





**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

**FROM:** Mark Schaming 

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

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint three new members to fill vacancies on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums?

**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 Full Board for approval.

**Procedural History**

At the January 2012 meeting, the Board supported the creation of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums to advise the Board and the Departments. The Regents Advisory Council on Museums is appointed pursuant to 8 NYCRR 3.12(a)(4). Members serve up to a five-year term by appointment of the Commissioner with approval by the Board of Regents.

## **Background Information**

Members of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums offer advice and consultation on issues of policy and service pursuant to the Board's statutory mandate to operate the State Museum and oversee museums across New York State. The Advisory Council is supported by staff from the Office of Cultural Education and the Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education acts as the convener and chair of the Council.

Current members of the council include:

- Suzanne LeBlanc, President of the Long Island Children's Museum
- Paul S. D'Ambrosio, President and CEO of the Fenimore Art Museum
- Daniel Slippen, Vice President of Government Relations of the American Museum of Natural History
- Jan Ramirez, Chief Curator of the National September 11 Memorial Museum
- Joe Lin-Hill, Deputy Director of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Dunbar, Director of the Everson Museum of Art
- Gretchen Sorin, Director and Distinguished Professor at the Cooperstown Graduate Program for Museum Studies
- Meg Ventrudo, Executive Director of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art
- Peter Jemison, Native American artist and curator
- Barbara Hunt McLanahan, Executive Director of the Children's Museum of the Arts
- David Kahn, Executive Director of the Adirondack Experience, Museum on Blue Mountain Lake
- Jonathon Binstock, Director of the Memorial Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Jacks, Executive Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site
- Tracy Fitzpatrick, Director of the Neuberger Museum of Art at SUNY Purchase

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the Commissioner's appointments. The Commissioner recommends the following appointments:

Mieke L. Fay, Director of Education and Interpretation at the Corning Museum of Glass to be appointed to a five-year term through December 31, 2025.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

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