





**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Mark Schaming   
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries  
**DATE:** November 30, 2023  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

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

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by state regulation.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue is presented to the Cultural Education Committee for discussion and recommendation to the Full Board for adoption at its December 2023 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.

Due to three members' terms expiring (one of which was a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy), there are currently three seats open.

Recently concluded and outgoing members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are:

- Tatiana Bryant, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Research Services, Barnard College
- Grace Riario, Executive Director, Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Kate Hammill, Director, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Library System (one-year vacancy-filling appointment)

Remaining current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries are:

- Meg Backus (Vice Chair), Executive Director, Northern New York Library Network
- Greta Byrum, Program Director, Just Tech at Social Science Research Center
- AnnaLee Dragon, Director, New York Library Association
- Sandra Michele Echols, School Media Specialist, New York City Department of Education
- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, New York Public Library
- Shakema Miller, Outreach and Partnership Specialist, Nassau Library System
- Miranda Mims, Joseph N. Lambert and Harold B. Schleifer Director of Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation for the University of Rochester
- Jesse Montero, Director, Yonkers Public Library
- Dr. Beth Patin, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University's School of Information Studies
- Maria Fernando Pardo, Literacy Department Head, Glen Cove Public Library
- Dr. Jamie D. Smith, Chief Academic Officer, Educational Affairs, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Alicia Thompson, Director, Erie 1 BOCES School Library System

**Related Regents Item**

Not applicable.

## **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the appointments recommended by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for terms effective December 1, 2023:

- Justin Cree, Director, Akwesasne Cultural Center
- Kate Hammill, Director, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Library System
- Dr. Corinthia Price, Librarian, The Green Vale School

## **Timetable for Implementation**

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointments of Justin Cree, Kate Hammill, and Dr. Corinthia Price will be effective immediately and will expire in December 2028.