



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Kevin G. Smith *KGS*  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council  
**DATE:** October 24, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Elizabeth R Berlin*

## SUMMARY

### **Issue for Consent Agenda**

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointments of members of the SRC by the Board of Regents.

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

The Federal Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 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 November 2019 meeting.

### **Procedural History**

Each year, as the vacancies occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill the vacancies.

### **Background Information**

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1.

## **Related Regent's Items**

[State Rehabilitation Council Appointments October 2018](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca1.pdf)

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## **Recommendation**

**VOTED:** Naomi Brickel be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

**VOTED:** Miranda Harms be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

**VOTED:** Jenny Hutkowski be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Board of Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2020.

Attachments

## **Attachment 1**

### **New York State Rehabilitation Council**

(New Appointment for Term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023)

#### **Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider**

Naomi Brickel, M.S. Ed.

Director of Community Support Network, Public Policy Coordinator  
Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD), Valhalla, NY

- Oversight for \$1 million+ annual budget comprised of NYSED, OPWDD, ACCES-VR and school district contracts, Self-Direction services, and other gifts and foundation support.
- Comprehensive strategic planning and program development process.
- Grant writing and reporting for contracts and foundation funding.
- Public speaking and presentations at state and national conferences.
- Development, coordination and promotion of all organizational state and federal policy initiatives.

#### **Representative of Business, Industry and/or Labor Organization**

Miranda Harms

RochesterWorks!, Rochester, NY  
Career Services Advisor

- Coaching individuals with disabilities to prepare them for employment and reduce the risk of discrimination or suffering job performance due to disability.
- Creating material for and facilitating a Disability and Disclosure workshop to educate participants on what their rights are under the ADA, and how to request reasonable accommodations that will enable them to be successful on the job.
- Collaborating with ACCES-VR and other community partners to establish a system of care that ensures that clients' needs are met by making quality referrals.

#### **Representative of Parent and Training Information Center**

Jenny Hutkowski

Director Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) and New York State Education  
Parent Center  
Rochester, NY

- Co-Chair Greater Rochester Special Education Center.
- Co-Director of Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA) Training and Information Center (PTIC) grant – NYS Transition Partners.

## New York State Rehabilitation Council

### Current Members (Effective January 1, 2019)

**Tonya Robinson-Mayer**, Chair, representing Transition Educational Services  
*Plattsburgh, NY*

**Joseph M. Delgado**, Co-Vice Chair, representing Disability Advocacy Group  
*Holtsville, NY*

**Joan Parker**, Co-Vice Chair, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*East Rochester, NY*

**Megan Brown** representing the New York State Education Department/Special  
Education (SED)  
*Albany, NY*

**Melissa Campbell** representing Business, Industry, and Labor  
*Buffalo, NY*

**Sebastian Chittilappilly** representing Disability Advocacy Group  
*Bronx, NY*

**Paul Czech** representing Disability Advocacy Group  
*Wynantskill, NY*

**Helene Fallon** representing Parent Training and Information Centers  
*Brookville, NY*

**Alan Gallagher** representing the New York State Department Labor (DOL) Workforce  
Investment Board  
*Albany, NY*

**Vacant** representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers

**Rachel Jones** representing Business, Industry, and Labor  
*Loudonville, NY*

**Gregory Lau** representing Transition Educational Services  
*Pelham, NY*

**Robert Leiter** representing Disability Advocacy Group  
*Niagara Falls, NY*

**Jennifer M. Machucki** representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Williamsville, NY*

**Lindsay Miller** representing New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC).  
*Albany, NY*

**Erica M. Molina** representing Client Assistance Program (CAP).  
*Albany, NY*

**Hillary Nichols** representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Kingston, NY*

**Susan Scheer** representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*New York, NY*

**Vacant** representing Native American Tribes

**Ellice Switzer** representing Business, Industry, and Labor  
*Ithaca, NY*

**Vacant** representing Disability Advocacy Group

## Non-Voting Members, Ex-Officio Members, and State Partners

**Ceylane Meyers-Ruff** representing the New York State Education Department (SED) - Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)

**Melinda Dolezal** representing the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

**Peter Herrig** representing the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYCB)

**Angela M Lockhart** representing the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)

**Liam McNabb** representing the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

**Lynne Thibdeau** representing the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

## ACCES-VR Staff Committee Liaisons

**Jennifer Semonite** liaison to the Executive Committee

**Lori Boyd** liaison to the Workforce Development Committee

**Laura Hartmann** liaison to the Transition Committee

**David Morgan** liaison to the Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee

**Jennifer Semonite** liaison to the Policy, Procedure, and State Plan Committee