Council on Educator Effectiveness
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Background: The Council of Educator Effectiveness was created through enactment of PA 102 of 2011 on July 19, 2011. The Act calls for creation of the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness as a temporary commission consisting of three appointees of the Governor, one from the Speaker of the House, one from the Senate Majority Leader and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee serving as a nonvoting member. The law requires that members appointed to the Council will have expertise in performance-based educator evaluation models, educator effectiveness, measurement or psychometrics. The Council's report is due to the Governor, legislature and State Board of Education by April 30, 2012. The legislature's intent, according to the law, is to review the Council's recommendations and enact legislation to create a statewide performance evaluation system for student growth assessment, evaluation for teachers and evaluation for administrators.
In addition, the new law calls for the Governor to appoint an Advisory Committee for the Council on Educator Effectiveness to provide input on the Council's recommendations. The advisory committee, which will be named later, will consist of public school teachers, public school administrators and parents of public school pupils.

Recommendation: For the three appointments of the Governor, name Dr. Deborah Ball, Dr. Mark Reckase and Dr. Nicholas J. Sheltrown. The Superintendent of Public Instruction has designated Joseph Martineau as his representative. The appointee from the Speaker of the House is Dr. Jennifer Hammond. The appointee from the Senate Majority Leader is Dave Vensel.
Dr. Deborah Ball currently serves as dean of the University of Michigan School of Education, where she is also the William H. Payne Collegiate Professor and an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor. Dr. Ball is an expert on the professional training of teachers, with an emphasis on how professional training and experience combine to equip beginning teachers with the skills and knowledge needed for effective practice. She was appointed to the National Mathematics Advisory Panel by President George W. Bush and the National Board of Education Sciences by President Barack Obama. Dr. Ball received her PhD. from Michigan State University. Her dissertation was entitled: "Knowledge and reasoning in mathematical pedagogy: Examining what prospective teachers bring to teacher education." Dr. Ball received her B.A. degree and M.A. degree from Michigan State. She was an elementary school teacher in East Lansing Public Schools and Spartan Village School in East Lansing, an Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Teacher Education at MSU prior to joining the University of Michigan faculty in 1996. She was named Dean of the School of Education at the University of Michigan in 2005. She lives in Dexter.

Dr. Mark Reckase is a University Distinguished Professor in the Measurement and Quantitative Methods Program within the Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education Department of the College of Education at Michigan State University. He came to MSU after working for 17 years at ACT Inc., a college admission testing company. Previously, he was on the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He received his M.A. degree and Ph.D. in psychology from Syracuse University. He received his B.S. degree in psychology from the University of Illinois. Dr. Reckase has been the vice president of the American Educational Research Association and the president of the National Council of Measurement in Education. He specializes in psychometric theory and he has conducted research into computerized applications to educational psychological testing. He serves on numerous advisory committees that review the procedures used by states to assess the performance of students in elementary and secondary schools. He lives in Okemos.

Dr. Nicholas J. Sheltrown is director of measurement, research and accountability at the National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids. He has held that position since 2009. In his current position he is responsible for managing the measurement and research initiatives for a network of 71 charter schools with over 40,000 students. Previously, Dr. Sheltrown was director of research and measurement at Grand Valley State University, the technology director at Byron Center Public Schools and vice president of professional development at ST Concepts, Inc., in Byron Center. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. His dissertation was entitled: "Follow the Link: Critical Narratives of the Internet Cognate: Educational Theory". He received his B.A. degree in mathematics from Cornerstone University and his M.A. degree in curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University. He lives in Alto.

Dr. Joseph Martineau, the designee of Superintendent Flanagan, is the Executive Director of the Bureau of Assessment & Accountability in the Michigan Department of Education. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Master of Science in Instructional Design from Brigham Young University in 1994 and 1997, respectively. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Measurement and Quantitative Methods in 2004. He has since that time served the Michigan Department of Education as a Psychometrician, Manager of Large-Scale Assessment Programs, and State Testing and Accountability Director. Dr. Martineau is experienced in managing all activities of and contracts for Michigan's assessment and accountability programs, and has overseen bringing in house many of those activities. These experiences prepare him well for the sustainability discussions to be had regarding the SMARTER/Balanced Assessment Consortium.

Dr. Jennifer Hammond, the appointee of Speaker Bolger, has been the principal of Grand Blanc High School since 2005. She previously served as a teacher and administrator at schools in Troy and Hamtramck. She earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy of Educational Leadership from Oakland University. She earned her B.S. degree and

secondary teaching certificate from Michigan State University and her M.A. degree in mathematics education from Wayne State University. She lives in Linden.

David Vensel, the appointee of Speaker Richardville, is principal of Jefferson High School in Monroe.