



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Kevin G. Smith *Kevin G. Smith*

SUBJECT: Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

DATE: November 21, 2019

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SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to NYSILC by the Board of Regents.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2019 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 and a list of the entire NYSILC is noted in Attachment 2.

Recommendation

VOTED: that Luticha Doucette be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that Cynthia Alcozer be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that Aaron Baier be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that Crystal Rivera be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that John Zick be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that Aileen Martin be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

VOTED: that Doug Usiak be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

Related Regent's Items

[December 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1218brca1.pdf) (<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1218brca1.pdf>)

Timetable for Implementation

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

Attachments

New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(New Appointments for terms January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.)

ACCES is recommending two new appointments resulting from two members terming off the council as well as five reappointments of existing members.

Cynthia Alcozer

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- Has over 25 years of experience advocating for individuals with disabilities including 20 years of experience developing, assessing, recruiting, supervising and approving services for individuals with developmental disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI).
- Worked as Family Service Coordinator at LiveOnNY, INC. and as Assistant Director of TBI In-Home Services at CFS, INC.

Luticha Doucette

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- Has over 10 years of experience with the development of computational tools and data analysis including program management oversight in the Rochester Mayor's Office of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives.
- Worked as ADA Compliance Coordinator at the Rochester Department of Human Resource Management and has several publications of research on science and disabilities.

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(Term Expirations)**

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2021 Vacancy

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Other Appropriate Individuals

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