

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
CONFIRMATION HEARING
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Per Sections C-35 and C-36 of the Troy City Charter, I am hereby scheduling a confirmation hearing for Acting Deputy Mayor Chris Nolin for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6 pm in City Council Chambers.

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
CHRISTOPHER J. NOLIN AS CITY OF TROY DEPUTY MAYOR**

WHEREAS, Troy City Charter § C-31 states that there shall be a Deputy Mayor of the City of Troy who shall be appointed by the Mayor on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications, subject to confirmation by a vote of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Christopher J. Nolin to serve as Deputy Mayor and has filed a written letter of appointment in the Office of the City Clerk as required by Troy City Charter § C-36; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Nolin is a qualified elector of the City and well-qualified by his executive and administrative experience to hold the position of Deputy Mayor in the City of Troy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to § C-35 of the Troy City Charter, the Troy City Council does hereby confirm the appointment of Christopher J. Nolin to the position of Deputy Mayor of the City of Troy.

Approved as to form, _____, 2022

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel

Christopher J. Nolin

- Summary
- Professional with 18 years of experience in advocacy, research, policy, and program development.
 - Comprehensive knowledge of budget, programmatic and regulatory processes at the state level from a public governing board, state leadership, and college and university advocacy perspective.
 - Created and implemented external relations strategy on behalf of a large private, not-for-profit university.
 - Able to find and create collaborative relationships between public and private higher education institutions.

Work Experience

Director, Community and State Relations, October 2014 – January 2022

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Lead university government relations official charged with creating and implementing external relations strategies that position Rensselaer in the community, within state government, and among federal stakeholders.
- Manages government relations team and oversees advocacy consultant contracts.
- Led university news and media department on an interim basis.
- Serves on standing or ad hoc organizations and attends various national and local higher education meetings and conferences to ensure effective and collaborative working relationships with businesses, civic leaders, and government agencies.
- Collaborated with faculty to identify funding opportunities including the successful application for a New York State Higher Education Capital Matching Grant (HECAP) proposal, creation of a New York State Digital Gaming Center of Excellence, and secured \$30 million in New York State funding for the AiMOS supercomputer.
- Designated the lead staff member for the Troy Redevelopment Foundation, an organization founded by the four largest not-for-profits organizations in the City of Troy. Strengthened partnerships to increase awareness of contributions, and focused funding to projects that support economic revitalization of the city through public art initiatives, working with at-risk youth, and bringing talent to the city to meet workforce needs.
- Led the university 2020 Census response. Spokesperson on behalf of the university at public events and co-led the Rensselaer County Complete Counts Higher Education committee.
- Led the creation of Rensselaer's first comprehensive economic impact report in a decade.
- Worked with internal stakeholders and government agencies to identify and advocate for changes to New York State legislation, rules, and regulations.

Director, Collaborative and Legislative Affairs, July 2006 – October 2014

The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU)

- During this time, promoted to Assistant Director, Legislative and Member Services; Assistant Director, Legislative and Collaborative Services; and Project Manager, KnowledgeNY.org.
- Advocated, along with CICU President and Vice President, on behalf New York's Independent Colleges and Universities before the New York State Senate, Assembly and Executive Chamber.
- Successfully lobbied for a first-ever capital match program for New York private colleges

and universities (HECAP) and worked with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York on administering the program.

- Drafted the independent sector's legislative priorities with CICU leadership and helped prepare a plan to achieve these priorities. Coordinated meetings between member presidents, staff, along with key legislators during the year.
- Coordinated CICU's 200+ member college and university government affairs network. Organized monthly meetings of government relations officers from member campuses.
- Appointed lead Project Manager on behalf of CICU and the State University of New York (SUNY) to rejuvenate and ensure completion of a \$2.5 million initiative to showcase higher education intellectual knowledge and resources. Led the creation of a renewed RFP, successfully negotiated with the selected vendor, and led the project to completion.
- Developed and implemented *The CICU Collaborative*, a group purchasing program for independent colleges and universities, including creating consensus, contract negotiations, event planning, and program roll-out.
- Helped create CICU's Annual Meeting program and invited speakers on higher education topics such as retention, transfer of credits, outreach to students from diverse backgrounds, and labor market projections.
- Responsible for CICU's office technology plan, including annual budgeting and implementation. This plan led to substantial new investments allowing for increased productivity and new opportunities to conduct research analysis and advocacy.

Legislative and Research Analyst, January 2003 – July 2006

The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU)

- During this period I was promoted from Legislative and Research Assistant.
- Analyzed, tracked, and prepared action plans for state legislation impacting not-for-profit colleges and universities utilizing legislative tracking systems, including NY Statewatch and the Legislative Retrieval System (LRS).
- Assisted CICU Vice President in the coordination, production, and presentation of research advocating Independent Sector higher education topics to the Governor's office and the Legislature. Wrote white papers on Research and Innovation and New York State's Higher Education Landscape.
- Gathered data, constructed arguments, and wrote content for advocacy publications in support of Independent Higher Education.
- Prepared and assisted CICU President and Vice President in presentations before New York State Joint Fiscal Committees in response to the State Executive Budget.
- Developed research questions and surveys such as the CICU capital proposal and student health insurance survey. Worked with the Vice President to create the 2004-2012 State Education Department Master Plan for Independent Higher Education.

Associate Network Engineer, June 1998 – May 2002

Realtech Systems Corporation/IP Logic

- Provided network infrastructure guidance and implementation at numerous mid-to-large entities in the government, banking, healthcare, and retail sectors.
- Assisted in implementation of a multi-state broadband Internet rollout.
- Provided helpdesk support for an office of 60 employees.

Education

Master of Business Administration

University at Albany, State University of New York, 2014

Advanced Certificate in Project Management

Empire State College, 2012

Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics
University at Albany, State University of New York, 2002

- Board and
 Community
 Leadership
- Albany County Board of Health
 - Board member: 2009 – present. Board President: December 2011 – February, 2022
 - Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce
 - Board member: January, 2018 – December, 2020. Executive Board member and Chairperson Workforce and Economic Advancement committee: 2019 and 2020
 - Louis and Hortense Rubin Foundation
 - Board Member: 2015 – January, 2022
 - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute LGBTQ Mentoring Program
 - Mentor: 2017 – January, 2022
 - Capitol Chamber of Commerce Leadership TechValley
 - 2013 graduate
 - Steering Committee: 2016 – 2020
 - Cohoes Civil Service Commission
 - Commissioner: 2012 – 2019. Commission Chairperson: 2015 – 2019
 - Troy Cultural Alliance
 - Board member: 2015 - 2018. Executive Board member: 2016 – 2018
 - City of Troy Comprehensive Plan
 - Advisory group member: 2014 – 2017
 - The Rensselaer County Chamber Leadership Institute
 - 2016 graduate