





TO: Cultural Education Committee

FROM: Mark Schaming 

SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Museums

DATE: December 30, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint one new member to fill a vacancy on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will be presented to the Cultural Education Committee for approval at the January 2022 Board of Regents meeting.

Procedural History

New appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Museums are presented to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

Background Information

Members of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums offer advice and consultation on issues of policy and service pursuant to the Board's statutory mandate to operate the State Museum and oversee museums across New York State. The Advisory Council is supported by staff from the Office of Cultural Education and the Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education acts as the convener and chair of the council.

Current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums include:

- Suzanne LeBlanc, President of the Long Island Children’s Museum
- Paul S. D’Ambrosio, President and CEO of the Fenimore Art Museum
- Daniel Slippen, Vice President of Government Relations of the American Museum of Natural History
- Jan Ramirez, Chief Curator of the National September 11 Memorial Museum
- Joe Lin-Hill, Deputy Director of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Dunbar, Director of the Everson Museum of Art
- Gretchen Sorin, Director and Distinguished Professor at the Cooperstown Graduate Program for Museum Studies
- Meg Ventrudo, Executive Director of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art
- Barbara Hunt McLanahan, Executive Director of the Children’s Museum of the Arts
- David Kahn, Executive Director of the Adirondack Experience, Museum on Blue Mountain Lake
- Jonathon Binstock, Director of the Memorial Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Jacks, Executive Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site
- Tracy Fitzpatrick, Director of the Neuberger Museum of Art at SUNY Purchase
- Mieke Fay, Director of Education and Interpretation at the Corning Museum of Glass

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

The Commissioner recommends the appointment of Joe Stahlman, PhD, Director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, to the Regents Advisory Council on Museums.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointment will be effective immediately and will expire in December 2026.