





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Daniel Morton-Bentley 
SUBJECT: Supplemental Charter Application
DATE: December 8, 2023
AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Approval of supplemental charter action.

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute (Education Law §226(4)).

Proposed Handling

Approval in accordance with the recommendation by the program office which is contained in the attached summary.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

On May 4, 2020, the Rockwell Falls Public Library was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents. Subsequently, on or about November 8, 2023, the Department learned that the number of trustees on the Board of the Rockwell Falls Public Library had fallen below that necessary for a quorum, and under the pertinent facts, the Board of Regents has the sole authority to fill said vacancies. Education law section 226 (4) authorizes the Board of Regents to appoint trustees to library boards should the vacancies result in reducing the number below two-thirds of the full number.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: Approve the recommendation contained in the supplemental charter action summary.

Timetable for Implementation

Not applicable.

CHARTER ACTION

APPOINTMENT OF

TRUSTEES No 1.

ROCKWELL FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Rockwell Falls Public Library (“RFPL”) was granted a provisional charter on May 4, 2020 to operate a school district public library to serve the residents of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District. The education corporation is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected by a public vote. Three of the five seats are currently vacant due to resignations. Education Law § 226 (4) provides that any vacancy reducing the number of trustees to less than two-thirds of the full number may be filled by the Board of Regents. The Office of Cultural Education/Division of Library Development therefore recommends that the Board of Regents appoint the following individuals to the three vacant trustee positions of the education corporation, effective immediately, with such appointees to hold office until the results of the next annual election are effective (i.e., through June 30, 2024): Rosemarie Gardner, Margaret Hartley, and Ted Mirczak.