

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

**July 26, 2023**

From: **Chair James Fields**

**Agenda Item: 13**

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◆ **ISSUE**

The board will consider appointing a Commissioner of Education & Early Development.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- State law, AS 14.07.145, requires the board to appoint the Commissioner of Education & Early Development subject to the Governor’s approval.
- The board has vetted the candidate for qualifications required by state law, and in accord with its bylaws, considered all the relevant evidence of the candidate’s fitness to be commissioner, such as the candidate’s:
  - knowledge, experience, and understanding of current best practices in education; understanding of education reform;
  - understanding of the educational issues facing Alaska, including both urban and rural schools and school districts;
  - ability to work with all stakeholders and the administration; and
  - overall ability to lead the department and accomplish the board’s goals.
- James Fields, Board Chair, will brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

Appoint a Commissioner.

Seek further 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 topics before taking action in public.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Commissioner of Education & Early Development, contingent on Governor approval, effective  
\_\_\_\_\_.