

Cuomo adds RBA's Parker to transition committee

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Rochester Business Alliance Inc. President and CEO Sandra Parker has been added to Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo's economic development and labor transition committee, officials said Wednesday.

The committee, announced last Thursday, also includes Wegmans Food Markets Inc. CEO Danny Wegman and 129th District Assembly representative Brian Kolb, R-Canandaigua.

In addition to leading the Rochester Business Alliance, Parker is a co-founder of the Unshackle Upstate coalition of businesses. Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Garry Douglas, also an Unshackle leader, was added to the transition committee as well.

"These appointments are a tribute to their outstanding careers, and Unshackle Upstate is honored to have these dynamic individuals on its leadership team," Brian Sampson, Unshackle's Rochester-based executive director, said in a statement.

Unshackle Upstate is a coalition of 70,000 employers and 1.5 million workers in upstate New York.

"Unshackle Upstate looks forward to working with Governor-elect Cuomo and the Legislature as they begin to address the serious challenges facing our state," Sampson said.

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