



TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Mark Schaming 
SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
DATE: October 4, 2018
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint five new members to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries?

Background Information

The fifteen members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries advise the Board on issues concerning library policy, work with the officers of the State Education Department in developing a comprehensive statewide library and information policy and make recommendations to the Regents for implementing library programs and initiatives.

Current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries include:

- Laurie Conway Brooks, Past Associate Deputy Director of Office of Library Services at Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Emily Eich, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator (K-8) at East Moriches Union Free School District
- Nate Hill, Director of Metropolitan New York Library Council
- Susan Kowalski, Librarian at Pine Grove Middle School at the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District
- Mary-Alice Lynch, Trustee at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library
- Susan Polos, School Library Media Specialist at Bedford Central School District
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist at A. Philip Randolph Campus High School (New York City)
- Charles Shatzkin, President of the Board of Trustees for New Woodstock Free Library

- Michael E. Stoller, Associate Dean of Collections and Research Services at Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, New York University
- Arlene Way, Past Library Trustee for Albany Public Library

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner's appointments.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for staggered terms effective November 1, 2018:

- Greg Benoit, Library Director, Gates Public Library (*5-year term*)
- Grace Riario, Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator, Ramapo Catskill Library System (*5-year term*)
- Brian Hildreth, Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System (*3-year term*)
- Timothy G. Burke, Executive Director, Upper Hudson Library System (*2-year term*)
- Tatiana Bryant, Assistant Professor/Outreach and Promotion Librarian, Adelphi University (*1-year term*)