





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Mark Schaming 
SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Museums
DATE: April 23, 2020
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the Interim Commissioner's recommendation to appoint three new members to fill vacancies on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state regulation.

Proposed Handling

This item, consisting of three new appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Museums, is presented to the Full Board for approval.

Procedural History

At the January 2012 meeting, the Board supported the creation of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums to advise the Board and the Department. The Regents Advisory Council on Museums is appointed pursuant to 8 NYCRR 3.12(a)(4). Members serve up to a five-year term by appointment of the Commissioner with approval by the Board of Regents.

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 Advisory Council 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
- Kris Wetterlund, Director of Education and Interpretation of the Corning Museum of Glass
- 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
- Peter Jemison, Native American artist and curator
- 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

Related Regent's Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the Interim Commissioner's appointments. The Interim Commissioner recommends the following appointments:

- Jonathan Binstock, Director of the Memorial Art Gallery, to be appointed to a five-year term through May 31, 2025.

- Elizabeth Jacks, Executive Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, to be appointed to a five-year term through May 31, 2025.
- Tracy Fitzpatrick, Director of the Neuberger Museum of Art at SUNY Purchase, to be appointed to a five-year term through May 31, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Full Board at the May 2020 Regents meeting, the appointments will become effective immediately.