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### **Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman Takes Oath as Newest Member of State Board of Education**

Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, dean of Livingston College, Rutgers University, today was sworn in as the newest member of the New Jersey State Board of Education. Dr. Hyndman, a neurobiologist and lifelong educator, is a resident of Belvidere, Warren County.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on this distinguished board," Hyndman said. "I am proud to live in a state that has such a strong commitment to public education, and look forward to participating in the discussion of the key issues that will lead our efforts to improve student performance and school administration in the years to come."

Hyndman, who was appointed by Gov. Christie Whitman and approved by the State Senate, has an extensive background in teaching and administrative experience in higher education. He joined Rutgers University as an assistant professor of biological science, a position he held from 1981-90. He later was named an associate professor for biological science and in 1994 became professor of biological sciences, a position he holds today.

On the administrative level, Hyndman has served as director of Minority Teaching and Research Career Development at Rutgers from 1983-90 and as associate provost at Rutgers from 1990-94 before he was appointed dean of Livingston College.

Hyndman has been a member of many professional organizations, including, the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, the Society for Neuroscience, and the UCLA Brain Research Institute, from which he holds a certificate of interdisciplinary study. His recent university and professional service includes a program review of the Department of Biology, Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York; and the board of trustees of Warren County Community College, where he served as vice-chair from 1997-2000 and chaired the Policy and Planning Committee since 1996.

Other committee assignments include a special review panel for the national Institute of Mental Health, and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute.

Dr. Hyndman's work in neurobiology, which focuses on the study of neurotropic factors in the developing chick retina, has been published in many journals and he has been invited to speak at various seminars in his field.

Hyndman is married and has four children.

In addition to Hyndman's swearing in, the state board also participated in the swearing in of two members for additional terms. Dr. Ronald K. Butcher, vice president of the board and a resident of Pitman; and Dr. Orlando Edreira, a resident of Elizabeth, were reappointed by Gov. Whitman.

Dr. Butcher is an administrator for the College of Education, Rowan University and is president and CEO of Ronald K. Butcher and Associates, Inc., a consulting corporation.

Dr. Edreira has been professor and director of the Spanish Speaking Program at Kean University since 1968. Dr. Edreira holds several college degrees, doctorate of law degrees from the University of Havana School of Law, Cuba, the University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; and a doctorate degree in Spanish and Portuguese Literature from Columbia University.

The State Board of Education consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The board is responsible for general supervision and control of public education for the state's public school system. Members serve without compensation for six-year terms.