



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM:

Kevin G. Smith 

SUBJECT:

Appointments to the New York State Rehabilitation Council

DATE:

December 10, 2015

AUTHORIZATION(S):



SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Should the Board of Regents approve of proposed appointments and reappointments of members to the SRC?

Reason(s) for Consideration

The federal Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act, requires the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Proposed Handling

Consent agenda item for approval to the Board of Regents at the December 14, 2015 full Board meeting.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1.

Recommendation

VOTE: That Michael Godino and Howard Gross be appointed as voting members for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

VOTE: That Martha Jackson, Beatrice Schmidt, C. William Schultz, and Chad Underwood, be reappointed for a three year term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Board of Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2016.

Attachments

**New York State Rehabilitation Council
(New Appointments for term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018)**

Representative of business, industry, and labor

Howard Gross, Owner
eBizDocs, Inc.
85 Broadway
Menands, NY 12204-2782

- eBizDocs was recognized by “CIO Review” magazine as one of the top 20 most promising Document Management System Solution Providers
- A fierce proponent of advancing employment for people with disabilities that have been traditionally underrepresented in integrated employment settings
- Partnering with the Rensselaer ARC on a number of progressive employment initiatives statewide
- Facilitated opportunities for individuals with a range of disabling conditions to enter the workforce including returning veterans who have become disabled while serving our country

Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers

Michael Godino, Youth and Vision Loss Project Manager
Visions Services for the Blind
104 Tilrose Avenue
Malverne, NY 11565

- Developed an advocacy program to expand cross-disability service referrals to agencies and organizations within NYC
- Researched and analyzed the provision of reasonable accommodations and services in Education and Rehabilitation for individuals who are blind under the ADA, 504 and IDEA
- Published informational mentoring resource guides for parents and youth with vision loss

**State Rehabilitation Council
(Term Expirations)**

Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

2016 LaWanda H. Cook, PhD., M.S., CRC, Extension Associate/Training Specialist
Northeast ADA Center, ILR - Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell
University, 201 Dolgen Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853

Representative of NYS Education Department

2016 Sophie McDermott, New York State Education Department, Special Education,
Program Development, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

Representatives of community rehabilitation program service providers

2017 Michael Irwin, Program Director, Greater Syracuse Works, 516 Burt Street,
Syracuse, NY 13202

2017 Fredda Rosen, Executive Director, Job Path, 22 West 38th Street, 11th Floor, New
York, NY 10018

2017 Michael A Sherman, Peer Counselor Coordinator/IL Specialist, North Country
Center for Independence, 80 Sharron Ave, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

2017 Joann Marshall, Rehabilitation Counselor II, Central New York Psychiatric
Center, 9005 Old River Road, Marcy, N.Y. 13403

2017 Joanie Parker, Director of Day and Vocational Initiatives, Heritage Christian
Services, 349 West Commercial St, Suite 2795, East Rochester NY 14445

**Representative of a Parent Training and Information Center established pursuant
to the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)**

2017 Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director, United We Stand of New York, 91
Harrison Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Representatives of disability advocacy groups

2017 Roger Purdy, Director, Disability Support Services, LeMoyne College, 4158
Cherrywood Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215

2017 Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, Esq., Director of Advocacy/Community Organizer,
Center for Independence of the Disabled, 17 Gates Avenue, Montclair, NJ
07042

- 2017 Shain Anderson, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, New York, NY 10038
- 2017 Paul Czech, Esq., Paul Czech & Associates, 68 Indian Pipe Drive Wynantskill, NY 12198
- 2017 Helene Fallon, Project Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center (LIPC), 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, NY 11548

Representatives of business, industry, and labor

- 2017 Craig Wolfson, Esq., Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, 44 Manhattan Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590
- 2017 Deborah Croce, Director of Human Resources, Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park, 50 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019

Representative of Transition Educational Services

- 2017 Tonya Robinson-Mayer, Partners in Transition Coordinator, Champlain Valley Educational Services, CV-TEC, 194, US Oval, Suite 228, Plattsburgh, NY 12903

Representative of Native American Projects (Section 121)

- 2018 Holley Boots, Counselor Vocational Rehabilitation Program, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, P.O. Box 362, Rooseveltown, NY 13683

Representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council (NYSILC)

- 2018 Chad Underwood, COO, Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc., 26 North Main St., Cortland, NY 13045

Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers

- 2018 C. William Schultz, Program Director - Vocational/Employment Programs, People Inc., 1219 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14231

Representative of business, industry, and labor

- 2018 Martha Jackson, Disability Employment & Business Relations, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10038

Representative of disability advocacy groups

- 2018 Beatrice Schmidt, Corporate Services Specialist, National Business & Disability Council (NBDC) at The Viscardi Center, 201 I. U. Willets Road, Albertson, NY 11507-1599

Current or former applicant/recipient of vocational rehabilitation services

2018 Jennifer M. Machucki, 1410 Maple Road, Williamsville, New York 14221

Representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) (ongoing)

Erica Molina, Coordinator, NYS Client Assistance Program, Disability Advocates, Inc. 5 Clinton Square, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207

Representative of the State Workforce Investment Board (ongoing)

Alan Gallagher, Division of Employment & Workforce Solutions, NYS Department of Labor (DOL), State Office Campus, Albany, NY 12240

Ex-Officio Members (ongoing)

Julie Hovey, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCB), 843 Union Ave, 2nd Fl., New Windsor, NY 12553

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Director, Employment & Meaningful Community Activities, NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Liam McNabb, Director of the Rehabilitation Services, NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Lisa Rosano-Kaczowski, Director, TRAIID/AH Programs, NYS Justice Center, 161 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12054