

George Latimer  
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Shirley Acevedo-Buontempo, 15 Benjamin Greene Lane, Mahopac, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term May 5, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 2023.

  
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May 5, 2023

Ms. Shirley Acevedo-Buontempo  
15 Benjamin Greene Lane  
Mahopac, NY 10541

Dear Ms. Acevedo-Buontempo,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board effective today, Friday, May 5, 2023. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

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 within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

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. Please contact Martha Lopez at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

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.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators  
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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**Shirley Acevedo Buontempo, MPA**  
**Latino U College Access, Inc.**  
**Founder**



Shirley Acevedo Buontempo is the Founder of Latino U College Access (LUCA), where she has built a successful organization that brings together cultural relevance, bilingualism, and program strategy to provide college access and opportunity to first-generation Latino youth. Born in Puerto Rico and a first-gen college graduate herself, she is passionate about advocating for the needs of low-income Latino youth and ensuring they can make their college dreams a reality. Founded in 2012, under Shirley's leadership, Latino U College Access has grown from a pilot program in one local high school with 2 Latino U Scholars to a recognized leader in the field of college access and success with annual revenue of over \$1.3MM. Her vision has expanded the organization's services to reach over 6,000 Latino parents and students and coached over 300 Latino U Scholars annually to successfully apply, enroll and graduate from college. Shirley currently serves on the organization's Board of Directors where she is instrumental in supporting strategic planning initiatives and future growth.

Shirley has quickly established herself as a thought leader and advocate for Latino youth addressing educational inequity and ensuring equal opportunity and access for all. She serves on advisory boards of the Hispanic Federation, National College Attainment Network, and the Options Institute sharing insight, and resources on improving access to higher education among underserved communities. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the YWCA Westchester Center for Racial Equity and Westchester Women's Agenda Racial Equity Group.

Shirley was one of five national winners selected as a Fellow to receive the 2019 AARP Purpose Prize in recognition of her efforts to build and launch a nonprofit organization utilizing her life experience to "create new solutions that make the world a better place for people of all ages." The organization's programs were also recognized as an Example of Excelencia by Excelencia in Education, a national advocacy and research group that brings attention to evidence-based practices that accelerate Latino student success in higher education. Shirley has been featured in Time Magazine's American Voices Video Series, Fortune Magazine, Hispanic Executive Magazine, and the ABC and Univision networks for her work and leadership in launching Latino U College Access.

Before founding Latino U College Access, Shirley had a successful career in Hispanic Marketing and Advertising having worked for Grey Advertising, Saatchi and Saatchi and CPC International. Her nonprofit management career included work at local organizations serving the Latino community of Westchester County. She received both a BBA in Marketing and an MPA in Nonprofit Management from Pace University. Shirley was a 2014 Fellow in the National Hispana Leadership Institute and has received certification from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Executive Leadership and the Center for Creative Leadership.

**COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
OATH OF OFFICE**

**For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions**

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

I, Shirley Acevedo-Buontempo 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 Hispanic Advisory Board in and for the  
(Print or Type Board Name)

County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 5/23/2023 Shirley Acevedo-Buontempo  
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May,  
2023.

John J. Allen  
(Signature)  
John J. Allen  
(Print or Type Name)  
Deputy County Clerk  
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

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.