



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

**FROM:** Kevin G. Smith 

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

**DATE:** December 1, 2016

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). Should the Board of Regents approve 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 2016 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 Aileen Martin be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

**VOTED:** that Aaron Baier be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

**VOTED:** that Crystal Rivera be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

**VOTED:** that Daniel Fuster be appointed to fill a one-year unexpired term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

**VOTED:** that Mark Rosen be reappointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

**VOTED:** That Douglas Usiak be reappointed for a three year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

**VOTED:** that Zachery Garafalo be reappointed to a three year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2017.

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

ACCES is recommending three new appointments resulting from expired terms of members and one new appointment resulting from an unexpired term of an existing member as well as three reappointments of existing members.

**Aileen Martin**

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- Has extensive experience in the development of integrated health policy and program development through employment with several behavioral and physical health companies.
- Currently returned to the position of Executive Director of the Northern Regional Center for Independent Living in Watertown, a position previously held from 1997 to 2006.

**Aaron Baier**

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- Has over ten years of experience in youth advocacy, peer mentoring, program development and training in self-empowerment.
- Served as board member of Youth Power of New York and Vice Chair of the State Rehabilitation Council of the New York State Commission for the Blind.

**Crystal Rivera**

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- Served in a variety of roles demonstrating leadership and experience in parent outreach, student empowerment and establishment of community partnerships.
- Currently serves as Program Director of Bronx Independent Living Services Early Childhood Direction Center.

**Daniel Fuster**

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- Extensive experience in disaster and emergency preparedness for vulnerable populations demonstrated by integrating strategies to serve people with disabilities into Westchester County's emergency preparedness plan.
- Has experience developing and presenting work readiness and employment training curriculum for people with disabilities.

Attachment 2

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.  
(Term Expirations)****Center for Independent Living Director Chosen by Other Directors**

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