



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Kevin G. Smith *Kevin G. Smith*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council
DATE: November 29, 2018
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Margaret E. Eis*

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 and reappointments 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 December 2018 meeting.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointee is noted in Attachment 1 and the full list of the State Rehabilitation Council is noted in Attachment 2.

Related Regent's Items

[October 2014](#)

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca1.pdf>

[November 2017](#)

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1217brca2.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTED: Alan Gallagher be appointed to an ongoing term beginning January 1, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidate, the appointment will go into effect January 1, 2019.

Attachments

New York State Rehabilitation Council
New Appointment for ongoing term to begin January 1, 2019

Representative of the State Workforce Investment Board

Alan Gallagher
Workforce Programs Specialist 3
Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions (DEWS)
New York State Department of Labor
Harriman State Office Campus
Albany, NY 12240

New York State Rehabilitation Council

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Representatives of Community Rehabilitation Program Service Providers

Chad Underwood, COO, Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc., 26 North Main St., Cortland, NY 13045 (Term expires December 31, 2018)

Valerie DeClara, OPWDD-Start Up/Support Broker, 2832 Clark Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Joanie Parker, Director of Day and Vocational Initiatives, Heritage Christian Services, 349 West Commercial St, Suite 2795, East Rochester NY 14445 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Michael Godino, Vision Services for the Blind, 104 Tilrose Ave, Malverne, NY 11565 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Hillary Nichols, Employment Coordinator, Resource Center for Accessible Living Inc. (RCAL), 727 Ulster Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

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

Helene Fallon, Project Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center (LIPC), 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, NY 11548 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

Representative of the State Education Agency

Megan Brown, Associate in Education of Children with Disabilities, Office of Special Education, NYS Department of Education, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 309 EB, Albany, NY 12234 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

Representatives of Disability Advocacy Groups

Paul Czech, Esq., Paul Czech & Associates, 107 Ridge Lane, Waltham, MA 02452 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

Joseph Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO), 755 Waverly Avenue, Holtsville, NY 11779 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Mica Gonzalez, Central Regional Youth Partner, Families Together in NYS (YOUTH POWER!), 906 Spencer Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Sebastian Chittilappilly, Director of West Farms Day Program and Vocational Services, Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Robert Leiter, 746 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14301 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Lynnette Torgalski, Director of Erie County Independent Living Center, Western New York Independent Living, 3108 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Current or Former Applicant/Recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Jennifer M. Machucki, 1410 Maple Road, Williamsville, New York 14221 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Representative of Business, Industry, and Labor

Howard Gross, President, E-Biz Docs, 85 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204 (Term expires December 31, 2018)

Melissa Campbell, Owner, Creator, Ultra Hoops and Wellness, Buffalo, NY 14213 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

Ellice Switzer, Cornell University ILR School, 2021 Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

Rachel Jones, Director of Operations, AVI Food Systems, Siena College, Latham, NY 12110 (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Representative of Transition Educational Services

Tonya Robinson-Mayer, Partners in Transition Coordinator, Champlain Valley Educational Services, CV-TEC, 194, US Oval, Suite 228, Plattsburgh, NY 12903 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Susan Scheer, Chief Executive Officer, ICD-Institute for Career Development, 123 William Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10038 (Term expires December 31, 2020)

Gregory Lau, Interim Assistant Director of Special Education – High School Programs City School District of New Rochelle (Term expires December 31, 2021)

Representative of New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) (ongoing)

Lindsay Miller, Executive Director, New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL), Albany, NY 12208

Representative of Native American Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Melissa Schindler, Director, Seneca Nation Department of Employment and Training, Seneca Nation of Indians, Irving, NY 14801 (Term expires December 31, 2019)

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 State Agency for Mental Health (ongoing)

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