



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Kevin G. Smith *Kevin G. Smith*  
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the New York State Rehabilitation Council  
**DATE:** December 8, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

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SUMMARY

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Should the Board of Regents approve proposed appointments and reappointments 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**

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2014 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 SRC is noted in Attachment 2.

### **Recommendation**

**VOTE:** That Shain G. Anderson, Joann Marshall, Joanie Parker, Tonya Robinson and Michael A. Sherman be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017.

**VOTE:** That Nicole David, Michael Irwin, Fredda Rosen, Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Roger Purdy, Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, and Craig Wolfson be re-appointed for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

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

Attachments

Attachment 1

**New York State Rehabilitation Council  
(New Appointments for the term January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017)**

**Representative of the disability advocates groups**

**Shain G. Anderson**

123-25 82nd Ave, Apt 1A  
Queens, NY 11415

NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), Mobility Coordinator

- Coordinates MOPD's outreach to people with disabilities in Brooklyn and Queens for the Taxi Smart Card Program.
- Program point person in partnership with the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA).
- Community Organizer
- ESL (English as second language) & American History tutor for citizenship exams

**Representatives of community rehabilitation service providers**

**Joann Marshall**

8119 E. Floyd Road  
Rome, NY 13440

Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL), Chief Operating Officer

- Administration of all RCIL programs
- Agency partnership representative with funders, and constituent groups
- Human rights advocate
- Recognized by the World Institute on Disability for effective employment program development

**Joanie Parker**

349 West Commercial Street, Suite 2795  
Rochester, NY 14445

Heritage Christian Services, Director of Vocational and Day Services

- Directs agency-wide quality assurance and policy development
- Facilitated the formation of the Rochester area Employment Alliance
- Advocate with the NYS Consortium for Advancing Supported Employment (NYSCASE)
- Facilitates monthly support groups for caregivers/family members
- Member, New York Association of Day Service Providers Board of Directors

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

### **Tonya Robinson**

47 Rivers Edge Dr.  
Morrisonville, NY 12962

Champlain Valley Educational Services, Coordinator, Job Placement Services

- Transition Plan Developer for students with disabilities
- Model Transition Program Grant awardee
- United Way Career Pathways Stipend Fund Grant awardee

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

### **Michael A. Sherman**

128 Harvey Road  
West Chazy New York, 12992

North Country Center for Independence, Peer Counselor Coordinator/ IL Specialist

- Transition Counselor at Plattsburgh High School
- M.A.S., Administrative Leadership Counseling
- Tutor
- Musician

Attachment 2

**State Rehabilitation Council  
(Term Expirations)**

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

2014 Nicole David, Administrative Assistant, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, P.O. Box 362, Rooseveltown, NY 13683

**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

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

2015 Martha Jackson, Goodwill NY/NJ, 210 West 101<sup>st</sup> St., New York, NY 10025

### **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

### **Current or former applicants/recipients of vocational rehabilitation services**

2016 Mira L. Bowin, 1125 Lucas Avenue Extension, Hurley, New York 12443

### **Representative of the state educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services**

2016 Sophie McDermott, New York State Education Department, Special Education, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

### **Certified vocational rehabilitation counselor**

2016 LaWanda H. Cook, 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

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

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

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

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

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 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

**Continuing Ex-Officio**

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

Jill Dorsi, LCSW, Bureau of Program Coordination & Support, NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Tyler Spangenberg, Program Planner, NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210

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