TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Shannon L. Tahoe

SUBJECT: Appointment of Acting Counsel & Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs

DATE: December 9, 2019

AUTHORIZATIONS: *Shannon L Tahoe*

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Aaron Baldwin to the position of Acting Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs?

Reason for Consideration

While Shannon Tahoe serves as Interim Commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York, Mr. Baldwin will serve as Acting Counsel. He will bring to the Acting Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs position nearly five years of experience as the Department's Assistant Counsel and Litigation Manager and approved by the Board in December 2019 to serve as the Department's Deputy Counsel. Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Baldwin spent seven years with the Attorney General's office serving as an Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau. Mr. Baldwin also held previous positions in private practice. Mr. Baldwin completed the New York Leadership Institute at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, earned a J.D. from St. John's University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its Executive Session for discussion at the December 9, 2019 Regents meeting and then come before the full Board for final action December 9, 2019.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Mr. Baldwin to the position of Acting Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective and he will start in the position December 10, 2019.

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Aaron Baldwin to Acting Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs effective December 10, 2019.