

Peggy Brookins, Robert L. Joss, Joanne Weiss Join National Center on Education and the Economy Board of Trustees

*Distinguished Trio Brings Diverse Experience and Perspectives to
NCEE Leadership*

Washington, DC – The National Center on Education and the Economy’s (NCEE) Board of Trustees recently installed three new trustees at its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

The trustees, each appointed to a three-year term, are:

- **Peggy Brookins**, president and CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS);
- **Robert L. Joss**, Philip H. Knight professor and dean emeritus of Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business (GSB); and
- **Joanne Weiss**, president of Weiss Associates and former chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

NCEE CEO and President Anthony Mackay called the addition of the new trustees a significant moment for the organization’s next phase of growth and development.

“It is a special honor and privilege to have Peggy, Bob, and Joanne join our Board of Trustees,” said Mackay. “All three bring uniquely rich experience and records of making a positive impact on the U.S. education landscape. Their diverse perspectives will strengthen NCEE’s work to transform this country’s system of public education so that it is more equitable, effective and efficient. Their wise counsel will be particularly valuable as NCEE works with leaders at the national, state and local levels to redesign education systems so that young people across the country will be prepared to succeed in a rapidly-changing economy.”

Peggy Brookins has served as president and CEO of NBPTS since 2015. In July 2014, President Barack Obama named Brookins as a member of the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. She joined NBPTS from the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology at Forest High School in Ocala, Florida, which she co-founded in 1994 and where she served as Director and as a national board certified mathematics instructor. She has served on the boards of inBloom, The Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Teachers as Professionals, the Content Technical Working Group for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), and as a commissioner on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). In 2013, Brookins was named an Aspen Ideas Festival Scholar.

Robert L. Joss, a leader in global banking and former U.S. Treasury Department official, served as dean of Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business for 10 years from 1999-2009. During his tenure, he oversaw the introduction of a new MBA curriculum and the construction of a new Business School campus. He continues to teach leadership and management at Stanford. Prior to joining Stanford, Joss was chief

executive officer of Westpac Banking Corporation, one of Australia's largest banks, a post he held for six years. He is currently a director of Makena Capital Management, CM Capital, and Social Finance, Inc; and was formerly a director of Citigroup, Wells Fargo & Co, Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd., and Bechtel Group.

Joanne Weiss is an independent consultant working with education and technology organizations. From 2009-2013, she served in the U.S. Department of Education, first as director of the Race to the Top Program, then as chief of staff to the Secretary of Education. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Joanne was a partner and chief operating officer at NewSchools Venture Fund. Before NewSchools, Joanne spent 20 years pioneering ways to increase the effectiveness of teaching and learning – as vice president of curriculum research and design, then as CEO – for companies providing technology-based products and services to underserved students in K-12 and higher education. She is a visiting professor in education policy at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, an Expert-in-Residence at the Harvard Innovation Lab, a Fellow for Georgetown University's FutureEd, and a fellow of the Aspen/Pahara Education Leadership Fellowship.

Brookins, Joss and Weiss join NCEE's existing trustees in shaping the strategic direction of the organization and advancing its agenda. Existing trustees include:

- Sue S. Stewart, Co-Chair, Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel, University of Rochester;
- Ray Marshall, Co-Chair, Former U.S. Secretary of Labor and the Audre and Bernard Rapoport Centennial Chair in Economics & Public Affairs at the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, University of Texas;
- Marc S. Tucker, Vice-Chair, President Emeritus and Distinguished Senior Fellow, NCEE;
- David J. Barram, Former Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration;
- Joyce Elliot, Senator, Arkansas State Legislature;
- VanBuren N. Hansford, Jr., Partner, Links Capital Partners;
- Lewis Spence, Former Court Administrator, Massachusetts Trial Court;
- Vivien Stewart, Senior Advisor for Education, Asia Society; and,
- Anthony Mackay, NCEE CEO and President.

Reporters interested in speaking with Anthony Mackay or any of the new trustees may contact NCEE Communications Officer Julia Banks at jbanks@ncee.org or 202-888-2536.

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