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FOUR NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO RAMAPO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointees are Sharon K. McGahee, attorney with Port Authority of NY and NJ; A.J. Sabath, deputy commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Timothy W. Schroeder, interim principal of the Nathan Hale School in Northvale, NJ; and Esther Suarez, counsel for Bergen County

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey has announced the appointment of four new members to its Board of Trustees. The new members are Sharon K. McGahee, attorney with Port Authority of NY and NJ; A.J. Sabath, director of constituent relations and intergovernmental affairs with the New Jersey Senate; Timothy W. Schroeder, retired principal in the West New York School System; and Esther Suarez, counsel for Bergen County.

Sharon K. McGahee, a senior attorney for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the office of the New Jersey solicitor, earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1982 from Rutgers School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She has held the senior attorney position since 1994 and represents the agency in employment discrimination, personal injury and worker's compensation matters. McGahee also held law associate, judicial clerk, law clerk and legal assistant positions. In addition, she served as a senatorial intern for Senator Bill Bradley in 1980 and the LBJ Congressional Intern to Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. from 1976 to 1978.

McGahee's professional affiliations include the New Jersey State Bar, the Essex County Bar, the Garden State Bar, the Association of Black Women Lawyers, a board

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member of Essex/Newark Legal Services, a panel chair of the District VA Fee Arbitration Committee and president of the northern New Jersey chapter of the National Alumni Association of Spelman College. She lives in Maplewood, NJ.

A.J. Sabath was appointed deputy commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development in November 2004 and currently is a senior advisor to Acting Governor Richard J. Codey. Prior to joining the Executive Branch, he held a number of positions in the New Jersey Legislature including director of constituent relations and intergovernmental affairs and senior research associate for the New Jersey Senate Majority Office, executive director for the Senate Democratic Majority PAC, director of constituent relations and communications specialist.

As director of constituent relations and intergovernmental affairs and senior research associate, Sabath advised the president of the New Jersey Senate on political, legislative and governmental issues. He was also responsible for coordinating outreach programs such as town meetings, public hearings and news conferences. He is a graduate of Ramapo College who earned a bachelor's degree in social work. He lives in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Timothy W. Schroeder is interim principal of the Nathan Hale School in Northvale, NJ. Previously he held administrative positions in West New York, including principal of the Early Childhood Center, principal assigned to the district's Board of Education Central Office, principal of Memorial High School, and assistant principal of No. 1, No. 4 and No. 5 schools. Schroeder's professional activities include serving as treasurer and vice president of the West New York Education Association and engaging in negotiations for the West New York Teachers Association and the West New York Administrators Association. He received a B.A. in elementary education from Jersey City State College and a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in human development. He has also accumulated credits in administration and supervision from Montclair State University. He lives in Bergenfield, NJ.

Esther Suarez, counsel for Bergen County, earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1997 from Rutgers School of Law and an undergraduate degree from Rutgers University,

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Douglass College. She has held the county counsel position since January 2003, with responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the county's law office and supervision of all cases and matters handled within the county's jurisdiction. She also provides legal counsel to the county executive and county departments. Prior to that position, she served as corporation counsel for Hoboken and as a law associate at Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC. She's also held law clerk and legislative assistant positions.

Suarez is affiliated with the Bergen County Bar Association, president of the Young Lawyers of the Hudson County Bar Association, the Rutgers University Board of Governors and Eagleton Institute Undergraduate Associate Program. She lives in Fort Lee, NJ.

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