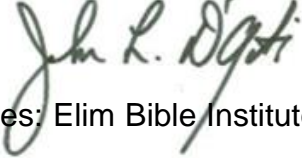





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** Conferral of Degrees: Elim Bible Institute and College and Elyon College

**DATE:** May 9, 2016

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**   
**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing their program at Elim Bible Institute and College and Elyon College?

**Reason for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

**Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the full Board at its May 2016 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Background Information**

**Elim Bible Institute and College**

Elim Bible Institute, Inc., located in Lima, NY, was established in 1924. During the first 88 years of its existence, Elim Bible Institute, Inc. was a non-degree institution, offering a three-year, non-credit diploma in Biblical Studies and a variety of one-year, non-credit certificates. The institution submitted a petition for a provisional charter in 2010, seeking authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. Following the customary review process, including an on-site peer review visit, the Regents granted a provisional charter to the institution under the name Elim Bible Institute and College in September 2012. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

## **Elyon College**

Elyon College located at 1400 West Sixth Street in Brooklyn, New York was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 2011. Elyon College offers an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree; a Certificate in Accounting and Business Technology; an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree; and a Certificate in Judaic Studies. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Board of Regents award degrees on its behalf.

The degree conferral process consists of the following steps:

- The institution sends the Department a list of candidates and official transcripts.
- The institution also sends its official handbook that states the specific requirements for the degree. This is checked against the original program registration to ensure that the program provided is the same as the program that was approved.
- Transcripts are cross referenced with program requirements to ensure that candidates have met all degree requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the degree. 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 degrees are conferred, the institution prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed and includes the required signatures for their institution (e.g., President, Chairman of the Board.)
- The institution mails the signed diplomas 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 Regents Chancellor and USNY President and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.

## **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for their registered degree program at Elim Bible Institute and College and Elyon College, the respective degrees as listed below:

## **Elim Bible Institute and College**

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Biblical and Theological Studies:

Yoder, Shawn Eugene

## **Elyon College**

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.) in Judaic Studies:

Bauer, Raizel  
Berger, Nicha  
Berkowitz, Rivka  
Breuer, Hendy  
Friedman, Sarah  
Goldstein, Chaya  
Hollander, Miriam  
Kis, Chana  
Klein, Ester  
Kviat, Nomi  
Landau, Sara  
Lax, Razy  
Lebowitz, Miriam  
Mermelstein, Chani  
Pshemish, Yehudis  
Reich, Esther  
Rokeach, Devora  
Rosner, Devorah  
Sofer, Raizy  
Sperber, Sarah  
Spitzer, Perel  
Spitzer, Pessy  
Waldman, Malkie