

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
May 14, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Appointments to the Education Practices Commission (EPC)

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1012.79, F.S

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 1012.79, Florida Statutes, requires that the Education Practices Commission be comprised of 25 members appointed by the State Board of Education from nominations by the Commissioner of Education and subject to Senate confirmation. Of the 25 members, 10 must be teachers; 5 must be administrators (at least one of whom shall represent a private or virtual school); 4 must be lay citizens (whom shall be parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees); 2 must be former charter school governing board or district school board members or former superintendents, assistant superintendents, or deputy superintendents; and 4 must be sworn law enforcement officials.

Nominations for appointment:

Craig Kowalski – Law Enforcement Member – Lee County

Joseph Mikulski – Administrator Member – Collier County

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Resumes: Craig Kowalski and Joseph Mikulski, List of Current Education Practices Commission Members, and Section 1012.79, Florida Statutes

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Dr. Josey McDaniel, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality