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[DOCCS chief Brian Fischer is retiring](#)

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Brian Fischer, commissioner of the state's Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, will retire at the end of next month.

[A Brooklyn native who has worked as a parole officer and ran Sing Sing prison,](#) Fischer has held cabinet posts since his 2007 appointment by Eliot Spitzer. He supervised the merger of the Department of Correctional Services with the Division of Parole in 2011.

“Over the years I have seen many changes, including the ironic fact that when I came to the Department the Division of Parole was part of the agency, then it wasn't, and now it is,” Fischer wrote in a memorandum to staff that was distributed Monday. “Together we have accomplished much, and I know that good things will continue to develop.”

No immediate word from Cuomo aides on who might be named to succeed Fischer. The full memo, sent along by a reader, is below.