

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PERSONNEL APPROVALS FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

I. Appointments Grade 19 and above:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY GRADE</u>	<u>DIVISION/OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
Dalane, Kari	Education Program Specialist I, Research and Data Specialist	21	Office of the State Superintendent,	TBD
DeCosta, Kenya	Business Services Coordinator	19	Office of the Deputy for Finance, Division of Business Services	TBD
Malig-Mayhew, Linsey	Administrative Program Manager IV Deputy Director of Community Engagement	22	Office of the State Superintendent, Communication & Community Engagement	TBD
Regis, Gina P.	Program Manager II Disability Determination Support Services Operations	20	Rehabilitation - Services Disability Determination	TBD
Williams-Wicker, Edna	Business Services Coordinator	19	Office of the Deputy for Finance, Division of Business Services	TBD
Winslow, Dylan C.	IT Assistant Director IV – Information Technology Partner	23	Office of the Deputy for Teaching and Learning, Division of Assessment, Accountability & Information Technology	TBD
Yerokun, Oluwaseun	Program Manager IV – Business Services Partner	22	Office of the State Superintendent, Procurement and Contract Management Division	TBD

II. Appointments Grade 18 and below

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Antum, Sumera	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist II	13/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/17/2021
Axelrod, Alison	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist I	12/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/03/2021
Bennett, Christine	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist II	13/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/03/2021
Collins, Ariane	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist II	13/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/17/2021
Earley, Denise	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist II	13/8	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/03/2021
Mason, Molly	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist II	13/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/17/2021
Reed, Hannah	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist I	12/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/17/2021
Rivera, Harlyn	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist I	12/3	Office of the Deputy for School Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	11/17/2021

III. Other Actions: Promotional

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Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools

DECEMBER 7, 2021
BOARD LIST

The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Kari A. Dalane
Position: Education Program Specialist I - Research and Data Specialist
Division/Office: Office of the State Superintendent
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 21
Annual Salary Range: \$65,857 - \$105,735
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

A Master's degree or the equivalent of 36 credit hours of post-baccalaureate course work from an accredited college or university.

EXPERIENCE:

Four years of administrative or teaching experience in, or affiliated with, an education program.

DESCRIPTION:

This is a professional position responsible for assisting in the development and execution of the agency's research agenda, evaluating the implementation and outcomes of agency programs, describing and analyzing agency data, and conducting and/or facilitating large-scale empirical research. The primary responsibilities of the position will be research design and data analysis.

Kari A. Dalane

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

Rutgers University (New Brunswick, Canada) 2013 – Master’s Degree in Library Science

University of Vermont (Burlington, Vermont) 2009 – Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy English

American University (Washington, DC) – 58 credits toward Ph.D.

Experience:

American University (Washington, DC)

2017 – Present: Graduate Research Assistant

Potomac School (McLean, Virginia)

2015 – 2017: Upper School Librarian

Hillside School (Marlborough, Massachusetts)

2013 – 2015: Head Librarian

YBM Academy (Seoul, South Korea)

2010 – 2011: ESL Teacher

Pastorius School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

2009: Science Teacher

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire



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BOARD LIST

The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Kenya S. Decosta
Position: Business Services Coordinator
Division/Office: Procurement and Contract Management Division
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 19
Annual Salary Range: \$57,862 - \$92,897
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.

EXPERIENCE:

Three years of experience in contract management or procurement involving duties such as: soliciting, evaluating, negotiating and awarding contracts or ensuring compliance with procurement laws, regulations and conditions.

DESCRIPTION:

Reporting to the Business Services Partner in the Procurement and Contract Management Division, the Business Services Coordinator (BSC) will serve as the primary procurement and contract management support provider and workflow manager to assigned Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) division leaders, offices, and units. The BSC will facilitate all essential procurement and contract management workflow processes and documentation to effectively meet the procurement and contract management goals of all divisions to support MSDE's Multiyear strategic plan and Blueprint for Maryland's Future initiatives.

Kenya Decosta

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Strayer University (Owings Mills, Maryland) 2013- Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration
2008- Associate's Degree in Business Administration

Experience:

Maryland State Department of Education (Baltimore, Maryland)

2020 – Present: Procurement Officer I

2016 – 2020: Executive Associate

1999 – 2016: Administrative Officer I

United Cerebral Palsy (Hunt Valley, Maryland)

1995 – 1998: Office Manager

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Promotional



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BOARD LIST

The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Linsey Malig-Mayhew

Position: Administrative Program Manager IV – Deputy Director of Community Engagement

Division/Office: State Superintendent

Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 22
Annual Salary Range: \$70,280 - \$112,848

Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university

EXPERIENCE:

Six years of experience overseeing community engagement programs, Two years of this experience must be in managing and supervising staff.

DESCRIPTION:

Maryland State Department of Education’s Deputy Director of Engagement and Strategic Partnerships will lead strategic community engagement, outreach and communications as well as supervise staff who conduct these activities in order to fulfill the mission of the agency. The Deputy Director of Engagement and Strategic Partnership will work with education partners and stakeholders to build collaborative relationships. The incumbent will oversee strategic communications and outreach for the MSDE’s community engagement program that establishes and evaluates objectives supporting MSDE’s multi-year strategic plan and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future initiatives. This position will direct outreach activities, and supervise staff who are responsible for developing materials, conducting community-based town hall and roundtables and executing other engagement activities with a lens focused on equity and accelerating student achievement.

Linsey Malig-Mayhew:

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

American University (Washington, D.C.) 2007 – Master’s Degree in Special Education

James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Virginia) 2005 – Bachelor’s Degree in Anthropology
Communications

Experience:

DC Deputy Mayor’s Office of Education (Washington, DC)

2020 – 2021: Acting Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, Public Policy Fellow

Johns Hopkins University (Washington, DC)

2019 – 2021: Content Specialist

Strong Schools Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland)

2019 – 2020: Director of Partnerships (Baltimore, Maryland)

Montgomery County Public (Rockville, Maryland)

2017 – 2019: Special Education Teacher, ESOL Teacher

Alameda Unified School District (Alameda, California)

2014 -2016: Special Education Department Chair

Causen House (Oakland, California)

2012 – 2014: Adult Education Coordinator

Kitsap County HIV AIDS Foundation (Silverdale, Washington)

2010 – 2012: Director of Programs

Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (Washington, DC)

2008 – 2010: Leadership and Community Education Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire



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The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Gina P. Regis
Position: Program Manager II Disability Determination Support Services Operations
Division/Office: Rehabilitation Services – Disability Determination
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 20
Annual Salary Range: \$61,725 - \$99,103
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's Degree is required; course work in Management, Accounting or Business Administration is desirable. A Master's Degree is preferred.

EXPERIENCE:

Six (6) years of management experience in fiscal management, procurement or in security and office management. Three (3) years of the required experience must have included experience with security and office facilities management, procurement, FMIS, interpreting and applying Maryland State and federal laws, policies, regulations and rules.

DESCRIPTION:

This is a professional position responsible for providing leadership, direction and coordination plan, coordinate and overseeing support services at the Disability Determination Services of Maryland in the areas of fiscal management, mailroom, reception area, case control, security and office facilities management.

Gina P. Regis:

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

Strayer University (Millersville, Maryland) 2006 – Master’s Degree in Human Resource Management
Business Administration

Annamalai University (Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India OC) 2004 – Bachelor’s Degree in
Computer Applications Network Security

Experience:

Living Word International Christian Church (Silver Spring, Maryland)

2018 – Present: Interim Chief Operating Officer I Strategy Consultant

2017 – Present: Director, Creative Arts

2018 – 2019: Human Resource Generalist

Camp Sonshine International (Silver Springs, Maryland)

2008 – 2017: Director of Operations

Independent Strategy & Development Consultant (Silver Springs, Maryland)

2008 – Present: Strategy & Development Consultant

Immanuel’s Church (Silver Spring, Maryland)

2007 – 2017: Executive Director of Ministry Development

Strayer University (Millersville, Maryland)

2005 – 2007: Assistant to the Regional Vice President and Regional Academic Dean

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire



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BOARD LIST

The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Edna Williams-Wicker
Position: Business Services Coordinator
Division/Office: Procurement and Contract Management Division
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 19
Annual Salary Range: \$57,862 - \$92,897
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.

EXPERIENCE:

Three years of experience in contract management or procurement involving duties such as: soliciting, evaluating, negotiating and awarding contracts or ensuring compliance with procurement laws, regulations and conditions.

NOTES:

1. Candidates may substitute additional professional or paraprofessional contract management or procurement experience on a year-for-year basis for up to four years of the required education.

DESCRIPTION:

Reporting to the Business Services Partner in the Procurement and Contract Management Division, the Business Services Coordinator (BSC) will serve as the primary procurement and contract management support provider and workflow manager to assigned Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) division leaders, offices, and units. The BSC will facilitate all essential procurement and contract management workflow processes and documentation to effectively meet the procurement and contract management goals of all divisions to support MSDE's Multiyear strategic plan and Blueprint for Maryland's Future initiatives.

Edna Williams-Wicker

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Martin Van Buren High School 1982 – Business

Queensborough Community College 1985 – No Degree

Experience:

Maryland Department of the Environment (Baltimore, Maryland)

2021 – Present: Procurement Officer I

Maryland State Department of Education (Baltimore, Maryland)

2007 – 2021: Agency Procurement Specialist II

New York City School Construction Authority (New York, New York)

1999 – 2007: Senior Purchasing Specialist

Jamaica NAACP/Day Care Center (Jamaica, New York)

1997 – 1999: Assistant Bookkeeper/Payroll Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Rehire/Promotional



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The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Dylan C. Winslow
Position: IT Assistant Director IV – IT Partner
Division/Office: Information Technology
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 23
Annual Salary Range: \$75,012 - \$120,447
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in computer science, computer information technology, information security, electrical systems, cybersecurity, or related field.

EXPERIENCE:

Five years of experience working in an information technology environment (IT) to include direct involvement in the management of IT technical staff and IT projects.

NOTE:

1. Candidates may substitute additional experience in the management of IT technical staff and IT projects on a year-to-year basis for the required education.

DESCRIPTION:

The IT Partner (ITP) has the overall responsibility to serve as the strategic interface with assigned division/office or functional area for the purpose of business technology strategy development, solution discovery, service management, risk management and relationship management. The incumbent will serve as the business relationship link between the division/office and IT needs.

This position provides highly valued strategic consulting level support and guidance through key IT initiatives. The ITP will communicate decisions, priorities, and relevant project information to appropriate levels of staff regarding division/office requests, projects, and initiatives. The ITP proactively serves as a “trusted advisor,” and is the primary IT point of contact to achieve the agency’s objectives through the effective use of technology.

Dylan C. Winslow:

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

University of Maryland College Park (College Park, Maryland) 2013 – Bachelor’s Degree in History
English

Experience:

Juvenile Services Education System, Maryland State Department of Education (Baltimore, Maryland)
2019 – Present: Computer Services Specialist II

The SEED School of Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland)
2014 – 2019: Technology Coordinator

Cangene Biopharma (Baltimore, Maryland)
2012 – 2013: Systems Administrator III

McGarry-Bowen Advertising Agency (New York, New York)
2012 – 2012: Systems Administrator II

University of Maryland, Geography Department (College Park, Maryland)
2009 – 2011: Systems Administrator

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Promotional



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The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Oluwaseun Yerokun
Position: Program Manager IV – Business Services Partner
Division/Office: Procurement and Contract Management Division
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 22
Annual Salary Range: \$70,280.00 - \$112,848
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or University.

EXPERIENCE:

Five years of professional public sector procurement, or private sector contracting experience, which included activities such as soliciting, evaluating, negotiating and awarding contracts, advertising procurement opportunities, distributing specifications to vendors, coordinating bidder evaluation committees, conducting vendor debriefings, monitoring contract performance, eProcurement management, professional certification or procurement business operations.

DESCRIPTION:

The Business Services partner (BSP) serves as the primary procurement and contract management officer, point of contact, and technical service provider to assigned Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) division leaders, offices, and units. The BSP will manage the department's capacity to effectively meet the procurement and contract management goals of all divisions by working directly with MSDE program leaders. The BSP advises and provides high-quality services covering all Procurement and Contract Management Division functional areas and utilizes best in class strategies to support MSDE's multiyear strategic plan and Blueprint for Maryland's Future initiatives.

Oluwaseun Yerokun:

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

University of Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland) 2021 – Master’s Degree in Business Administration

Lagos State University (Lagos Badagry Express Way Lagos) 2007- Bachelor’s in Law

Experience:

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

2017 – Present: Section Chief, Office of Procurement and Contract Management

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Midway, Texas)

2012 – 2017: Procurement Administrator/Contract Manager

Vizion One Inc. (Washington, DC)

2011 – 2012: Human Resources Coordinator

Yerokun Oluwaseun & Company (Lagos, Nigeria)

2006 -2010: Legal Practitioner

Federal Ministry of Education (Lagos Nigeria)

2004 – 2006: Counsel to the Vice Chancellor

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire

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Pulliam-Smith, Adrian	Business Services Coordinator	19	Office of the Deputy for Finance, Division of Business Services	TBD
Williamson, Kellise Y.	Education Program Specialist I, Career Programs and Early College Specialist	21	Office of the Deputy for Teaching and Learning, Division of Career and College Readiness	TBD

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Adrain Pulliam-Smith

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Strayer University (Baltimore, Maryland) 2010 – Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration
2008 – Associate’s Degree in Business Administration

Experience:

Maryland State Highway Administration Office of Procurement and Contract Management

2019 – Present: Procurement Officer II

Maryland Port Administration Finance Division (Baltimore, Maryland)

2015 – 2019: Procurement Specialist II

2007 – 2015: Administrative Assistant – Director of Finance

1996 – 2007: Fiscal Accounts Technician II – Accounts Payable

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire



Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools

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BOARD LIST

The following professional appointment is submitted for approval by the State Board of Education:

Name: Kellise Y. Williamson
Position: Education Program Specialist I, Career Programs & Early College Specialist
Division/Office: Division of Career and College Readiness & Office of Leadership
Salary Grade: State Salary Grade: 21
Annual Salary Range: \$64,565 - \$84,198 (with progression to \$103,661)
Effective Date: TBD

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Possession of a Master's Degree or equivalent 36 credit hours of post-baccalaureate course work.

EXPERIENCE:

Four years of administrative or teaching experience in, or affiliated with, an education program.

DESCRIPTION:

This position provides leadership and technical assistance to school systems and community colleges in the effective implementation of early college high school and dual enrollment programs to increase student opportunities to earn college credit while in high school. This position also assists in the development and implementation of high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs of Study.

Kellise Y. Williamson:

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Drexel University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) 2012 – Master’s Degree in Higher Education
Administration Organizational Management

Pennsylvania State University (University Park, Pennsylvania) 2004 – Bachelor’s Degree Journalism
English

Experience:

Community College of Baltimore County (Baltimore, Maryland)

2020 – Present: Coordinator, Student Worker Personnel

2015 – 2020: Transition Specialist

Garrison Restorative Action Community Empowerment (GRACE) Corporation (Baltimore, Maryland)

2018 – 2020: Executive Director

Baltimore City Community College (Baltimore, Maryland)

2019: Instructor/Adjunct Faculty

Raise UP2 Rise Learning and Development Center (Baltimore, Maryland)

2016 – Present: VP Operations

Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland)

2003 – 2016: Sr. Academic Program Coordinator

2008 – 2013: Enrollment Services Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

New Hire