





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Ceylane Meyers-Ruff   
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council  
**DATE:** March 3, 2022  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

A vacancy on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) for a representative from the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has occurred. We are seeking the review and approval of the proposed appointment of Julia Kelly to 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 issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2022 meeting.

**Procedural History**

As the vacancies on the SRC occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill such vacancies.

**Background Information**

Information on the proposed appointee is included as Attachment 1 and a list of the Current Members is included as Attachment 2.

## **Related Regents Items**

State Rehabilitation Council Appointments April 2021

<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/321brca1.pdf>

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: Julia Kelly, the newly designated New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) representative, be appointed for an ongoing term beginning upon approval of the Board of Regents.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Board of Regents of the recommended candidate, the appointment will be effective as of April 1, 2022.

Attachments

## **Attachment 1**

### **New York State Rehabilitation Council**

(New appointment for ongoing term beginning April 1, 2022)

#### **Representative of the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)**

Julia Kelly

Developmental Disabilities Policy Development Specialist

Assistant Coordinator for Special Employment Programs

- Assists with the development of statewide policies and regulations. Analyzes state and federal regulations and standards to develop policies, regulations, and standards for service implementation.
- Implements the redesign of supported employment regulations, policies, billing practices and documentation.
- Develops partnerships with other state agencies related to the provision of employment, vocational and community services.
- Collects and analyzes data on the employment outcomes of individuals receiving OPWDD services.
- Coordinates the evaluation of employment, vocational and community day services.
- Coordinates and implements new employment procedures designed to transition individuals from traditional day services into employment and vocational services.
- Develops public relations materials related to employment, vocational and community services.

## Attachment 2

### New York State Rehabilitation Council

Current Members (Effective April 1, 2021)

**Ellice Switzer**, Chair, representing Business, Industry, and Labor  
*Ithaca, NY*

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

**Joseph Amodeo**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*New York, 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*

**Valarie Gambino-Carelli**, representing Business, Industry, and Labor  
*Kingston, NY*

**Kathleen Grosvenor**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Brooklyn, NY*

**Nancy Grant**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Canandaigua, NY*

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

**Anthony Morano**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Syracuse, NY*

**Hillary Nichols**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Kingston, NY*

**Evelyn Pugh**, representing a Parent Training and Information Center and Current or Former Applicant for, or Recipient of, Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
*Brooklyn, NY*

**Brenda Shannon**, Representing the Client Assistance Program (CAP)  
*Albany, NY*

**Robert Statham**, representing Disability Advocacy Groups A Cross Section of Individuals  
*Rochester, NY*

**Toni Sullivan**, representing Community Rehabilitation Service Providers  
*Getzville, 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 Herrig**, representing the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYCB)

**Andrew Sink**, representing the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

**Lafayette Williams**, representing the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC)