



TO: Cultural Education Committee

FROM: Mark Schaming 

SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries

DATE: November 4, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

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

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of state policy.

Proposed Handling

These appointments will be presented to the Cultural Education Committee for approval at the November 2021 Board of Regents 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.

Current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries include:

- Meg Backus, Executive Director, Northern New York Library Network, Potsdam
- Greg Benoit, Director, Irondequoit Public Library
- Tatiana Bryant, Research Librarian for Digital Humanities, History, and African American Studies, University of California Irvine
- AnnaLee Dragon, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, New York Public Library
- Susan Kowalski, Librarian, Pine Grove Middle School at the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District
- Susan Polos, Middle School Librarian, Greenwich Country Day School, Katonah
- Grace Riario, Chief Executive Officer, Ramapo Catskill Library System, Middletown
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist, A. Philip Randolph Campus High School, New York
- Dr. Jamie Smith, Dean of Liberal Arts, Science, and Initiatives at Erie Community College, Williamsville
- Alicia Thompson, Director, Erie 1 BOCES School Library System, West Seneca

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the Commissioner's appointments.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for terms effective December 1, 2021:

- Greta Byrum, Program Director, Just Tech at Social Science Research Center (*5-year term*)
- Sandra Michele Echols, School Media Specialist, Science Skills Center High School for Science, Technology, and the Creative Arts (*5-year term*)
- Dr. Beth Patin, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University's School of Information Studies (*5-year term*)

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointments will be effective December 1, 2021 for five-year terms.