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# California State Board of Education January 2025 Agenda Item #02

## Subject

Appointments of David Schapira and Dr. Ingrid Roberson to Chief Deputy Superintendents of Public Instruction in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.1, of the Constitution of the State of California.

## Type of Action

Action, Information

## Summary of the Issue(s)

State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) Tony Thurmond has nominated two Chief Deputy Superintendents and requests that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the nomination of David Schapira effective December 31, 2024, and Dr. Ingrid Roberson effective immediately on the date of receipt of any and all other necessary approvals.

## Recommendation

The CDE recommends that the State Board of Education appoint the new Chief Deputy Superintendents of Public Instruction in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.1, of the Constitution of the State of California.

## Brief History of Key Issues

Article IX, Section 2.1, of the Constitution of the State ofCalifornia requires the SBE to approve the nomination of Constitutional Officers.

## Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

In November 2023, the SBE approved the appointment of Nancy Kim-Portillo to the role of Co-Chief Deputy Superintendent. In September 2021, the SBE approved the appointment of Mary Nicely to the role of Chief Deputy Superintendent. In March 2020, the SBE approved the appointment of Stephanie Gregson to the role of Chief Deputy Superintendent. In January 2019, the SBE approved the appointment of Lupita Cortez Alcalá to the role of Chief Deputy Superintendent.

## Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

The funding for this position is annually allocated in the CDE budget.

## Attachment(s)

* Attachment 1: Biography of David Schapira and Ingrid Roberson (2 pages)

# Biography of David Schapira

David Schapira has a long history of advocating for students as well as the faculty and staff who serve them. David served most recently as Director of Governmental Relations for the California School Employees Association (CSEA) from 2019-2024. At CSEA, David successfully advocated for universal transitional kindergarten, universal school meals, student safety legislation, and professional development for educators.

David also held elected office in Arizona from 2007-2018, having served as a School Governing Board Member, City Council Member, State Representative, State Senator, and Senate Minority Leader. As a state legislator, David served on the Education Committee, including four years as the ranking member, and on the Appropriations Committee. As an elected leader, David was known for his efforts to promote and provide for early childhood education, career and technical education, and better working conditions for educators.

In addition to his experience as an elected official and advocate, David has also served students as an educator. Most recently, he was the assistant superintendent at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa, Arizona, responsible for instructional leadership, support services, and intergovernmental relations. He has been a university faculty associate in Arizona State University’s political science department and started his career as a math teacher in Paradise Valley Unified School District.

David has a Juris Doctorate degree and a Master’s Degree in Education Leadership, both from Arizona State University, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. David is a member of the California State Bar.

# Biography of Dr. Ingrid Roberson

Dr. Ingrid Roberson most recently served as the Senior Advisor of Research Learning at the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), where she spearheaded the i3 Data Research Learning Network (DRLN) for counties and districts. This state-wide initiative is focused on transforming data and assessment practices through a forward-thinking, three-pronged approach: 1) Deeper Learning (instruction), 2) Data Literacy & Leadership (innovation), and 3) Data Dashboards (impact). In her role, Dr. Roberson provided strategic guidance and support to districts selected for Direct Technical Assistance, helping them strengthen their capacity for continuous improvement by optimizing their data and assessment systems.

Before joining CCEE, Dr. Roberson was the Associate Superintendent of Academic Services at the Alameda County Office of Education. With more than two decades of experience in California public TK-12 education, she has held diverse roles across the county, district, school site, and classroom levels. Her career also spans work within higher education and private foundations, where she contributed to educational innovation and leadership.

Dr. Roberson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master of Arts degree from Stanford University, and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from the University of California, Berkeley.