





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Kevin G. Smith 

SUBJECT: Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

DATE: November 30, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to NYSILC by the Board of Regents.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2017 meeting.

Procedural History

Each year, as vacancies occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill such vacancies.

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1 and a list of the entire NYSILC is noted in Attachment 2.

Recommendation

VOTED: that Vernon Bonse be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Kathryn Carroll be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Chad Eldred be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Lynn Drucker be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Robin Jones be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Jan Lynch be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Maria Samuels be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that John Zick be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Raymond Pierce be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Joseph Bravo be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Daniel Fuster be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Lindsay Miller be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Henry Nixon be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Clifton Perez be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

VOTED: that Edith Prentiss be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

Related Regent's Items

December 2016: [2016 Appointments](#)

<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1216brca2.pdf>

December 2015: [2015 Appointments](#)

[http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1215brca1 .pdf](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1215brca1.pdf)

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2018.

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(New Appointments)**

ACCES is recommending four new appointments resulting from expired terms of members and one new appointment resulting from an unexpired term of an existing member as well as seven reappointments of existing members. Additionally, two new appointments are being recommended due to new positions and one new appointment to replace a vacant position.

Vernon Bonse

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- Has over 28 years of experience with the disabled community under several modalities, including Independent Living.
- Served as Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Program at Independent Living, Inc., based in Newburgh for 16 ½ years.

Kathryn Carroll

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- Has experience consulting with Blue Law International and the Burton Blatt Institute, to look critically at disability issues and to either advise others or help construct good policy.
- Has helped write policy documents on the inclusion of people with disabilities and has assisted in providing access to services for people with disabilities.

Chad Eldred

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- Several decades in supporting and advocating for individuals with disabilities. Understands the intricacies of the health system from federal and local levels.
- Currently works as Director of Health Enrollment Programs at the Southern Tier Independence Center, providing oversight of two health enrollment programs that assist individuals with and without disabilities in obtaining health coverage.

Lynn Drucker

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- Over 20 years of experience in commercial industry and 15 years of experience as a professional fundraiser in support of development, human resources and other operations-related areas.
- Has worked in a volunteer capacity with Canine Companions for Independence, the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged, the Henry Viscardi School, Helen Keller International and NYSLIC, in addition to a paid position at the Viscardi Center as their Senior Vice President of Development for over 4 years.

Robin Jones

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- Has experience as Director for the Seneca Nation Disability Services for almost 9 years, and as a TVR Counselor for 2 years. Both positions provided experience and understanding of community members with disabilities and a realization of where the need is.
- Has a wide array of resources through formulation of professional relationships with agencies such as the local Social Security Administration, LDA of WNY, ILNC/OAHIO, Venture Forthe, Native American Community Services (NACS), National Disability Institute, ACCES-VR, NYS Commission for the Blind and Allegany Regional Development Corporation. Currently the liaison for Seneca Nation Disabilities Committee, which has been in existence for more than 10 years.

Jan Lynch

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- 22 years working in services that promote disability rights, both on an individual level and with a systemic approach.
- 3 years as Executive Director at the Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC), understanding that that council is important to providing a cohesive NY IL/disability agenda.

Maria Samuels

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- Strong project management skills via the last 10 years of work at the Lighthouse teaching assistive technology and at WDOMI working with high school students with autism has given Ms. Samuels the ability to see ideas from different perspectives and to listen effectively.
- Extensive experience providing and overseeing services for individuals with disabilities. Currently working as Deputy Director at Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc.

John Zick

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- Has personal and professional experience working with individuals with disabilities, with extensive familiarity in the areas of safeguards and barriers.
- Over four years of experience as the Director of Government and Public Affairs at AIM Independent Living Center, a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities.

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(Term Expirations)**

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- 2018 Chad Eldred, 608 Bull Creek Road, Whitney Point, New York 13862, (607) 768-2517
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