RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

The State Teacher Certification Board is authorized by Section 21-13 of the School Code to assist the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Education in carrying out the provisions of Article 21 governing the certification of all educational personnel. The statute requires the State Board of Education to appoint members from specified categories of educators. An appointment to the Board is for a three-year term and members may not serve more than two terms. Membership on the Board is comprised of:

- 5 administrative or faculty members of public or private colleges and universities in Illinois
- 3 administrators in public schools
- 10 classroom teachers in the public schools
- 1 regional superintendent of schools

It is also provided that at least three of the classroom teachers so appointed shall be employees of a school district subject to Article 34.

Present members of the State Teacher Certification Board and their terms of membership are:

Ms. Marsha Allen (2000-03)
Teacher, IFT Chicago
Chicago, IL

Mr. Ronald Babcock (2000-2003 second term)
Teacher, IEA Elgin
Elgin, IL

Mr. John Baird (1998-01 second term)
Teacher, IFT Quincy
Quincy, IL

Mr. Robert Blade (1999-02)
Teacher, IEA Cumberland
Toledo, IL

Dr. Genevieve Lopardo (1998-01)
Dean of Education
Chicago State University
Chicago, IL

Dr. Barbara Nourie (1999-02)
Associate Dean
Illinois State University
Normal, IL

Mr. Richard Perrotte (1998-01)
Teacher, IFT Burr Elem. School
Chicago, IL

Dr. Linda Tafel (1999-02)
Provost and Senior V.P.
National-Louis University-Chicago, IL
Mr. William Briggs  (1999-02)  
Teacher, IFT Herscher  
Herscher, IL  

Ms. Camille Taylor (2000-03 second term)  
Teacher, IEA Normal Unit 5  
Bloomington, IL  

Dr. Andrew Brulle  (2000-2003)  
Chair of the Education Department, Wheaton College  
Wheaton, IL  

Ms. Linda Tomlinson (1999-02)  
Certification Officer/Chair Spec. Ed.  
Western Illinois University  
Macomb, IL  

Dr. Cozette Buckney (1999-02)  
Chief Education Officer  
Chicago Public Schools  
Chicago, IL  

Ms. Kathy Wessel (1998-01 second term)  
Teacher, IEA Hubble  
Wheaton, IL  

Dr. Roger Chamberlain  (1999-02)  
Principal, Columbia  
Columbia, IL  

Ms. Denise Williams (2000-01 completing term of former member)  
Teacher, IEA Centralia  
Centralia, IL  

Mr. Bruce Dennison  (1998-01 completing term of former member)  
Regional Superintendent  
Bureau/Henry/Stark Counties  
Annawan, IL  

Dr. Eugene Zalewski (2000-03)  
Superintendent Niles Elem. #71  
Hawthorne Woods, IL  

Ms. Brenda Humphrey  (1998-01 completing term of former member)  
Teacher, IFT Ericson  
Chicago, IL  

On June 30, 2001 the term of one representative of public or private college and university faculty or administration expires. Dr. Genevieve Lopardo of Chicago State University, served two terms on the board.

On June 30, 2001 the terms of five teacher members expire: Mr. John Baird, Mr. Richard Perrotte, Ms. Kathy Wessel, Ms. Brenda Humphrey and Ms. Denise Williams. In addition Regional Superintendent Bruce Dennison also completes the term of a former member.

The procedure for nominating teacher members of the State Teacher Certification Board are detailed specifically in the law. A candidate may be nominated by: (1) filing a petition signed by 250 persons holding valid teaching certificates; or (2) any professional teacher organization may submit one candidate for each vacancy for each 20,000, or major portion thereof, members of that organization who hold valid certificates. For the remaining positions recommendations were obtained from the professional organizations representing higher education and school administrators.
In accordance with the nomination procedures set forth in Article 21-13, the State Superintendent received the following nominations from their sponsoring organizations for positions whose terms expire June 30, 2001:

The Illinois Federation of Teachers has nominated Ms. Brenda Humphrey for reappointment to the Board. In addition they have recommended Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks and Ms. Deidre Dare. Ms. Fitch-Blanks has been a special education teacher in Chicago Public Schools since 1974 and currently coordinates citywide professional development for Chicago teachers. The IFT has also nominated Ms. Deidre Dare, a Belleville elementary teacher for the past 15 years. She shares a strong interest in the teaching of mathematics.

The Illinois Education Association has nominated current member Ms. Denise Williams to serve a second term. They have also nominated Ms. Kay Acklin who has been a librarian at both the public school and university level and who has been a librarian at Hinsdale Central High School since 1989.

The Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education has nominated Dr. Elizabeth Hitch, Dean of the College of Education at Eastern Illinois University, to represent public or private colleges and universities. Dr. Hitch has worked closely with the State Board on the teacher quality policy framework.

The Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents has nominated Mr. Bruce Dennison, Regional Superintendent for Bureau, Henry and Stark counties, for reappointment.