



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

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**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Applications

**DATE:** December 31, 2025

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## SUMMARY

### Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed master plan amendment applications?

### Reason for Consideration

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237).

### Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its January 2026 meeting.

### Procedural History

Not applicable.

### Background Information

When a college or university seeks to expand its academic mission (e.g., by offering a degree at a new level of study or in a new disciplinary area, or establishing a branch campus), it must submit a master plan amendment application for review and approval by the Board of Regents. Depending upon the nature of the proposed programs that require the master plan amendment, the applications will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of each institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

Academic reviews of the proposed master plan amendments have been completed by the Office of Higher Education's Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE). OCUE has determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a branch campus), it is indicated on the summary table, and the charter amendment is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications on the attached summary table.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendments, the Department will register the proposed programs, and the institutions will proceed to enroll students.

Attachment

### **Master Plan Amendment Summary Table**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Master Plan Amendment</b>
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	New York City	<p>Authorization to offer a program in Acting for Film, Television &amp; Theatre leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree award. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first program offered at the bachelor's level. A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.</p>
American University of Beirut	Pafos, Cyprus	<p>Authorization to open a branch campus in Pafos, Cyprus ("AUB-Mediterraneo") and offer the following programs at the branch campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) in Business Administration</li> <li>• Master of Science (M.S.) in Business Analytics</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Psychology</li> <li>• Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Global Liberal Arts</li> <li>• Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy, Politics, &amp; Economics</li> </ul> <p>A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board Agenda.</p>
Clarkson University	Latham	<p>Approval of the move of the University's Capital Region branch campus from 80 Nott Terrace in Schenectady to British American Boulevard in Latham. A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.</p>