

George Latimer County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, due to the newly created Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Rachel Simon, 47 Sabbathday Hill Road, South Salem, New York as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, for the term December 22, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.

George Latimer
County Executive



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December 22, 2020

Rachel Simon 47 Sabbathday Hill Road South Salem, NY 10590

Dear Rachel,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, effective today, Tuesday, December 22, 2020, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.1001. 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 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

Office of the County Executive

Rachel Simon currently serves as the Interim Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the LGBTQA Center at Pace University, Pleasantville. In addition to her role in the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Pace, Simon also teaches in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Creative Writing, and English.

Simon serves as the Vice President of the Board of PrideWorks for Youth, a non-profit based in Westchester that holds a yearly conference for ~600 LGBTQ middle and high school students from Westchester County and the Hudson Valley. She has worked with PrideWorks for 15 years to serve and support queer youth in the region.

In her academic work she has taught at a variety of colleges and universities including Fordham University in Harrison and Lincoln Center, SUNY Purchase College, Pace University, and for 10 years at Marymount Manhattan College's college program at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Rachel Simon holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College and is a published poet with two books published by national poetry presses and was one of 4 finalists to be the inaugural Westchester County Poet Laureate.

## COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

## For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) ss.: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )
I, Rachel Simon 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 LGBTQ Advisory Band in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.
Date: 12/29/2020 fall
(Signature)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of December,  2020  (Signature)  Sassica Macdonella  (Print or Type Name)  Notary Public  (Title of Official Administering Oath)  JESSICA MACDONALD Notary Public - State of New York NO. 01MAGB3462  Qualified in Westchester County My Commission Expires Nov 13, 2022

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.