

## **Karen Molchanow**

Karen Molchanow serves as Executive Director of the State Board of Education where she is responsible for managing the Board's regulatory agenda. Karen joined the Board staff as Assistant Executive Director in July 2010, was named Acting Executive Director in May 2011 and was promoted to Executive Director in April 2012. Prior to joining the State Board, Karen served as Manager of Policy Information and Programs for The Education Policy and Leadership Center. Karen joined EPLC in 2001 and served as a Policy Programs Associate for two years, then as Coordinator of Policy Information and Programs. Her responsibilities included providing staff support for the Pennsylvania School Funding Campaign, monitoring and reporting on policy activity in EPLC's weekly *Education Notebook*, serving as co-coordinator for the Fellows program, and maintaining the Center's website.

Karen graduated from Millersville University's Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and dual minors in Print Journalism and Political Science. Karen also has participated in and authored a paper for the Ford Foundation's Bridging Higher Education to the States Initiative, and has completed the Associates Program of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. She also is a graduate of EPLC's Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program and Institute for Community Leadership in Education.