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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Kathy A. Ahearn 

COMMITTEE: Cultural Education
Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education
Higher and Professional Education


TITLE OF ITEM: Summary recommendations with respect to charter applications

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SUMMARY:

Attached are summary recommendations with respect to charter applications. A total of 19 charter actions are recommended involving 19 institutions, including 1 library, 4 museums, 5 historical societies, 5 nonpublic schools, 3 education corporations and 1 not-for-profit corporation.

I recommend that the Regents approve each application in accordance with the recommendations contained in the respective summaries.



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I. CULTURAL EDUCATION

AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

No. 1

NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Rochelle, Westchester County

An absolute charter in the first instance was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 5, 1894 to operate a municipal library to serve the city of New Rochelle in Westchester County. Such provisional charter was amended by Regents action on August 20, 1980 to change the number of trustees from five to not less than five nor more than eleven. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the system of having the trustees appointed by the Board of Education to a system of having the trustees elected by the residents of the City of New Rochelle on an at-large basis. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

No. 2

PARKWAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kew Gardens Hills, Queens County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to promote and encourage original historical research; to disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of the State of New York and particularly Parkway Village and its environs; to gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history of the State of New York and particularly of Parkway Village and its environs; to encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest; and to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of archival materials pertaining to the history of Parkway Village and to preserve and maintain such materials. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 3

WALTER ELWOOD MUSEUM OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY

Amsterdam, Montgomery County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to collect by purchase, gift, or otherwise acquire title to and preserve artifacts pertaining to the history of Amsterdam, New York, the Mohawk Valley, and the surrounding areas; to explore and interpret this community's natural and human past and its connection to the present, through exhibits, publications, programs and other methods; to increase awareness and understanding of history and the visual arts, and the importance they play in the educational development of young people, in building cross-cultural appreciation and in enriching the quality of life for all people; to initiate relationships with special interest groups within the community in order to further specific collections, properties, and interests; to serve as a cultural center for Amsterdam, New York and the Mohawk Valley, offering interactive learning environments, educational classes, and community outreach and special events; and to work closely and in cooperation with the Greater Amsterdam School District providing programs for students. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS

No. 4

HOBART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hobart, Delaware County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 19, 1997 to preserve, cultivate, promote, foster, sponsor and develop an understanding and appreciation of the history of the village of Hobart, New York and the surrounding area; to establish and maintain a collection of memorabilia and artifacts incident thereto; and to lawfully do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper for the attainment of these purposes. The board of trustees has applied for an absolute charter. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of five years to allow the corporation additional time to obtain grants and otherwise raise financial support, continue renovation of the Historical Center, collect artifacts, expand its membership, enlarge its program with local schools and computerize the cataloging of its collections and indexing of its scrapbooks, and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 5

NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME AT ONEONTA, NEW YORK

Oneonta, Otsego County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 25, 1981 to promote, through the establishment and maintenance of a museum and allied projects, a program which will bring about better understanding and appreciation of soccer in America. Such provisional charter was extended by Regents action on July 23, 1985, May 25, 1990 and March 13, 1996, and amended on July 18, 2002. The board of trustees has applied for an extension of the provisional charter. Clifford A. Siegfried and David W. Palmquist of the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of five years to allow the corporation additional time to implement its Strategic Plan, increase its visibility and financial support, begin cataloging its collection and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 6

THE OLANA PARTNERSHIP

Greenport, Columbia County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on December 15, 2000 to advocate for and support the conservation, preservation, restoration, interpretation, and improvement of the Olana State Historic Site and its integral viewshed for the benefit of the public for this and future generations; to advocate for and support the mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the management of the Olana State Historic Site; to operate and maintain a visitor center and museum affiliated with the Olana State Historic Site dedicated to the life and work of Frederic Church, the Hudson River school of painting and related fields of art, culture and history; to offer educational programs to area schools, community organizations, visitors and other individuals, and to encourage and sponsor scholarly research and publications relating to the life and work of Frederic Church, the Hudson River school of painting and related fields of art, culture and history; to participate in regional activities in keeping with the corporation's purposes that enhance the economic well being of the region; and to own and hold collections of artifacts and documents. The board of trustees has applied for an extension to the provisional charter. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of five years to allow the corporation additional time to work toward the implementation of its Comprehensive Plan, to continue to increase its membership and financial support and to otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 7

PARISH TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Parish, Oswego County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 19, 1997 to promote and encourage original historical research; to disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of the state of New York and particularly of the town of Parish and its environs; to gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs and other records and materials relative to the history of the state of New York and particularly of the town of Parish and the surrounding area; to encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest; and to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and to preserve and maintain such sites and structures. The board of trustees has applied for an extension of the provisional charter. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a

period of five years to allow the corporation time to increase its membership and financial support, to locate a space where it can mount exhibits and displays, to offer programs as ways in which it can bring its activities to the attention of the public and to otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

No. 8

WALTER ELWOOD MUSEUM OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY and MOHAWK VALLEY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Amsterdam, Montgomery County

The board of trustees and the board of directors have petitioned the Board of Regents, pursuant to Education Law §223, for an order of consolidation of Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley and Mohawk Valley Heritage Association, Inc. The Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley has petitioned the Board of Regents for a provisional charter. The Mohawk Valley Heritage Association, Inc. was incorporated under §402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL) on April 8, 1981 with a waiver of consent from the Commissioner of Education. Upon the effective date of the consolidation of Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley and Mohawk Valley Heritage Association, Inc., Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley will assume all the assets, liabilities and responsibilities of both organizations. The consolidated corporation will operate under the provisional charter granted to Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that an order of consolidation of Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley and Mohawk Valley Heritage Association, Inc., be granted, forming Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley.

DISSOLUTION OF CHARTERS

No. 9

FLATBUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brooklyn, Kings County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 24, 1976 to promote, foster and encourage, in the Flatbush Community,

an appreciation and public knowledge of the past history of Flatbush and its environs; to encourage the study of the past and present history of Flatbush and its environs by publishing monographs, newsletters, books and pamphlets dealing with the historic events which have occurred in these communities; to exhibit old pictures, artifacts and other memorabilia concerning the history of Flatbush and its environs; to aid and assist students in the study of the history of Flatbush and its environs; and to present cultural programs to the community at large dealing with the various historical aspects of the Flatbush Community tracing its origin and development. Such provisional charter was made absolute by Regents action on November 15, 1979. The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents for the dissolution of the charter because the corporation ceased to operate actively upon the illness of its founder and president in October 1995 and all taxes payable by the corporation have been paid. The trustees request Regents approval for the distribution of the remaining assets to the Brooklyn Historical Society, a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the Department of State on April 10, 1863 under the corporate name "The Long Island Historical Society." Such certificate was amended on October 9, 1900, February 13, 1951 and October 2, 1985, with the consent of the Commissioner of Education, to change the name to "The Brooklyn Historical Society." Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter of Flatbush Historical Society be dissolved and that its assets be distributed to The Brooklyn Historical Society.

No. 10

MANETTO BROOK MASONIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hicksville, Nassau County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on November 8, 1996 to promote and encourage study, research and public awareness and appreciation of the history of the area of New York State known as Hicksville, Long Island and of historically distinguished residents of this area, such as the Hicks family and their descendants, as well as of other founding fathers of the Hicksville community, with emphasis upon the social influence and the contribution of Masonry, and of the celebrated men who were Masons and who resided within the community during the formation and development thereof; to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, loan or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of historic sites, structures, artifacts, materials, books and literature, and the like, and to preserve and maintain the same; and to do such other and further things and acts and to own, operate, hold or otherwise use any and all such property as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the society. The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents for the dissolution of the charter because the corporation is no longer in operation, has no assets remaining for distribution and all taxes payable by the corporation have been paid. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter of Manetto Brook Masonic Historical Society be dissolved.

CERTIFICATES OF INCORPORATION

No. 11

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Albany, Albany County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on June 21, 1991 to promote education and research with respect to the military heritage and forces of New York throughout its history as a colony and state; to found a military museum and secure its operation in the interest of New York State's citizens; to allow and facilitate the citizens of the State of New York and other individuals, organizations, agencies and interests to participate in the funding of a New York State Military Heritage Museum; and to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, loan or otherwise, title to or the custody and control of any items which can be useful in building a collection of military artifacts and documents and in deriving financial support or carrying out any of the purposes of this Museum. Such provisional charter was extended by Regents action on June 12, 1997. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to change the corporate name to: "The New York State Military Heritage Institute," to restate the corporate purposes to read: "to support and assist The Adjutant General of the State of New York in his responsibilities under Section 24 of the Military Law of the State for the care, preservation and interpretation of the Military History Collection of the State of New York; to promote and encourage the continued development of the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center; to perform such functions as are consistent with these purposes including but not limited to maintaining a membership program and providing educational services including a newsletter, publications, public programs, tours and historical commemorations to its members and to the general public; and to establish a development program including but not limited to sponsorship of fundraising events, the operation of a museum gift and book shop and to encourage, stimulate and solicit private funds in order to augment and strengthen the Museum's research, collection, exhibition, educational and public relations programs" and, as amended and restated, to replace the charter with a certificate of incorporation. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be amended and restated accordingly and, as so amended and restated, be replaced by a certificate of incorporation.

No. 12

SACKETS HARBOR BATTLEFIELD ALLIANCE

Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to support the improvement and development of the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site which is administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; to conduct educational programs, services, and activities in keeping with the nature of the site and beyond the normal scope of site activities, for its members and the public at large, such programs, services and activities, whenever appropriate, to be extended to include interpretation of the relationship between the site and the Lake Ontario region, particularly the Eastern Shore and the Village of Sackets Harbor; to assist in fundraising activities, the purchase of objects and records, equipment and supplies for the benefit of the site; and to otherwise promote, conserve, develop and interpret the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site for the benefit of its constituents and posterity. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a certificate of incorporation be issued.

AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 13

THREAD WAXING SPACE

New York City, New York County

A certificate of incorporation was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 24, 1992 to benefit, support and promote the exhibition of art works and the presentation of cultural, literary and musical events accessible to the general public and to provide lectures, readings and benefits that generally promote literature, music and the arts. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the certificate of incorporation to change the corporate name to "Foundation 20 21." Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the certificate of incorporation be amended accordingly.

CHARTERS

CULTURAL EDUCATION

AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

1. New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

2. Parkway Village Historical Society, Kew Gardens Hills
3. Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley, Amsterdam

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS

4. Hobart Historical Society, Hobart
5. National Soccer Hall of Fame at Oneonta, New York, Oneonta
6. The Olana Partnership, Greenport
7. Parish Town Historical Society, Parish

ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

8. Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley, Amsterdam and Mohawk Valley Heritage Association, Inc., Amsterdam

DISSOLUTION OF CHARTERS

9. Flatbush Historical Society, Brooklyn
10. Manetto Brook Masonic Historical Society, Hicksville

CERTIFICATES OF INCORPORATION

11. New York State Military Heritage Museum, Albany
12. Sackets Harbor Battlefield Alliance, Sackets Harbor

AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

13. Thread Waxing Space, New York City

II. ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

No. 1

CATHEDRAL NURSERY SCHOOL- AN EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

Garden City, Nassau County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to operate a nursery school for pre-school children from three to five years of age. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of three years.

No. 2

THE CHILDREN'S BIG APPLE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Jackson Heights, Queens County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to operate a nursery school program for children from three to five years of age and to operate a day care center in Queens County. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 3

THE STONE CIRCLE SCHOOL

Ithaca, Tompkins County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to operate a grade one through six elementary school. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of three years.

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS

No. 4

EAST END CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Riverhead, Suffolk County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on March 11, 1997 to operate a nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one through twelve elementary and secondary school. The board of trustees has applied for an extension of the provisional charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to develop its programs and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 5

THE RENAISSANCE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Long Beach, Nassau County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 18, 2002 to operate a center-based nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a kindergarten for five-year-olds, and a grade one through six elementary school. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to change the location of the school to 2415 Long Beach Road, Oceanside, New York 11572, and the mailing address to 173 West Penn Street, Long Beach, New York, 11561 and, as so amended, be extended. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to develop its programs and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

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CHARTERS

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

1. Cathedral Nursery School – An Episcopal Ministry, Garden City
2. The Children's Big Apple Early Childhood Center, Jackson Heights
3. The Stone Circle School, Ithaca

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS

4. East End Christian Academy, Riverhead
5. The Renaissance School for Children, Long Beach

III. HIGHER AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

DISSOLUTION OF CHARTER

No. 1

THE TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS HOME

Syracuse, Onondaga County

An absolute charter in the first instance was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 25, 1958 to establish and maintain a home or residential accommodations for retired teachers in New York State and to provide for their welfare and cultural interests. Such absolute charter was amended by Regents action with respect to the corporate purposes on January 24, 1963, to change the corporate address on February 28, 1980 and to add a dissolution clause on March 28, 1980. The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents for the dissolution of the charter because the corporation is no longer in operation and all taxes payable by the corporation have been paid. The trustees request Regents approval for the distribution of the remaining assets, as provided for in the charter, two-thirds to the Mary Muldoon Fund, administered by New York State United Teachers, Inc. (NYSUT) and one-third to the New York State Retired Teachers' Association. Johanna Duncan-Poitier and the Office of Higher Education recommend that the absolute charter of The Trustees of the Teachers Home be dissolved and that its assets be distributed to the Mary Muldoon Fund (2/3) and to the New York State Retired Teachers' Association (1/3).

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1. The Trustees of the Teachers Home, Syracuse