





**TO:** Cultural Education Committee  
**FROM:** Mark Schaming   
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries  
**DATE:** March 4, 2021  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint one new member to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to fill an unfulfilled term?

**Reason for Consideration**

For action.

**Proposed Handling**

This item will come before the Cultural Education Committee for discussion at its March 2021 meeting and will go before the Board of Regents for approval.

**Procedural History**

Not applicable.

**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
- Greg Benoit, Director of Irondequoit Public Library

- Tatiana Bryant, Assistant Professor/Outreach and Promotion Librarian, Adelphi University
- AnnaLee Dragon, Director, Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty, Associate University Librarian, Cornell University
- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator at New York Public Library
- Brian Hildreth, Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System
- Nate Hill, Director of Metropolitan New York Library Council
- Susan Kowalski, Librarian at Pine Grove Middle School at the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District
- Susan Polos, School Librarian at Fox Lane High School
- Grace Riario, Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator, Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist at A. Philip Randolph Campus High School
- Charles Shatzkin, President of the Board of Trustees for New Woodstock Free Library
- Dr. Jamie Smith, Dean of Liberal Arts, Science, and Initiatives at Erie Community College

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner's appointment.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointment to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to fill an unexpired term effective immediately upon appointment and through September 30, 2024:

- Alicia Thompson, School Library System Director, Erie 1 BOCES

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Regents approve, these appointments will go into effect immediately.