



National Council on Teacher Quality

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National Council on Teacher Quality Announces New Leadership for its Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), a research and advocacy group dedicated to reforming the nation's teaching policies, announced today that Ms. Gaynor McCown has assumed the title of chair of the organization's Board of Directors.

McCown was elected to serve as Chair at the September 14 meeting of the Board of directors, having formerly served as Vice Chair.

McCown is currently employed as the Executive Director of The Teaching Commission, Lewis Gerstner's three-year effort to build a national mandate for reforming the teaching profession. NCTQ President Kate Walsh said of McCown: "We are thrilled and honored to have Gaynor take the helm at NCTQ. She has worked so hard to achieve critical reforms in the teaching profession, reforms shared by our two. To her great credit, she has tirelessly and effectively communicated the urgency of the reform agenda to the nation's governors and policymakers."

Ms. McCown has also served as Senior Vice President at Edison Schools (1998-2002), Senior Vice President for Education and Workforce Development at the New York City Partnership and Chamber of Commerce (1996-1998), and as a senior policy analyst and advisor in the Clinton Administration (1994-1996). McCown has been a member of the NCTQ board since December 2003.

McCown said of her new responsibilities: "I feel honored to have this opportunity to be able to lead this board and I'm looking forward to working with Kate and the rest of the board members to advance this important work."

McCown succeeds outgoing Board president, Andrew J. Rotherham, who remains on the board. Walsh expressed deep appreciation for Rotherham's two-year tenure as chair of the board, "bringing many talented and respected voices to the board of directors as well as our 34-member advisory board, and helping us transform this young organization into a strong agent for change."

Rotherham commented, "NCTQ has grown a great deal in the past two years and is now

poised to grow even more. I'm confident that Gaynor's talents and passion for this issue will further expand the organization's national influence."

The Board of Directors also elected Ms. Stacey Boyd and Mr. Ira Fishman as Co-Vice-Chairs during the September meeting. Boyd is the founder and CEO of Global Learning Ventures, which provides education and technology consulting services to non-profits, corporations and government entities. Fishman is partner and Chief Operating Officer at Patton Boggs LLP, and prior to that he served as special counsel and director of the Task Force on Education at the Federal Communications Commission during the Clinton Administration. He is also the founding CEO of the Schools and Libraries Corporation, a non-profit that provides \$2.25 billion annually to K-12 schools and public libraries.

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