



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: MaryEllen Elia
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs
DATE: June 14, 2016

AUTHORIZATIONS:

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Emily DeSantis to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs?

Reason for Consideration

Emily DeSantis will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Public Relations. Since December 2016, she has been serving as Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Previously, she has served as the Deputy Director of Communications for the Environment, Office of the Governor and Director of Media Relations for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. She has also served as Deputy Press Secretary for the Office of the State Comptroller. Her extensive experience will be an asset as she serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Ms. DeSantis's credentials and experience in Executive Session on June 14, 2016.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Emily DeSantis to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs effective June 14, 2016.