



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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**SUBJECT:** Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

**DATE:** September 2, 2021

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### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing a program at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the full Board at its September 2021 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Not applicable.

## **Background Information**

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances. The New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (NYGSP), located in New York City, at 16 West Tenth Street, is a branch of the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis. NYGSP offers a non-licensure qualifying M.A. program in Psychoanalysis. NYGSP was granted a provisional charter in 2005. At its October 8, 2019 meeting, the Board of Regents extended the provisional charter for five years with an expiration date of September 1, 2024. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the School's behalf.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

- For active institutions, the institution sends the Department a list of candidates, official transcripts, and its official catalog. If the institution is closed, candidates apply directly to the Department.
- Transcripts are compared to the requirements of the registered program to ensure that candidates have met all requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the award. When this step is completed, a petition is prepared for Regents action.
- At the same time the petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff notify the institution which candidates have met the requirements for the degree.
- After the Regents have acted on the petition, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the awards are conferred, active institutions prepare diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of USNY (Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.
- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Chancellor and the President of USNY and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.
- For conferral of awards for closed institutions, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and award, and it mails the signed diplomas to the students.

## **Related Regents Items**

March 2018 Conferral of Degrees

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/318brca1.pdf>)

October 2018 Conferral of Degrees

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca9.pdf>)

April 2020 Conferral of Degrees

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/420brca7.pdf>)

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED, That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for the M. A. program in Psychoanalysis at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis:

Ian Abravaya  
Joshua Aguayo  
Timothy Jon Foljahn  
Jihan Saba  
Robin Schlein  
Elizabeth Abelow  
Marianne Jurgaitis  
Alexander Kohen  
Stephanie Marks  
Amy Posner  
Jeemin Lee  
Amanda Wilkottz

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Once the Board of Regents approves this item, appropriately signed diplomas will be issued to students.