

April 22, 2021

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received, filed and printed:
 - a. COMM. 8E-3 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "Appointment to EC Arts & Cultural Advisory Board"
(Chair's Ruling)

March 25, 2021

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Appointments to Erie County Arts and Cultural Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Article 22, Section 2205 of the County charter, I hereby appoint the following individual to the Erie County Arts and Cultural Advisory Board. His term will expire December 31, 2023.

Appointee:
Broderick Cason
42 Warwick Avenue
Buffalo, New York 1215

Replacing:
Boukou Karchefsky, MBA, CICA
230 Fruitwood Terrace
Williamsville, New York 14221

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 5E-7 (2021)
BASKIN: "SUNY Erie Presidential Search Confidentiality Agreement and Committee Expectations"
(Chair's Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 6M-3 (2021)
BUFFALO & EC PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: "Minutes for Meeting Held on 02/18/21"
(Chair's Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 6M-4 (2021)
BUFFALO & EC PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: "Proposed Agenda for Meeting to be Held 03/18/21"
(Chair's Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 8M-1 (2021)
WNY LAW CENTER: "Letter to Chair of Legislature Regarding New Resources for Under-Resourced Communities in EC"
(Chair's Ruling)
3. COMM. 8E-26 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the college has programs with various accreditation requirements including the Clinical Laboratory Technician AAS degree program which is accredited by the international accreditation agency National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS); and

WHEREAS, the loss of accreditation could lead to loss of enrollment and decreased value of the degree to its graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Clinical Laboratory Technician program enrolled 42 students in spring 2020 and 29 students in spring 2021; and

WHEREAS, without a Program Director that meets NAACLS requirements, the program will lose NAACLS accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the program's Professor/Department Head Marcia Bermel, D.M. who was the recognized NAACLS Program Director, retired in January 2020 and current staff at the college do not meet the accreditation requirements needed to handle Program Director duties; and

WHEREAS, a Services Agreement was entered into with Dr. Bermel for the period October 26, 2020 through January 15, 2021 for under \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, that the original Services Agreement be amended to extend the term of employment, and that Dr. Bermel should continue through August 27, 2021, earning an additional \$47,224 at a rate of \$59.03 per hour for 25 hours per week for 32 weeks; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a new instructor meeting the NAACLS program requirements will be hired to fill the Program Director role and will begin in the Fall 2021 semester; and

WHEREAS, that the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees did approve a resolution to pursue Erie County Legislature approval of the Amendment's increased expenditure at its January 28, 2021 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby approves this resolution for the extension of the term appointment of the Program Director in the associate in applied science (AAS) academic program of Clinical Laboratory Technician through August 27, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the SUNY Erie Community College President is, therefore, approved to fully execute the Amendment to the Services Agreement between SUNY Erie Community College and Dr. Bermel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be forwarded the Erie County Executive, Interim President of SUNY Erie Community College, and the Chairwomen of the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees.
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KEVIN R. HARDWICK
CHAIR