to have board composition reflect the State's judicial districts, New York's cultural diversity, and the various aspects of the profession(s). Nominations of and applications from **individuals with diverse backgrounds** and **individuals with disabilities** are encouraged. Submit nominations or

applications for board membership to the appropriate board office.

**Board Nomination Form** (bdnom.pdf; 23K; 2 pages) **Note:** This form is in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To view or print this document, you will need to have the free Adobe Reader installed on your computer.



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