



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Ceylane Meyers-Ruff 

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

DATE: March 2, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decisions (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed appointment of a member to New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC).

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 issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

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

Related Regents Items

January 2023

[Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. \(nysed.gov\)](https://www.nysed.gov)

Recommendation

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

VOTED: that Rasheta Bunting be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidate, the appointment will go into effect retroactive to January 1, 2023.

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(New Appointment for term January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025)**

ACCES is recommending one new appointment, resulting from one member terming off the council.

Rasheta Bunting

902 East 86th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11236
(347) 337-4606

- Has over 25 years of experience interacting with young people with disabilities as a special education teacher, and as the state coordinator for a national program that provides braille and non-visual training to blind/low vision children.
- Has extensive networking and outreach experience within her community as a board member of Mott Haven and Highbridge, both underserved neighborhoods in the Bronx.
- Is a state and local board member of the National Federation of the Blind where she advocates and fights for the rights of blind/low vision people.

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

Representatives from Centers for Independent Living

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2023 Vacant

Parent/Guardian of an Individual with a Disability

None

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2023 Vacant

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Native American Representative

2023 Vacant

Ex Officio (DSE)

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