




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: MaryEllen Elia
SUBJECT: Appointment of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
DATE: September 18, 2018
AUTHORIZATIONS: 

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Phyllis Morris to the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?

Reason for Consideration

Ms. Morris comes to SED from the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities where she served as an Associate Commissioner for Division of Enterprise Solutions and had responsibility for executing and managing contracts and directing 14 statewide Business Offices in providing fiscal and administrative support to regional State operated programs serving intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals. Prior to that, Ms. Morris served as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance where she directed the implementation of new programmatic and cost savings initiatives saving the State \$90 million annually. Her vast experience will be an asset as she serves in the role of CFO.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents reviewed Ms. Morris's credentials and experience in Executive Session on September 18, 2018.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Ms. Phyllis Morris to the position of Chief Financial Officer.