

Benjamin Boykin II

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Legislator, 5th District



TO: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Chair, Committee on Appointments
Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators

FROM: Ben Boykin, Chairman of the Board of Legislators

DATE: March 1, 2021

RE: Appointment of Kenneth Burr to the Council on People with Disabilities

I hereby recommend the appointment of Kenneth Burr as a Member of the Westchester County Council on People with Disabilities for a term to commence upon approval of his appointment and to expire on December 31, 2021.

Mr. Burr's appointment is subject to the approval by the Board of Legislators. His resume is attached.

Please place this memo on the March 8, 2021 Westchester County Board of Legislators meeting agenda for referral to the Appointments Committee.

Thank you.

KENNETH BURR

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DISABILITIES ADVOCATE

Governmental and Non-Profit Advocacy

- **Co-Lead, Region 3, Regional Centers for Workforce Transformation**, Albany, NY.
 - Develop training and certification programs for personal assistants and others who provide support for individuals with disabilities. (Sept 2020 - present)
 - Region includes 18 counties, from Westchester (home base) to Washington, NY
 - Promoted from **Self-Advocacy Lead** (Feb - Aug 2020)
- **Peer Advocate, Disabled on the Move**, Yonkers, NY. Facilitated transition of individuals from rehab settings to the community. Evaluated apartment buildings for ADA compliance. (2017 - 19)
- **Member, Advisory Committees on the Disabled**
 - City of White Plains Mayor's Advisory Committee on Disabilities (2019 - present)
 - Westchester County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (2018 - present)
 - Westchester Institute of Human Development Community Advisory Committee (2017 - present)
- **Participant, Panels on Disabilities**: WIHD, New York University, Disabled on the Move (2017- present)

Educational Advocacy

- **Lead discussion sessions about treating the disabled** in clinical settings with **New York Medical College** first-year medical students and **Truro College** third-year dental students (2017 -present)
- **Created and delivered age-appropriate assembly presentations** about living with a disability for grades. K-3, 4-6 and 7-9 at **The Buckley School**, New York City (2019-20)
- **Director of Disabilities Affairs, Wright State University Student Government Association**, Dayton, OH
Advocated for changes that increase campus accessibility, including creation of Student Advisory Board to address disabled students' needs (2012-13)
- **Honorary Staff Member, CAPA International**, London, U.K. Collaborated with administrators to improve program's accessibility. Created blog about studying abroad in a wheelchair (Spring 2014)

Political Experience

Political Campaigns: Petitioned, canvassed, distributed literature, made phone calls for candidates in national, statewide, county, and local elections.

Internships: Office of **New York State Assemblyman George Latimer** (Summer 2012); Office of U.S. **Congresswoman Nita Lowey** (Summer 2011); **WVOX Radio**, New Rochelle, NY (Summer 2010)

Education

Fellow, Westchester Institute for Human Development, Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities, Valhalla, NY (Sept 2016 - May 2017) Elected *graduation class speaker*.

Wright State University, College of Liberal Arts, Dayton OH

B. A., May 2014, Magna Cum Laude, Honors Scholar

Major: Political Science Minor: International Studies Semester Abroad: CAPA International, London, U.K. (2014)

Awards: *Jodi Pretekin Watts Leadership Award, Fredrick White Award for Academic Excellence, Outstanding Senior in Political Science*