

George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, due to the resignation of AnnaLynn DiMarco:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Fiona Degan, 57 Morehead Drive, Rye, New York as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, for the term November 15, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand
and seal this 15th day
of November, 2021.


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November 15, 2021

Fiona Degnan
57 Morehead Drive
Rye, NY 10580

Dear Fiona,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, effective today, Monday, November 15, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.1001. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next LGBTQ Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Steve Bass of my office at (914) 995-2914 for the date, place, and time of the LGBTQ Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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Fiona Degnan

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PROJECTS

Pride Flag Raising

March 2021- June 2021

- Contacted Rye City council members about raising a pride flag on city property for the first time ever.
- Attended city council meetings to speak about the issue, organized talking points among peers, and consulted with national LGBTQ+ rights organizations as well as members of local government.
- Asked for the support of citizens and community leaders.
- Participated in several interviews for local and regional news outlets.
- Spoke at ceremonies where the pride flag was being raised for the first time in several locations; my high school, at city hall, and at the town park, and was an invited guest at the county flag raising and mural unveiling.

Food Waste Reduction Pledge, School Project

May 2021- June 2021

- Worked in a group of five to gather quantitative data on food waste at local businesses and come up with a pledge for businesses to sign to reduce food waste.
- Researched composting and waste reduction practices, presented findings at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, and spoke individually to local businesses.
- Met our goal of 5 businesses by a certain date.

Food Drive, School Project

December 2020

- Helped run a two week food drive at one of the elementary schools in the district.
- Communicated with school administrators, helped design posters,

and picked up donations.

Save the Pollinators, School Project

October 2020- December 2020

- Partnered with the Rye Nature Center to develop a lesson plan about bees, pollinators, and local plants for 7-11 year olds
- Helped plan a group discussion, a craft, and tour of the pollinator gardens.

Keep Your World Green, Girl Scout Project

August 2017- November 2018

- Worked with another Girl Scout to develop a lesson plan about the importance of recycling for 5-7 year olds with a short presentation, a hands-on educational game, and a group discussion.
- Taught the lesson to kindergartners at three different elementary schools and several younger Girl Scout troops.
- Received the Girl Scout Silver Award.

AWARDS

Student of the Quarter- academic achievement award in:

- Humanities
- Advanced Placement Art History

EXTRACURRICULARS

Gender Sexuality Alliance- President

- Led meetings approx. 1 hour per week
- Helped with outreach projects such as petitioning city government and educating younger students

RyeACT Youth Prevention Group- Co President

- Attended club meetings once per month and frequent additional leadership meetings and assisted with initiatives such as
 - The federally shared I Am One video campaign advocating for youth to remain drug free

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- Better High Day, a county event advocating healthy ways of having fun
 - Speaking before the Westchester County Board of Legislators in favor of banning flavored e-cigarette pods
 - Working with the Westchester Youth Task Force, a group of several different locally based prevention groups, on putting out more prevention messaging throughout the county
 - Attending the advocacy centered Youth to Youth Conference
 - A mental health awareness social media campaign for Rye parents
 - Various Rye High School poster campaigns

Environmental Conservation Club

- Attended meetings approx. 1 hour per week
- Helped with various litter pickups, fundraising for environmental causes, and volunteered for the Rye Sustainability Committee in relation to the food scrap pick-up program

Rye Coalition for Change LGBTQIA+ Rights Subgroup

- Attended meetings once per week for the first few months and once per month later on
- Worked with other community members toward causes like
 - The raising of a pride flag on city property
 - Gender neutral bathrooms in schools
 - Better curriculum around LGBTQ+ issues

Westchester Chapter of Periphery Literary Magazine- Editor

- Coordinated with other editors, edited submissions, wrote my own pieces, helped design layout
- Approx. 3 hours per week

Teen Intersectionality Book Club- Founder

- Created a monthly book club through the Rye Library focusing on issues of intersectionality in young adult literature

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- Later expanded to a neighboring town library

Teen Advisory Board at the Rye Free Reading Room

- Met once per month to discuss library teen programs
- Helped come up with a list of book recommendations to be ordered the coming month

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Ruby's Oyster Bar and Bistro- Rye, New York - *Busser*

May 2021- present

- Bussed tables, prepared the restaurant for opening and closing, helped customers, served food.

Reading Tutor

June 2020- August 2020

- Tutored a fifth grader with learning disabilities three times per week.

Fairspring LLC- Rye, New York - *Garden assistant*

June 2019- present

- Helped out with a family landscape design and gardening business.
- Raking, pruning, weeding, spreading mulch.

Westchester Children's Museum, Rye, New York - *Volunteer*

June 2018 - September 2018

- Assisted and directed parents and caregivers.
- Facilitated interaction in educational exhibits.

Babysitter

October 2016 - 2020

- Various babysitting jobs for several different families with 1-3 children, typically for 3 hours at a time 2-3 times per month.

**COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
OATH OF OFFICE**

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Fiona Degnam do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory and for the
Board Member
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 11/28/2021

Fiona Degnam
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of November,
2021.

[Signature]
(Signature)

Fernando Ramos
(Print or Type Name)

Nys Notary Public
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

FERNANDO RAMOS
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01RA6332668
Qualified in Bronx County
My Commission Expires 11-09-2023

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.