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**GOVERNOR PATRICK NAMES TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION****GOVERNOR PATRICK NAMES TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

BOSTON - Monday, January, 14, 2008 - Governor Deval Patrick announced today the appointment of Nancy Harrington and C. Bernard Fulp to the state's Board of Higher Education, as he continues to put in place a dedicated team of education experts to help implement his vision to offer a world-class education for all children in Massachusetts.

"Nancy and Bernie will each bring powerful voices and important perspectives on higher education to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education," said Governor Patrick. "I look forward to them putting their many talents to work for the students of Massachusetts public higher education."

Nancy Harrington is the former President of Salem State College and a lifelong resident of Salem. Under Harrington's leadership, Salem State College has developed a Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration programs, each the first of its kind in the Commonwealth's state colleges. She has also served on the Board of Trustees at Salem Hospital and was appointed to the Council of State Representatives for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

C. Bernard Fulp is a graduate of Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration. While living in Newton, Fulp was the first African American to serve as the executive vice president of private banking at the former Bank of New England. He is the chairman of the software company GoBiz Solutions, Inc. and currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council. Mr. Fulp has previously served on the Lesley University Board of Trustees, the Suffolk University School of Management Advisory Council and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee.

"Dr. Harrington's unparalleled expertise in the area of teacher recruitment, preparation, and development is of immediate utility to the Board, and Mr. Fulp's long and distinguished career in financial services and business operations, moreover, adds a sharp focus on fiscal innovation and efficiency during lean budget cycles," said Fred Clark, chairman of the Board of Higher Education. "Dr. Harrington and Mr. Fulp are replacing Mr. Aaron Spencer and Mr. Richard Taylor who served the Board of Higher education with honor, commitment and distinction."

"Nancy Harrington and Bernie Fulp bring tremendous experience and excellence in higher education to the Board," said Dana Mohler-Faria, Special Advisor on Education to Governor Patrick. "I know they will work tirelessly with other members of the board to ensure all citizens in the commonwealth have the opportunity to benefit from world-class higher education."

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