



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** William P. Murphy *William Murphy*  
**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Application  
**DATE:** February 1, 2024  
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### SUMMARY

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

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

#### **Reason for Consideration**

Required by State Statute (Education Law 237).

#### **Proposed Handling**

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its February 2024 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 new 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 program that requires the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of an institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of each of the proposed master plan amendments has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed program meets 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 new 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**

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

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

**Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will register the proposed program, and the institution will proceed to enroll students.

**Master Plan Amendment Summary Table**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Master Plan Amendment</b>
Roberts Wesleyan University	OCUE	Rochester, NY	<p>Authorization to offer the University's first doctoral level program, Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in Scripture, Spirituality, and Leadership, in the discipline area of the Humanities, following a merger with Northeastern Seminary.</p> <p>A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.</p>