



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Sharon Cates-Williams *Sharon Cates-Williams*

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Brian Keough to the position of Assistant Commissioner

**DATE:** June 11, 2024

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**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Brian Keough to the position of the Assistant Commissioner, State Archives (State Archivist) within the Office of Cultural Education at the New York State Education Department?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

The Assistant Commissioner, State Archives (State Archivist) position was vacated by Tom Ruller in February 2023. An extensive, national search for a new Assistant Commissioner, State Archives (State Archivist) has been conducted, resulting in a recommendation to appoint Brian Keough.

**Proposed Handling**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Brian Keough to the position of Assistant Commissioner, State Archives (State Archivist).

**Procedural History**

Not applicable.

**Background Information**

Brian Keough most recently served as the Head of the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections, Archives, and Alice Hastings Murphy Preservation Lab, University at Albany Libraries. He holds a BA in American History from West Chester University, a Master of Information Science from SUNY Albany, a MA in History from SUNY Albany, and is currently a PhD candidate in History at SUNY Albany.

**Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation**

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

VOTED: It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Brian Keough to the position of Assistant Commissioner, State Archives (State Archivist).

**Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective August 1, 2024.