





TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Mark Schaming 
SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
DATE: November 5, 2020
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve of the Interim Commissioner's recommendation to appoint three new members to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of policy.

Proposed Handling

These appointments will be presented to the Cultural Education Committee for approval at the November 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

Procedural History

New appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are presented to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

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:

- Greg Benoit, Director of Irondequoit Public Library

- Tatiana Bryant, Assistant Professor/Outreach and Promotion Librarian, Adelphi University
- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator at New York Public Library
- Brian Hildreth, Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System
- 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
- Susan Polos, school librarian at Fox Lane High School
- Grace Riario, Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator, Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist at A. Philip Randolph Campus High School
- Charles Shatzkin, President of the Board of Trustees for New Woodstock Free Library
- Dr. Jamie Smith, Dean of Liberal Arts, Science, and Initiatives at Erie Community College
- Manami Tezuka, Supervisor of Library Media Services at Syracuse City School District

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

The Interim Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for terms effective December 1, 2020:

- Meg Backus, Executive Director, Northern New York Library Network, Potsdam *(5-year term)*
- AnnaLee Dragon, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library *(5-year term)*
- Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty, Associate University Librarian, Cornell University *(5-year term)*

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointments will be effective December 1, 2020 for five-year terms.