

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PERSONNEL APPROVALS FOR THE September 27, 2022 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>
Akinlolu, Rabiatu	Special Education Complaint Investigation Specialist - Education Program Specialist I	21	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services	TBD
Derby, Larry S.	Nonpublic School Approval Specialist - Education Program Specialist II	22	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval	TBD
Harrison, Miles G. Jr.	Physician Program Specialist	PHY 005	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Kopp, Karen	Grants Administration and Compliance Manager - Education Program Manager I	23	Office of the State Superintendent, Division of Financial Planning, Operations, and Strategy	TBD
Melzer, Mark L. M.D.	Physician Program Specialist	PHY 005	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Neely, Renee M.	Comprehensive Planning Specialist – Education Program Specialist II	22	Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness, Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy	TBD

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Smith, Jena V.	Maryland EXCELS Branch Chief - Program Manager IV	22	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Division of Early Childhood	TBD
Ulanow, Robin	Physician, Program Specialist	PHY 005	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Weiner, Jeremy	Physician, Program Specialist	PHY 005	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Wiley, Keona	Program Compliance, Monitoring, and Evaluation Manager – Program Manager IV	22	Office of the State Superintendent, Office of Audits	TBD

**II. Appointments Grade 18 and below**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>DIVISION/OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u></b>
Barry, Kelly	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Decoursey, Helen	Vocational Specialist I	14/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Geisler, Kur	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/21/2022
Glover, Toi	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/07/2022
Grimsley, Samantha	Staff Specialist II	16/1	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Gruver, Benjamin	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/21/2022
Hicks, Annette	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/7/2022

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Janis, Evan	Vocational Specialist I	14/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Lambright, Jeffrey	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/21/2022
Okeke, Chinenye	Vocational Specialist I	14/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/7/2022
Okpolor, Ezinne	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/21/2022
Pucci, Alex	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Richards, Kristina	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022
Simington, Leanne	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/07/2022
Stewart, Dana	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	8/24/2022

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Tiwari, Devi	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/21/2022
Vega, Samantha	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/07/2022
Wilkerson, Ciara	Vocational Specialist II	15/7	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	9/07/2022

**III. Other Actions: Promotional**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>DIVISION/OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u></b>
Collins, Peter	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Supervisor	19	Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Metzger, Tracy	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Supervisor	19	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Harrington, Melanie	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Supervisor	19	Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD
Reed, Marcus	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Supervisor	17	Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness, Division of Rehabilitation Services	TBD



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BOARD LIST

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

**Name:** Rabiatu Akinlolu

**Position:** Special Education Complaint Investigation Specialist - Education Program Specialist I

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade:21  
Annual Salary Range: \$71,142 - \$103,921 with progression to \$114,441

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Juris Doctorate, or a Master's Degree or equivalent 36 post baccalaureate credit hours of course work in Education, Special Education or a related field.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Four (4) years of administrative or teaching experience in, or affiliated with, an education program, including two years of experience in coordinating or administering an education program or service directly related to the position option.

**Notes:**

1. Candidates may substitute two additional years of experience directly related to the position option for the required education.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a professional position serving as Complaint Investigation Specialist to ensure compliance with the State and federal laws for the education of students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The specialist's primary responsibility is investigating complaints and providing technical assistance in order to resolve conflicts between public agencies and parents.

Rabiatu A. Akinlolu

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education:**

Ashford University (Clinton, IA) 2014 – Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology History

**Experience:**

DC Scholars PCS (Washington, D.C.)

2021 – Present: Special Education Coordinator Compliance

BASIS ed (Washington, D.C.)

2019– 2021: Learning Specialist

The Village Academy (Capital Heights, Maryland)

2017 - 2019: Special Education Coordinator

2014 – 2017: Transition Coordinator/CTE Teacher

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Larry S. Derby

**Position:** Nonpublic School Approval Specialist - Education Program Specialist II

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 22  
Annual Salary Range: \$75,926 - \$122,140

**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:**

Five years of administrative or teaching experience in, or affiliated with, an education program, including two years of experience in coordinating or administering an education program or service in a nonpublic school setting.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The main purpose of this position is to serve as a technical program and legal expert at the proficient level in all aspects of the approval of nonpublic educational programs for students with disabilities who cannot be educated in the public schools. Processing certification for educators at publicly funded nonpublic schools is an essential function of the position. In addition, this position is also responsible for the approval of nonpublic schools categorized as private pay programs and registered church exempt schools, as well as responsible for registering entities that qualify to supervise home instruction. The incumbent will be required to spend a significant amount of time performing their job duties at nonpublic schools throughout the State. This position requires the individual to discharge the essential job functions and assigned duties independently with little or no supervision.

Larry S. Derby:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

California University of Pennsylvania (California, Pennsylvania) 2013 – Master’s Degree in Education Administration

University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) 2002 – Bachelor’s Degree in Natural Sciences

**Experience:**

Sheppard Pratt Health System – Sheppard Pratt School (Reisterstown, Maryland)

2007 – Present: Education Director

2014 - 2021: Principal

2006 – 2007: High School Teacher

Hannah More School (Hanover, Pennsylvania)

2013 – 2014: Assistant Principal – Instruction

2007 – 2013: Biology and Chemistry Teacher

Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, West Virginia)

2002 – 2006: Resident Manager

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Miles G. Harrison, Jr.

**Position:** Physician Program Specialist

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness,  
Division of Rehabilitation Services

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: PHY 0005  
Annual Salary Range: \$134,011 - \$182,328 with progression to \$229,365  
Prorated 50% for part-time positions

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Doctorate degree in medicine from an accredited college or university.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Required for certification in an area of medical specialization by an American Medical Association Specialty Board.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This position reviews and interprets medical evidence to establish the existence, severity, onset, duration and potential for remediation of medical impairments; analyzes the sufficiency of medical evidence to evaluate disabilities; assesses the severity of impairment and describes the functional limitations imposed; prescribes further development of evidence from treating sources or consultant examiners; prepares a written opinion to include a statement of findings, assessment of severity and description of residual functional capacity; assures integrity of opinion based medical evidence in file, makes telephone contact with treating sources to obtain clinical data. Provides consultation and training to disability examiners.

Miles G. Harrison, Jr.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University and Graduate Hospital of University Surgical Residency (Philadelphia, Maryland) 1980 Certificate

University of Pennsylvania Medical School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) 1975 Doctor of Medicine

Morgan State College (Baltimore, Maryland) 1971 Bachelor's Degree in Biology/PreMed

**Experience:**

University of Maryland Medical Systems, Midtown Campus (Baltimore, Maryland)

2006 – 2018: Division Head of General Surgery

Consonant Healing Medical Associates (Sparks, Maryland)

2019 – 2021: Wound Care Physician

Siani LifeBridge (Baltimore, Maryland)

1996 – 2006: Partner, Sinai Surgical Associates

Miles G. Harrison, Jr. at Garwyn Medical Center (Baltimore, Maryland)

1980 – 1996: Surgeon

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Karen Kopp

**Position:** Grants Administration and Compliance Manager –  
Education Program Manager I

**Division/Office:** Office of the State Superintendent, Division of Financial Planning, Operations,  
and Strategy

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 23  
Annual Salary Range: \$81,048 - \$118,230 with progression to \$130,366

**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:**

Six years of related experience in coordinating or administering education programs or services.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a professional management position reporting to the Director of the Office of Grants Administration and Compliance serving as a Program Manager for Grants Administration and Compliance responsible for overseeing all discretionary and formula grants processes and systems to ensure fiscal goals and objectives are satisfied annually in alignment with MSDE’s multiyear strategic plan and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future initiatives.

Karen Kopp:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

Sojourner Douglass College (Baltimore, Maryland) 2003- Master's Degree in Public Administration

Towson University (Towson, Maryland) 1986 – Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

**Experience:**

Housing Authority of Baltimore City (Baltimore, Maryland)

2022 – Present: Section 3 Program Manager

2020 – 2022: Senior Manager

2015 – 2020: Resource Development Administrator

2000 – 2015: Grant Writer II

1998 – 2000: Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Mark Melzer

**Position:** Physician Program Specialist

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness,  
Division of Rehabilitation Services

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: PHY 0005  
Annual Salary Range: \$134,011 - \$182,328 with progression to \$229,365  
Prorated 50% for part-time

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Master's Degree and/or course work in Management, Supervision or Administration.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Four years of professional work experience in providing rehabilitation services. Two years of which must have been as a Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Specialist at the full performance level within the designated option. Two years of the required experience must have included specialized experience in providing rehabilitation counseling, vocational evaluation, or employer relation services to clients with physical or mental disabilities; or teaching services to clients with partial or total visual impairment.

**DESCRIPTION:**

These are professional positions responsible for the supervision of staff to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system is provided to support the achievement of employment outcomes by individuals with disabilities.

Mark Melzer:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Bronx, New York) 1984 - Residency

Syracuse University (Syracuse, New York) 1976 – Doctor of Medicine

**Experience:**

Baltimore County Department of Health (Baltimore, Maryland)

2020 – Present: Physician Consultant

Cross Keys Pediatrics (Baltimore, Maryland)

2020: Staff Pediatrician

Baltimore County Department of Health (Baltimore, Maryland)

2011 – 2020: Medical Director, School and Adolescent Health/Acting Bureau Director of Clinical Services

STG International (Alexandria, Virginia)

2010 – 2011: Physician Contractor

Peoples Community Health Centers (Baltimore, Maryland)

2008 – 2010: Staff Pediatrician/Associate Clinical Director of Quality for Pediatrics

Greene Tree Pediatrics (Owings Mills, Maryland)

2006 – 2008: Self-employed Pediatrician

Dowell Health Center/Towson University (Towson, Maryland)

2004 – 2006: Physician

Baltimore Medical System (Baltimore, Maryland)

2009: Locum Tenens Primary Care Physician

Valley Pediatric Associates LLC (Baltimore, Maryland)

1999 – 2004: Pediatrician

Mark Melzer M.D.P.A (Rockville, Maryland)

1992 – 1999: Self Employed Pediatrician

James B. D’Albora and Judith Osha, M.D.P.A. (Bethesda, Maryland)

1987 – 1992: Pediatrician

Yater Medical Group (Washington, D.C.)

1986 -1987: Locum Tenens Pediatrician

Children’s National Medical Center (Washington, D.C.)

1986: Locum Tenens Pediatrician in Screening Clinic of Emergency Room and Dep of Adolescent Medicine

John Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, Maryland)

1985 – 1986: Instructor of Pediatrics

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Renee M. Neely

**Position:** Comprehensive Planning Specialist – Education Program Specialist II

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness,  
Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 22  
Annual Salary Range: \$75,926 - \$110,883 (with progression to \$122,140)

**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:**

Five years of administrative or teaching experience in, or affiliated with, an education program, including two years of experience in coordinating or administering an education program or service directly related to mental health, behavioral health and/or counseling.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This position serves as a lead technical specialist in planning and school support in the Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch (SSSP). Provides technical assistance to Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and to local school systems in carrying out the planning, program, and fiscal requirements of the local Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Strategic Plan. Coordinates the Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) in accordance with the American College Application Campaign. Manages and provides technical assistance for the Rural and Low-income Schools grant (RLIS). Provides support and expertise to the Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch in coordinating, developing, and implementing student services programs that support mental and behavioral health, and school climate and safety.

Renee M. Neely:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

Argosy University (Arlington, Virginia) 2005 – Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

Bowie State University Graduate School (Bowie, Maryland) 1998 – Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology, Bachelor’s Degree (1995) in Political Science

**Experience:**

Paul Public Charter School (Washington, D.C.)

2006 – Present: Clinical Manager and Psychology Teacher

United States House of Representatives- WREI Congressional Fellow

2005: Congressional Fellow

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Jena V. Smith  
**Position:** Maryland EXCELS Branch Chief - Program Manager IV  
**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning,  
Division of Early Childhood  
**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 22  
Annual Salary Range: \$75,926 - \$98,967 (with progression to \$122,140)  
**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor’s Degree in Early Child Care, Teaching, Business Administration, or a related field.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Six years of experience performing the full life cycle grant management functions and financial/budget monitoring. Two years of this experience must have involved one or more of the following: the supervision of other employees, overseeing and coordinating the general operations of a unit, applying rules and regulations, or exercising responsibility for the development or policies or procedure.

**NOTES:**

1. Candidates may substitute year for year of experience in lieu of the Bachelor’s degree.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This position serves as the Program Manager for the Office of Child Care (OCC) – Maryland EXCELS Branch, which oversees all aspects of Maryland’s quality rating and improvement system, Maryland Accreditation and Accreditation Support Fund – Maryland EXCELS program for Maryland’s early care and education providers. The Branch Chief supports the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future to ensure Maryland EXCELS aligns with all aspects of the Blueprint. This Branch sets policy, manages funds, develops budgets and spending plans, manages the application and approval process for Maryland EXCELS, oversees contracts and grants to partner organizations to fully implement the program, and provides technical assistance to contract partners, and childcare providers, trainers, and technical assistance providers. The Branch has a staff twenty-two professionals and one administrative specialist

Jena Smith

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education:**

Manhattan College (Riverdale, New York) 2000 – Master’s Degree in Education Administration and Supervision

Springfield College (Springfield, Massachusetts) 1996 - Bachelor’s Degree in Art Therapy Psychology

**Experience:**

Maryland State Department of Education (Baltimore, Maryland)

- 2021 – Present: Acting Branch Chief Maryland EXCELS
- 2013 – 2021: Staff Specialist IIV, Quality Assurance Supervisor
- 2009 – 2013: Staff Specialist III, Training Approval Coordinator

Community Action Council of Howard County (Columbia, Maryland)

- 2007 – Present: Adjunct Instructor
- 2006 – 2009: Director of Education
- 2003 – 2006: Education Coordinator

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

Promotional



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

**Name:** Robin M. Ulanow

**Position:** Physician Program Specialist

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness,  
Division of Rehabilitation Services

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: PHY 0005  
Annual Salary Range: \$134,011 - \$182,328 with progression to \$229,365

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Doctorate degree in medicine from an accredited college or university.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Required for certification in an area of medical specialization by an American Medical Association Specialty Board.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Review consultative examination reports for accuracy completeness and deficiencies in content. Participate in the development of training and trains examiner staff in the understanding and use of medical evidence. Reviews and interprets medical evidence to establish the existence, severity, onset, duration and potential for remediation of medical impairments; analyzes the sufficiency of medical evidence to evaluate disabilities; assesses the severity of impairment and describes the functional limitations imposed; prescribes further development of evidence from treating sources or consultant examiners; prepares a writing opinion to include a statement of findings, assessment of severity and description of residual functional capacity; assures integrity of opinion based on medical evidence in file, makes telephone contact with treating sources to obtain clinical data. Provides consultation and training to disability examiners.

Robin M. Ulanow

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University of Maryland School of Medicine (Baltimore, Maryland) 1978 – Doctor of Medicine

Smith College (Northampton, Maryland) 1974 – Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology Pre-Med

**Experience:**

Brown and Brown Absence Services (Portland, Maine)

2017 - 2021: Disability Consultant

Robin M. Ulanow M.D. (Glen Burnie, Maryland)

1990 – 2021: Colon and Rectal Surgeon/Owner

Ernesto Tolentino, M.D., PA (Glen Burnie, Maryland)

1987 – 1990: Colon and Rectal Surgeon

Kaiser Permanente in Maryland (Timonium, Maryland)

1985 – 1987: General and Colon and Rectal Surgeon

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire



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

**Name:** Jeremy P. Weiner  
**Position:** Physician Program Specialist  
**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness,  
Division of Rehabilitation Services  
**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: PHY 0005  
Annual Salary Range: \$134,011 - \$182,328 with progression to \$229,365  
**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Doctorate degree in medicine from an accredited college or university.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Required for certification in an area of medical specialization by an American Medical Association Specialty Board.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Review consultative examination reports for accuracy completeness and deficiencies in content. Participate in the development of training and trains examiner staff in the understanding and use of medical evidence. Reviews and interprets medical evidence to establish the existence, severity, onset, duration and potential for remediation of medical impairments; analyzes the sufficiency of medical evidence to evaluate disabilities; assesses the severity of impairment and describes the functional limitations imposed; prescribes further development of evidence from treating sources or consultant examiners; prepares a writing opinion to include a statement of findings, assessment of severity and description of residual functional capacity; assures integrity of opinion based on medical evidence in file, makes telephone contact with treating sources to obtain clinical data. Provides consultation and training to disability examiners.

Jeremy P. Weiner

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University of Maryland, School of Medicine (Baltimore, Maryland) 1984 – Doctor of Medicine

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) 1980 – Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering

**Experience:**

Medstar Health (Columbia, Maryland)

2015 – Present: Staff Surgeon

GS Surgical Services, LLC (Owings Mills, Maryland)

2007 – 2014: Surgeon, Owner of Practice

JW Surgical Services (Owings Mills, Maryland)

1998 – 2006: Surgeon, Owner of Practice

**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:** Keonna M. Wiley

**Position:** Program Compliance, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager – Program Manager IV

**Division/Office:** Office of the State Superintendent, Office of Audits

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 22  
Annual Salary Range: \$75,926 - \$122,140

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

Master’s Degree from an accredited college or university; coursework in Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, Finance, or Public Administration is preferred.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Five years of experience managing internal operational, program, and financial audits that focus on finance and compliance, economy and efficiency, and program results. One year of financial/accounting/audit experience in a Stat or public sector environment is desirable.

**NOTE:**

1. Applicants may substitute two additional years of experience for the required master’s degree.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a professional Management position within the Office of Audits in the Maryland State Department of Education responsible for the supervision, management, and completion of program compliance monitoring for Education Programs inclusive of performance audits, compliance audits, program evaluations, and comprehensive assessments of MSDE operations (including all areas that are subject to review by the Office of Legislative Audits). This position ensures compliance with State regulations, MSDE policies and procedures and the corrective action of Office of Legislative Audit findings. Additionally, this position provides technical assistance, advice and recommendations to MSDE Divisions to improve fiscal operations, financial management and accountability of State funds, and to help reduce or eliminate Office of Legislative Audit findings within the agency.

Keonna M. Wiley:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University of Baltimore (Baltimore, Maryland) 2015 – Master’s Degree in Public Administration  
Budget and Fiscal Administration

Morgan State University (Baltimore, Maryland) 2001 – Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting

**Experience:**

Comptroller of Maryland – Revenue Administration Division (Baltimore, Maryland)

2022 – Present: Fiscal Services Administration VI – Deputy Director, Revenue Administration

Department of Human Resources (Baltimore, Maryland)

2018 – 2022: Fiscal Services Administrator V

2014 - 2018: Director of External Audits and Corrective Actions

Department of Budget and Management – Central Collection Unit (Baltimore, Maryland)

2012 – 2014: Administrator III

Department of Budget and Management – Internal Auditor (Baltimore, Maryland)

2011 – 2012: Internal Auditor Lead

Office of Legislative Audits (Baltimore, Maryland)

2001 – 2011: Staff Auditor I to Staff Auditor II to Senior Auditor

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

New Hire

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Fletcher, Julie	Executive Director School and Community Nutrition Programs – Program Manager Senior III	25	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Organizational Effectiveness, Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs	TBD
Johnson-Blake, Delinda	Director of Equity Assurance and Compliance – Administrative Program Manager III	21	Office of the Deputy State Superintendent for Operations	TBD



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

**Name:** Julie G. Fletcher

**Position:** Executive Director School and Community Nutrition Programs –  
Program Manager Senior III

**Division/Office:** Office of School and Community Nutrition

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 25  
Annual Salary Range: \$92,340 - \$148,562

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

A Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent 60 credit hours of coursework in Nutrition, Dietetics, Consumer Science, Food Service Management, Institutional Administration, or a related area.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Five years of professional experience in administering a large scale consumer science, health, or nutrition education program, or a food service operation in or affiliated with an education or rehabilitation program, or within a residential institution. Three years of the required experience must have been in direct supervision of other professional employees.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This professional management position serves as the Executive Director of School and Community Nutrition Programs and is responsible for the statewide administration of nutrition and food programs assigned to the Maryland State Department of Education. Programs include the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, Food Distribution Program, Nutrition Education and Training Program, and Maryland Meals for Achievement.

Julie G. Fletcher:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia) 1981 – Bachelor’s Degree in Mass Communications and Business

**Experience:**

Dallas Independent School District (Dallas, Texas)

2015 – 2022: Director, Support Services, Food & Child Nutrition Services

Region 7 Education Service Center (Kilgore, Texas)

2013- 2015: Child Nutrition Coordinator

Rockwall Independent School District (Rockwall, Texas)

1998 – 2013: Nutrition Director

Region 10 Education Service Center (Richardson, Texas)

1998 – 2013: Child Nutrition Specialist

Greenville ISD (Greenville, Texas)

1998 – 2013: Food Service Director

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
BOARD LIST

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

**Name:** Delinda Johnson-Blake

**Position:** Director of Equity Assurance and Compliance –  
Administrative Program Manager II

**Division/Office:** Office of the Deputy State Superintendent Operations –  
Office of Equity Assurance and Compliance

**Salary Grade:** State Salary Grade: 21  
Annual Salary Range: \$71,142 - \$92,785 (with progression to \$114,441)

**Effective Date:** TBD

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor’s Degree in from an accredited college or university.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Five years of fully encompassing professional level work experience implementing an equal opportunity in employment or equal access program and ensuring adherence to regulatory requirements and fair practice standards. Strong knowledge of State personnel regulations and a background in employee relations is desirable. Proficiency with MS Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Access). Prior supervisory experience preferred.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This position serves as the principal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer for MSDE, and is charged with monitoring compliance with State and federal equal opportunity laws and policies and promoting a work environment free of any unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation. This position reports to the Deputy State Superintendent of Operations, who serves as the Agency Fair Practices Officer and serves as member of the MSDE Fair Practice Team and partners with the Office of Human Resources (OHR) and the Office of the Attorney General to address issues which arise and to formulate proactive solutions. Also this position is responsible for investigating complaints, resolving employee appeals regarding allegations of violations of the State’s Fair Practices law, and providing leadership, guidance and training to agencies in the areas of equal opportunity, diversity, compliance and complaint investigations.

Delinda Johnson-Blake:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education**

University of Baltimore (Baltimore, Maryland) 2017 – Master’s Degree in Negotiations and Conflict Management

College of Notre Dame of Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland) 2006 – Bachelor’s Degree English Art

**Experience:**

Maryland Department of Health, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (Baltimore, Maryland)

2013 – Present: Deputy Director/Equal Access Compliance Manager/Section 1557 Coordinator

Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (Baltimore, Maryland)

2011 – 2013: Civil Rights Representative

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Equal Opportunity Program (Baltimore, Md)

2007 – 2011: Equal Opportunity Officer

St. Mary of the Assumption School (Baltimore, Maryland)

2003 – 2007: Office Manager, Admissions Director and Health Coordinator

Maryland Commission on Human Relations (Baltimore, Maryland)

2001 – 2003: Administrative Assistant

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