



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Cosimo Tangorra, Jr. *Cosimo Tangorra Jr.*  
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to New York State School for the Deaf Board of Visitors  
**DATE:** September 8, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *J. B. 959.*  
**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the appointments of Betty Sabia and Roman Kazragis to the Board of Visitors at the New York State School for the Deaf?

**Proposed Handling**

This item will come before the Board of Regents for action at the September 2014 meeting.

**Procedural History**

Each year, as vacancies occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill such vacancies.

**Background Information**

Section 4353 of Education Law requires the Board of Regents to appoint an Advisory Board of Visitors of the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome, New York.

## **Recommendation**

The following individuals will be appointed to fill two vacancies on the New York State School for the Deaf Board of Visitors: Betty Sabia will be appointed to serve a five-year term ending June 30, 2019; and Roman Kazragis will be appointed to serve a five-year term ending June 30, 2019. Information on the proposed appointees is noted on Attachment 1.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

If approved, Ms. Sabia and Mr. Kazragis will begin serving at the September 2014 Board of Visitors meeting.

Attachment

**New York State School for the Deaf Board of Visitors  
(New Appointments)**

**June 2019, BOV Expiration Date** – Representing the Deaf Community and Alumni

**Betty Sabia**

6403 Lamphear Road  
Rome, NY 13440

- Father attended NYSSD
- 20 years as interpreter/Teacher Assistant at Madison-Oneida BOCES
- Liaison between NYSSD and BOCES educators
- Taught adult Sign Language classes for BOCES
- Assisted deaf and hard of hearing students in Culinary Arts, Nursing, Criminal Justice, and Equine studies

Ms. Sabia would be replacing Louise Glasso, who left in 2013.

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**Roman Kazragis**

511 West Bloomfield Street  
Rome, NY 13440

- Taught at NYSSD for 30 years (1981-2011)
- Currently is an ASL Scorer for Pearson
- Graduate of Gallaudet University
- Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf
- National Association of the Deaf

Mr. Kazragis will be replacing Karen Fontana, who left in 2013.