

| TO: | The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents |
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| FROM: | MaryEllen Elia |
| SUBJECT: | Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Archives |
| DATE: | November 17, 2015 |
| AUTHORIZATIONS: | Naugellin Elia |

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Thomas Ruller to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Archives?

Reason for Consideration

Thomas Ruller will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in the statewide archival program. Since 2014, he has been serving as Acting State Archivist while also currently serving as the Director of Operations for the Office of Cultural Education. Previously, he has served as the Coordinator of Information Technology for Cultural Education and prior to that Associate Archivist. Tom began his career at the Department as a Project Archivist in 1988. He has also served as an Archivist for the State of Alabama, Department of Archives and History. His extensive experience will be an asset as he serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Ruller's credentials and experience in Executive Session on November 17, 2015.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Thomas Ruller to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Archives effective November 18, 2015.