



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Lauren Moore *Lauren Moore*
SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint three new members to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries?

Reason for Consideration

Required by state regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its November 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

New appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are presented to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

Background Information

The fifteen members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries advise the Board on issues concerning library policy, work with the officers of the State Education Department in developing a comprehensive statewide library and information policy and make recommendations to the Regents for implementing library programs and initiatives.

Due to three members' terms expiring, there are currently three seats open.

Recently concluded and outgoing members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are:

Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, New York Public Library

Dr. Jamie D. Smith, Chief Academic Officer, Educational Affairs, Roswell Park Cancer Center

Alicia Thompson, Director, Instructional Technology, Buffalo City School District

Remaining current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are:

Meg Backus, Executive Director, Northern New York Library Network, Potsdam

Greta Byrum, Principal of Broadband & Digital Equity, HR&A Advisors, Beacon

Justin Cree, Director, Akwesasne Cultural Center and Library, Akwesasne

AnnaLee Dragon, Executive Director, New York Library Association, Guilderland

Sandra Michele Echols, School Media Specialist, Science Skills Center, Brooklyn

Kate Hammill, Director, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Library System

Shakema Miller, Regional Director, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn

Miranda Mims, Co-founder/Archivist, Nomadic Archivists Project, Rochester

Jesse Montero, Director, Yonkers Public Library, Yonkers

Dr. Beth Patin, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, Syracuse

Maria Fernando Pardo, Literacy Department Head, Glen Cove Public Library, Old Brookville, Glen Cove

Dr. Corinthia Price, Librarian, The Green Vale School, Old Brookville

Related Regents Items

Not Applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for five-year terms effective December 1, 2024:

- Danielle Berchtold, Board President of Apalachin Library and Senior Associate to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, SUNY Broome Community College, Apalachin
- Hope Dunbar, University Archivist, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo
- Reanna Esmail, Lead Librarian for Instruction, Cornell University, Ithaca

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointments of Danielle Berchtold, Hope Dunbar, and Reanna Esmail will be effective December 1, 2024, and will expire on December 1, 2029.