

Biz-mag boss to 'Shepard' CUNY J-school students

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The City University of New York's new graduate school of journalism is expected to say "you're hired" tomorrow to 65-year-old Steve Shepard, as the school makes the longtime BusinessWeek editor-in-chief its first-ever dean.

CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein tomorrow night will present Shepard's name to the school's board of directors as his only recommendation for the job, sources close to the situation told The Post.

That meeting will be immediately followed by a personnel-committee meeting, at which time

the biz-mag editor is expected to be hired, the sources said.

Shepard — a CUNY alumnus — topped a field of 50 other candidates.

Among the other finalists under consideration were New York Times managing editor Michael Oreskes and ABC News executive vice president Paul Friedman.

The new dean will have to put a curriculum in place and recruit new students for the start-up school, which is expected to open its doors in the fall of 2006.

Shepard in March is expected to leave the post he has held for 20 years at BusinessWeek.