




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Betty A. Rosa

SUBJECT: Appointment of Jim Baldwin to the Senior Deputy
Commissioner for Education Policy

DATE: June 7, 2021

AUTHORIZATIONS: 

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Jim Baldwin to Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy?

Reason for Consideration

Jim Baldwin led Excelsior College for almost six years, first as Chief of Staff/Executive Vice President, then as President and Chief Executive Officer from June 2016 through July 2020. Prior to that, he spent more than a decade as District Superintendent of Questar III BOCES, where he also served as Chief Operating Officer/School Attorney. Jim is a former employee of the New York State Education Department, where he served as Chief of Staff and was responsible for advancing the Regents Reform Agenda.

Jim began his career as Counsel for the New York State Assembly and went on to serve as Executive Deputy Secretary of State and Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Troy, New York. Jim holds a Juris Doctor from Albany Law School, a Doctor of Education Administration from Columbia University, Teachers College, and a Bachelor of Arts from Union College.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation is to appoint Jim Baldwin to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy. This appointment will come before the Full Board of Regents for final action on June 7, 2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Jim Baldwin to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, he will start in the position in early July 2021.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Jim Baldwin to the position of Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy.