



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

**FROM:** Kevin G. Smith 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the New York State Rehabilitation Council

**DATE:** July 13, 2015

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Should the Board of Regents approve of proposed appointments of members to the SRC?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

The federal Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act, requires the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

**Proposed Handling**

Consent agenda item for approval to the Board of Regents at the July 20, 2015 full Board 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.

## **Recommendation**

**VOTE:** That Holley Boots and Jennifer M. Machucki be appointed as interim voting members for terms beginning August 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

**VOTE:** That Liam McNabb be appointed as interim ex-officio member for term beginning August 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect August 1, 2015.

Attachments

Attachment 1

**New York State Rehabilitation Council  
(New Appointments for mid-year term August 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015)**

**Representative of Native American Projects (Section 121)**

Holley Boots  
P.O. Box 767  
Roosevelt, NY 13683

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Akwesasne, NY

- Counselor
- Developed Individual Plans for Employment (IPEs)
- Case Aid Counselor, Akwesasne Family Violence Program, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- Outstanding Staff Member Award, Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation Inc. 2012

**Current or former applicant/recipient of vocational rehabilitation services**

Jennifer M. Machucki  
1410 Maple Road,  
Williamsville, New York 14221

- Master of Social Work - Concentration: Health, Mental Health and Disability Community Action Organization (C. A. O.) of Erie County
- Implemented the Second Early Learning Program and trained teachers on its implementation
- Implemented emotional growth and behavior plans as needed
- Community Involvement including Compeer and AmeriCorps

**Ex-Officio Representative of NYS Office of Mental Health**

Liam M. McNabb  
251 Kenwood Ave.  
Delmar, NY 12054

Director, Rehabilitation Services Unit in the Bureau of Program Development & Support (Mental Health Program Specialist III), Division of Adult Services, New York State Office of Mental Health

- Manages Rehabilitation Services Unit

- Oversees Statewide PROS (Personalized Recovery Oriented Services) implementation
- Statewide policy/guidance development and oversight
- Graduate of Leadership Development Program, sponsored by Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) and Public Employee Federation (PEF).

Attachment 2

### **State Rehabilitation Council (Term Expirations)**

#### **Representatives of community rehabilitation program service providers**

2014 Michael Irwin, Program Director, Greater Syracuse Works, 516 Burt Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

2014 Fredda Rosen, Executive Director, Job Path, 22 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018

#### **Representative of a Parent Training and Information Center established pursuant to the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)**

2014 Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director, United We Stand of New York, 91 Harrison Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### **Representatives of disability advocacy groups**

2014 Roger Purdy, Director, Disability Support Services, LeMoyne College, 4158 Cherrywood Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215

2014 Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, Esq., Director of Advocacy/Community Organizer, Center for Independence of the Disabled, 17 Gates Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042

#### **Representative of business, industry, and labor**

2014 Craig Wolfson, Esq., Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, 44 Manhattan Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

#### **Representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council (NYSILC)**

2015 Chad Underwood, COO, Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc., 26 North Main St., Cortland, NY 13045

#### **Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers**

2015 C. William Schultz, Program Director - Vocational/Employment Programs, People Inc., 1219 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14231

#### **Current or former applicant/recipient of vocational rehabilitation services**

2015 Jennifer M. Machucki, 1410 Maple Road, Williamsville, New York 14221

**Representative of business, industry, and labor**

2015 Martha Jackson, Employment & Business Relations, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10038

**Representatives of disability advocacy groups**

2015 Patricia Dowse, Chief Operating Officer, New York State Rehabilitation Association, 203 Shereen Court, Schenectady, NY 12304

2015 Beatrice Schmidt, 150 Argyle Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11218

**Representative of Native American Projects (Section 121)**

2015 Holley Boots, Counselor Vocational Rehabilitation Program, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, P.O. Box 362, Rooseveltown, NY 13683

**Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor**

2016 LaWanda H. Cook, PhD., M.S., CRC, Extension Associate/Training Specialist Northeast ADA Center, ILR - Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University, 201 Dolgen Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853

**Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers**

2017 James Moody, Executive Director, Orleans Community Health Foundation 100 Ohio Street, Medina, NY 14103

2017 Michael A Sherman, North Country Center for Independence, 80 Sharron Ave, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

2017 Joann Marshall, Central New York Psychiatric Center, 9005 Old River Road Marcy, N.Y. 13403

2017 Joanie Parker, Heritage Christian Services, 349 West Commercial St, Suite 2795 East Rochester NY 14445

**Representatives of business, industry, and labor**

2017 Deborah Croce, Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park, 50 Central Park South New York, NY 10019

**Representatives of disability advocacy groups**

2017 Shain Anderson, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, New York, NY 10038

2017 Paul Czech, Esq. , Paul Czech & Associates, 68 Indian Pipe Drive  
Wynantskill, NY 12198

2017 Helene Fallon, Project Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center (LIPC), 720  
Northern Blvd. Brookville, NY 11548

**Representative of Transition Educational Services**

2017 Tonya Robinson-Mayer, Champlain Valley Educational Services, CV-TEC, 194  
US Oval, Suite 228, Plattsburgh, NY 12903

**Representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) (ongoing)**

Erica Molina, Coordinator, NYS Client Assistance Program, Disability Advocates, Inc. 5  
Clinton Square, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207

**Representative of the State Workforce Investment Board (ongoing)**

Patrick Pascarella, Division of Employment & Workforce Solutions, NYS Department of  
Labor (DOL), State Office Campus, Albany, NY 12240

**Ex-Officio Members (ongoing)**

Julie Cardone, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, NYS Office of  
Children and Family Services, NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCB), 843 Union Ave,  
2nd Fl., New Windsor, NY 12553

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Director, Employment & Meaningful Community Activities, NYS  
Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), 44 Holland Ave., Albany,  
NY 12229

Sophie McDermott, New York State Education Department, Special Education, 89  
Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

Liam McNabb, Director of the Rehabilitation Services, NYS Office of Mental Health  
(OMH), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Lisa Rosano-Kaczowski, Director, TRAIID/AH Programs, NYS Justice Center, 161  
Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12054