





**TO:** Cultural Education Committee  
**FROM:** Mark Schaming   
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries  
**DATE:** September 26, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### SUMMARY

#### Issue for Decision

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Interim Commissioner's recommendation to appoint five new members to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries?

#### 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:

- Greg Benoit, Director of Gates Public Library
- Timothy G. Burke, Executive Director, Upper Hudson Library System
- Emily Eich, school librarian at East Moriches Union Free School District
- 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
- Arlene Way, Past Library Trustee for Albany Public Library

## **Recommendation**

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

The Interim Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for terms effective November 1, 2019:

- Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator at New York Public Library (*5-year term*)
- Manami Tezuka, Supervisor of Library Media Services at Syracuse City School District (*5-year term*)
- Dr. Jamie Smith, Dean of Liberal Arts, Science, and Initiatives at Erie Community College (*5-year term*)
- Tatiana Bryant, Assistant Professor/Outreach and Promotion Librarian, Adelphi University (*4-year term*)