



**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

**FROM:** Mark Schaming 

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

**DATE:** November 29, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision**

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

#### **Proposed Handling**

This item is before the Cultural Education Committee for discussion and will go before the Board of Regents 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:

- Kate Bennett, President of the Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Suzanne LeBlanc, President of the Long Island Children’s Museum
- Sara Pasti, Director of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz
- 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
- Kris Wetterlund, Director of Education and Interpretation of the Corning Museum of Glass
- 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

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner’s appointments. The Commissioner recommends the following appointments:

David Kahn, Executive Director of the Adirondack Experience The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, be appointed to a five-year term through December 31, 2023.

Barbara Hunt McLanahan, Executive Director of the Children’s Museum of the Arts, be appointed to a five-year term through December 31, 2023.