

SECTION: 21
DATE: June 16, 2022

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Dr. Ty Weeks as Commencement Speaker at the August 13, 2022 commencement ceremonies. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Dr. Weeks.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

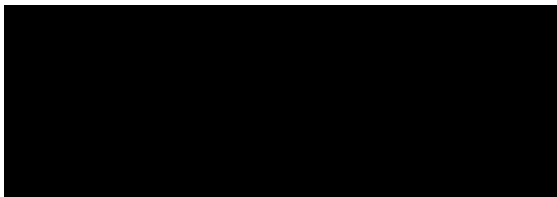
A biography for Dr. Weeks follows.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.



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**University Executive Officer**  
**Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.**

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**Date**

## **Biography for Ty Weeks, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ty Weeks is a native of Detroit, MI, and has worked as an educator for nearly two decades, servicing the needs of students and parents within the tri-county metropolitan Detroit area. During this time, he has worked as a teacher, advocate, mentor, principal, and program developer for youth seeking to affirm themselves by accessing the tools and resources within school communities. Dr. Weeks now serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the Dearborn Heights School District No. 7.

Weeks earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education, a Master of Arts degree in K-12 Administration, and a Ph.D. in Educational Studies, all from Eastern Michigan University. Weeks' dissertation topic focused on Understanding the Schooling Experiences of Black Boys in Suburban Schools: An Examination of Social Influences on Identity, Achievement, and School Relationships where he sought to understand the impact of social factors on identity development of youth and the educators that teach them. Perhaps the proudest educational moment coming from his experiences as a student in the Detroit Public Schools.

He has been awarded several honors including the King/Chavez/Parks Fellowship for his graduate and doctoral work, along with the Jenkins-Tracy Cohort Scholarship, and the University Fellowship award. He is an active member of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, The Metro Bureau, the National Association of Black School Educators, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Ty is married to fellow educator and EMU alumna Stacia Weeks and together they have three children.

