
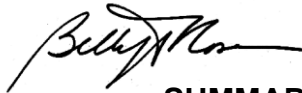




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Ceylane Meyers-Ruff 
SUBJECT: Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council
DATE: November 5, 2020

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointments of members of the SRC by the Board of Regents.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the Full Board at its November 2020 meeting.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1.

Related Regent's Items

State Rehabilitation Council Appointments October 2020
<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1119brca1.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTED: Joseph Amodeo be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023

VOTED: Valarie Gambino-Carelli be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023

VOTED: Kathleen Grosvenor be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Nancy Grant be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Chana Meir be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Anthony Morano be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Evelyn Pugh be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Robert Statham be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: Toni Sullivan be appointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Board of Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2021.

Attachments

Attachment 1

New York State Rehabilitation Council

(New appointment for term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023)

Representative of Current or Former Applicant for, or Recipient of, Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Chana Meir
Community Volunteer

- Over 15 years of experience in the field of human services including as a mental health therapy aide and case manager in a recovery permanent supportive housing program.
- Experience working with individuals with behavioral health, physical and sensory needs.
- Experienced in evaluation, person-centered planning, family development and utilizing an approach balancing empathy and pragmatism to support individuals with disabilities.

Representative of a Parent Training Information Center and Current or Former Applicant for or, Recipient of, Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Evelyn Pugh
Parent Advocate

- Family Co-Chair, Community Advocate of Brooklyn Community Board 5.
- Certified Parent Member of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team trained to assist and support other parents at IEP meetings.
- Compassionate, experienced educator of parents, community members and young adults with disabilities.

Representative of Disability Advocacy Groups Representing A Cross Section of Individuals

Robert Statham
President/CEO
Pathlight Career Counseling Services

- Over 18 years of experience in the field of supported employment and counseling with diverse job seekers with disabilities and justice-involved individuals.
- Trainer and Technical Assistance Facilitator with the New York State Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation (NYAPRS) providing trainings related to trauma-informed care and systems response, employment opportunities for individuals with diverse disabilities and multiple barriers to employment.
- Expert vocational consultant on the Boston University Institute of Community Inclusion Enhanced Online Technical Assistance Response (OTAR).

Representative of Business, Industry and/or Labor Organization

Valerie Gambino-Carelli
CEO
C3 Quest/Learner First, LLC.

- Educational innovator with 29 years of experience in workforce development, career and college success programs, and the administration and delivery of data driven academic programs.
- Founded a company that provides comprehensive academic, workforce development and placement services for youth and adults.
- Co-founded an on-line and blended learning school improvement company that generated in excess of \$1.8 million in revenue and served between 1,000 – 1,800 students annually.

Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider

Joseph Amodeo
Senior Director of Strategy
Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC)

- Oversees the delivery of vocational rehabilitation services, services to older adults, and the newly created pathway to high school equivalency for young adults and adults with autism.
- Manages the agency's internship and job placement program for individuals with autism and intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Oversight of agency's external professional training programs.

Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider

Nancy Grant
Career Strategist – Employment Advisor
Regional Career and Employment Services

- Owner and operator of independent career advancement practice.
- ACCES-VR Core Rehabilitation Services vendor authorized to provide Pre-Employment Training Services (Pre-ETS), Job Placement, Coaching and Communication Supports.
- Advanced knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), workplace accommodations, benefits advisement, and disability and disclosure.

Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider

Kathleen A. Grosvenor

Member of the New York State Education Department Licensing Board for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

- Responsible for development of policy statements and practice guidelines for the NYSED Licensing Board for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
- Generated school-wide language allocation policy for the Department of English Language Learners and Student Support.
- Recognized by school and professional organizations for excellence in mentoring and family training, establishment of collaborative models, and promoting awareness and best practices to the public.

Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider

Anthony Morano

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Specialist

Helio Health

- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner experienced in supported employment, mentoring and advocacy.
- Responsible for the provision of recovery-oriented activities, interventions and skill-development.
- Experience working with individuals with significant barriers to employment.

Representative of a Community Rehabilitation Service Provider

Toni Sullivan

Director of Vocational Services

Aspire of Western New York

- Responsible for the recruitment, hiring and training for a team of 18 Employment Specialists across three (3) Counties of Western New York.
- Coordinator of Vocational Services and Vocational Services/Benefits Advisor.
- Member of Aspire's policy committee as well as multi-agency committees for employment services.

Attachment 2

New York State Rehabilitation Council

Current Members (Effective January 1,2020)

Tonya Robinson-Mayer, Chair, representing Transition Educational Services
Plattsburgh, NY

Joseph M. Delgado, Co-Vice Chair, representing Disability Advocacy Group
Holtsville, NY

Ellice Switzer, Co-Vice Chair, representing Business, Industry, and Labor
Ithaca, NY

Naomi Brickel, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
Valhalla, NY

Megan Brown, representing the New York State Education Department/Special Education (NYSED) responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services
Albany, NY

Sebastian Chittilappilly, representing Disability Advocacy Group
Bronx, NY

Alan Gallagher, representing the New York State Department Labor (DOL) State Workforce Investment Board
Albany, NY

Miranda Harms, representing Business, Industry, and Labor
Rochester, NY

Jenny Hutkowski, representing a Parent Training and Information Center
Rochester, NY

Rachel Jones, representing Business, Industry, and Labor
Loudonville, NY

Gregory Lau, representing Transition Educational Services
Pelham, NY

Jennifer M. Machucki, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
Williamsville, NY

Lindsay Miller, representing New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC).
Albany, NY

Erica M. Molina, representing Client Assistance Program (CAP)
Albany, NY

Hillary Nichols, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
Kingston, NY

Joan Parker, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
East Rochester, NY

Susan Scheer, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
New York, NY

Non-Voting Members, Ex-Officio Members, and State Partners

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, representing the New York State Education Department - Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)

Melinda Dolezal, representing the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

Peter Herring, representing the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYCB)

Liam McNabb, representing the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

Lynne Thibdeau, representing the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)