



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Ceylane Meyers-Ruff 

SUBJECT: Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

DATE: December 3, 2020

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to NYSILC by the Board of Regents.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

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

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1 and a list of the entire NYSILC is noted in Attachment 2.

Recommendation

VOTED: that Brodie Enoch be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

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

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

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

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

VOTED: that Vernon Bonse be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Kathryn Carroll be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Lynn Drucker be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Chad Eldred be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Cliff Perez be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Maria Samuels be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Jan Lynch be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Edith Prentiss be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

VOTED: that Joseph Tedesco be reappointed to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Related Regent's Items

[December 2019](#)

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1219brca1.pdf>

Timetable for Implementation

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

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(New Appointments for terms January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.)**

ACCES is recommending five new appointments resulting from five members terming off the council as well as nine reappointments of existing members.

Brodie Enoch

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- Has over 10 years of leadership and board membership experience including board member of the Central Harlem Senior Citizen Centers, Community Board 11 (NYC), and Addicts Rehabilitation Center.
- Has experience advocating for individuals with disabilities, including six years as founder and executive director of the 145th Street Alliance where he advocates for and improves services and accessibility for individuals with sight impairments.

Marcus Johnson

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- Has over 8 years of experience working in various capacities as an advocate for people with disabilities.
- Is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Distance Credentialed Counselor, Board Certified Tele Mental Health Provider, and a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) trainee.

Yesenia Torres

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- Has held 6 leadership, advocacy and lobbying positions in the areas of disability rights and transportation.
- Employment experience includes work to improve accessibility of Taxi and Limousine services, and outreach to people with disabilities, community boards and adult centers.

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- Has over 9 years of experience in the health field serving people with disabilities as an educator, project assistant and project manager in the Seneca Nation.
- Wrote and edited health and disability related articles, web content, advertising copy, periodicals and publications.

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- Has over 7 years of experience working as an attorney and advocacy director focusing on disability rights, civil rights, human rights, community outreach and organizing.
- Extensive leadership and community involvement including; the Monroe County Bar Assoc., Attorney Grievance Committee, National ADAPT, National Council on Independent Living, Rochester Spinal Assoc., and Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies.

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(Term Expirations)**

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