



**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

**FROM:** Mark Schaming 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries

**DATE:** December 30, 2021

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

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

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by state statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will be presented to the Cultural Education Committee for approval at the January 2022 Board of Regents 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.

Current members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries include:

- Meg Backus, Executive Director, Northern New York Library Network, Potsdam
- Greta Byrum, Program Director, Just Tech at Social Science Research Council, Beacon
- Greg Benoit, Director, Irondequoit Public Library
- Tatiana Bryant, Research Librarian for Digital Humanities, History, and African American Studies, University of California Irvine, Garden City
- AnnaLee Dragon, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library
- S. Michele Echols, School Media Specialist, Science Skills Center High School for Science, Technology, and Creative Arts, New York City
- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, New York Public Library
- Susan Kowalski, Librarian, Pine Grove Middle School at the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District
- Susan Polos, Middle School Librarian, Greenwich Country Day School, Katonah
- Grace Riario, Chief Executive Officer, Ramapo Catskill Library System, Middletown
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist, A. Philip Randolph Campus High School, New York City
- Dr. Jamie Smith, Chief Academic Officer, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo
- Alicia Thompson, Director, Erie 1 BOCES School Library System, West Seneca

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the Commissioner's appointments.

The Commissioner recommends the appointment of Miranda Mims, Director, Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation at the University of Rochester, to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to fill the unexpired term of Tamar Evangelistia-Dougherty.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If approved by the Board of Regents, the appointment will be effective immediately and will expire in December 2025.