



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

**FROM:** Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Summary of the April 2024 Meeting

**DATE:** April 25, 2024

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Should the Board of Regents approve the Summary of the April 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Not applicable.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its May 2024 meeting.

**Procedural History**

This document summarizes the actions of the Board of Regents during the monthly meeting and is brought before the Board the following month for approval.

**Background Information**

Not applicable.

**Related Regent's Items**

Not Applicable.

**Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That the Summary of the April 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Effective May 7, 2024.



**SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 2024 MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

***Held at the  
State Education Building  
Albany, New York***

***April 15, 2024***

***Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary  
Board of Regents***

## THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York held a public session in Albany on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the State Education Building pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

### **MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*  
Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*  
Roger Tilles  
Christine D. Cea  
Luis O. Reyes  
Frances G. Wills  
Aramina Vega Ferrer  
Shino Tanikawa  
Roger P. Catania  
Adrian I. Hale  
Hasoni L. Pratts  
Patrick A. Mannion  
Seema Rivera

Also present were Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Sharon Cates-Williams, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy, Jeff Matteson, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Daniel Morton-Bentley, and Secretary, Board of Regents, Christopher J. Halpin. Regents Wade S. Norwood, James E. Cottrell, Catherine Collins, and Susan W. Mittler were absent and excused.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Executive Session Motion**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents convene in executive session on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. to discuss litigation and matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual.

**Motion by:** Vice Chancellor Judith Chin  
**Seconded by:** Regent Hasoni L. Pratts  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Information Technology Modernization and AI: A Highlight of the Work Undertaken and Planned to Support the Department and Field**

Sharon Cates-Williams, Jeffrey Matteson, Michael St. John, John Allen, and Michael Yudin provided an overview of our information technology services and a high-level perspective on the Department's approach to the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence (Attachment I).

Chancellor adjourned the meeting.

**MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*  
Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*  
Roger Tilles  
Christine D. Cea  
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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Charter Applications  
BR (A) 1**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve each application in accordance with the recommendations contained in the summary table (See Appendix I).

**Summary of the March 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents  
BR (A) 2**

**MOVED**, that the Summary of the March 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

**Motion by:** Regent Christine D. Cea  
**Seconded by:** Regent Shino Tanikawa  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**State Education Department March 2024 Fiscal Report  
BR (A) 3**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the State Education Department March 2024 Fiscal Report as presented.

**Motion by:** Regent Adrian I. Hale  
**Seconded by:** Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS**

**Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES)**

**Proposed Amendment of Section 100.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner  
of Education Relating to the Examination for a High School Equivalency Diploma  
BR (CA) 1**

**MOVED**, that section 100.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**Higher Education**

**Long Island Business Institute: Application for Surrender of Degree-Conferring  
Authority  
BR (CA) 2**

**MOVED**, that pursuant to §3.58(g)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents accepts the request from Long Island Business Institute to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority.

**Master Plan Amendment Application  
BR (CA) 3**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment application on the attached summary table.

**Plaza College: Master Plan Amendment  
BR (CA) 4**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize Plaza College to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) program in Healthcare Administration and authorize the institution to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 3.59 of the Rules of the Board of Regents  
Relating to Provisions for Mergers, Consolidation, and Membership with Highly  
Qualified Out-of-State Institutions of Higher Education  
BR (CA) 5**

**MOVED**, that section 3.59 of the Rules of the Board of Regents of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**P-12 Education**

**Proposed Amendment of Sections 100.1, 100.2, and 100.5 of the Regulations of  
the Commissioner of Education Relating to Virtual Instruction  
BR (CA) 6**

**MOVED**, that section sections 100.1, 100.2, and 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 1, 2024.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 136.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner  
of Education Relating to Written Informational Material for the Authorized Use of  
Epinephrine Auto-Injectors  
BR (CA) 7**

**MOVED**, that section 136.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**Professional Practice**

**(Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and  
(Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions  
for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral  
Character Panels  
BR (CA) 8**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions.

**Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and  
Degree Conferrals  
BR (CA) 9**

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petition(s) and degree conferrals.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 64.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of  
Education Relating to the Execution by Registered Professional Nurses of Non-**

**Patient Specific Orders to Provide Certain Emergency Medical Services and Administer Pregnancy Tests  
BR (CA) 10**

**MOVED**, that section 64.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**Proposed Amendment of Sections 77.4, 77.5, and 77.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Profession of Physical Therapy  
BR (CA) 11**

**MOVED**, that sections 77.4, 77.5, and 77.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**Office of Counsel**

**Proposed Amendment of Sections 3.23 and 3.26 of the Rules of the Board of Regents Relating to Fees for Certificates of Existence and Copies of Charter Actions and Consent to Incorporation  
BR (CA) 12 - REVISED**

**MOVED**, that sections 3.23 and 3.26 of the Rules of the Board of Regents be amended, as submitted, effective May 1, 2024.

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the consent agenda items.

**Motion by:** Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer  
**Seconded by:** Regent Frances G. Wills  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**P-12 EDUCATION**

**Regents Committee on P-12 Education**

Vice Chancellor Chin, Chair, Regent Tilles, Regent Cea, Regent Norwood, Regent Cottrell, Regent Wills, Regent Ferrer, Regent Tanikawa, Regent Catania, and Regent Hale.

The P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on April 15, 2024. All members were present except for Regent Wade S. Norwood and Regent James E. Cottrell who were excused. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, and Regent Seema Rivera also attended the meeting but did not vote on the action items.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools Authorized by the Buffalo Public Schools Board of Education [P12 (A) 1]** - Department and Buffalo Public Schools staff presented recommendations for charter renewals from Buffalo Public Schools.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents return the proposed charter renewal recommendation for the Enterprise Charter School to the Buffalo Public Schools Board of Education for reconsideration with the following comment and recommendation: A shorter charter term should be considered based on the insufficient evidence of academic success by the applicant, the school's failure to serve comparable numbers of students with disabilities (SWDs) and English language learners/multi-lingual learners (ELLs/MLLs) when compared to the district of location; and failure to meet or exceed other Performance Framework benchmarks, as set forth in the renewal report. Specifically, based on the most recent data available, Enterprise Charter School students perform an average of 16 percentage points below the district in math, and 45 percentage points below the State in math. In ELA, students perform 15 percentage points below the district and 36 percentage points below the State. The school also serves 16 percentage points fewer SWDs and 21 percentage points fewer ELLs/MLLs when compared to the district of location. It is recommended that the Buffalo Public Schools Board place Enterprise Charter School on a corrective action plan and transmit a copy of the corrective action plan to the Board of Regents no later than 6 months after the effective date of a potential charter renewal. The corrective action plan, collaboratively developed between Buffalo Public Schools and the school, should contain observable, measurable, and time-bound interim progress and outcome measures and address the academic deficiencies noted above as well as other academic, operational, financial, and legal areas of concern, if any. Furthermore, it is recommended that such corrective action plan have interim benchmarks towards compliance with Performance Framework standards for which Enterprise Charter School will report progress, in writing, to the Buffalo Public Schools Board regularly throughout the next charter term at intervals no greater than once every three months.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents return the proposed charter renewal recommendation for the Westminster Community Charter School to the Buffalo Public Schools Board of Education for reconsideration with the following comment and recommendation: A shorter charter term should be considered based on the insufficient evidence of academic success by the applicant, the school's failure to serve comparable numbers of students with disabilities (SWDs) and English language learners/multi-lingual learners (ELLs/MLLs) when compared to the district of location; and failure to meet or exceed other Performance Framework benchmarks, as set forth in the renewal report. Specifically, Westminster Community Charter School students perform an average of 6 percentage points above the district in math, and 23 percentage points below the State in math. In ELA, students perform 1 percentage point below the district and are 22 percentage points below the State. The school also serves 16 percentage points fewer SWDs and 13 percentage points fewer ELLs/MLLs when compared to the district of location. It is recommended that the Buffalo Public Schools Board place Westminster Community Charter School on a corrective action plan and transmit a copy of the corrective action plan to the Board of Regents no later than 6 months after the effective date of a potential charter renewal. The corrective action plan, collaboratively developed between Buffalo Public Schools and the school, should contain observable, measurable,

and time-bound interim progress and outcome measures and address the academic deficiencies noted above as well as other academic, operational, financial, and legal areas of concern, if any. Furthermore, it is recommended that such corrective action plans have interim benchmarks towards compliance with Performance Framework standards for which Westminster Community Charter School will report progress, in writing, to the Buffalo Public Schools Board regularly throughout the next charter term at intervals no greater than once every three months.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**Proposed Amendment of Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to School Safety Plan Requirements [P12 (D) 1]** - Department staff presented proposed amendments to the Commissioner's regulations to update requirements for district-wide school safety plans, building-level emergency response plans, and drills, to require that drills be conducted in a trauma-informed manner.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Emergency Response Definitions for School Safety Plans [P12 (D) 2]** - Department staff presented proposed amendments to the Commissioner's regulations to amend emergency response terminology for school safety plans.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 119.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Calculation of Aid Attributable to Students with Disabilities Served in Charter Schools [P12 (D) 3]** - Department staff presented revisions to the proposed amendments to the Commissioner's Regulations relating to the calculation of aid attributable to students with disabilities served in charter schools.

**Graduation Rate Data** - Department staff presented the four-year New York State graduation rate data.

Deputy Commissioner Angelique Johnson-Dingle reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

### **Regents Committee on Professional Practice**

Regent Norwood, Co-Chair, Regent Cottrell, Co-Chair, Regent Cea, Regent Collins, Regent Wills, Regent Catania, and Regent Hale.

The Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on April 15, 2024. All members were present except Regent Wade S. Norwood, Regent James E. Cottrell, and Regent Catherine Collins, who were excused. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. chaired the meeting and voted as an ex-officio member. Vice Chancellor Judith J. Chin, Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer, Regent Shino Tanikawa,

Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, and Regent Seema Rivera also attended the meeting, but did not vote on any action.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Professional Discipline Cases [PCC EXS (A) 1 – 3; 6]**

The Committee recommends that the reports of the Regents Review Committees, including rulings, findings of fact, determinations as to guilt, and recommendations, by unanimous or majority vote, contained in those reports which have been distributed to you, be accepted in 4 cases. In addition, the Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 35 consent order applications and 11 surrender applications be granted, and further recommends that 1 summary suspension application be granted.

These recommendations are made following the review of 51 cases involving nine licensed practical nurses, eight registered professional nurses, five licensed practical nurses who are also registered professional nurses, four certified public accountants, two registered professional nurses who are also certified as nurse practitioners in Acute Health, two acupuncturists, two licensed clinical social workers, two pharmacies, two pharmacists, one architect, one creative arts therapist, one licensed master social worker who is also a licensed clinical social worker, one licensed mental health counselor, one registered professional nurse who is also certified as a nurse practitioner in Family Health, and one veterinarian.

### **Restorations [PPC EXS (A) 4 – REVISED; PPC EXS (A) 5]**

The Committee recommends that the application of Douglas Buxton for the restoration of his license to practice as a Physician in New York State be denied. [PPC EXS (A) 4 - REVISED]

The Committee recommends that the application of Boris Sachakov for the restoration of his license to practice as a Physician in New York State be denied. [PPC EXS (A) 5]

**Proposed Amendment of Section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Supervisor Requirements for Wholesalers Transfilling Medical Oxygen** [PPC (A) - 1] – Department staff presented, for emergency action, a proposed amendment to conform section 63.6 of the Commissioner’s regulation to Chapter 590 of the 2023, which effective April 22, 2024, amends the Education Law by establishing supervisor requirements for wholesalers transfilling medical oxygen.

The Committee recommends that subdivision section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective April 22, 2024, as an emergency action, upon the finding of the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare in order to timely implement the provisions of Chapter 590 of the Laws of 2023, which is effective April 22, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

The Professional Practice Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the written report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on April 15, 2024, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

## **MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

Deputy Commissioner David Hamilton reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

**MOVED**, that the Committee Reports be approved.

**Motion by:** Regent Shino Tanikawa  
**Seconded by:** Regent Hasoni L. Pratts  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Appointment of Dr. Gemma C. Rinefierd to the position of Assistant Commissioner BR (A) 4**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Gemma C. Rinefierd to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Student Support Services.

**Motion by:** Regent Roger Tilles  
**Seconded by:** Regent Shino Tanikawa  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor Young adjourned the meeting.

**Appendix I**  
**NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS CHARTER ACTIONS**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>County of Location (City/Town)</b>	<b>Description of Charter Action(s)</b>
Afro-American Heritage Association	CE	Oneida (Rome)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
Broadalbin Kenneyetto Historical Society	CE	Fulton (Broadalbin)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
French Institute – Alliance Francaise	CE	New York (New York)	Amend charter to increase the trustee range to be 50.
The Hip Hop Museum	CE	Bronx (Bronx)	Consent to filing of certificate of assumed name “Universal Hip Hop Museum”.
The Museum at Bethel Woods	CE	Sullivan (Bethel)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
Museum of disABILITY History	CE	Erie (Amherst)	Amend charter to update city and county location.
Roberson Museum and Science Center	CE	Broome (Binghamton)	Consent to filing of certificate of assumed name “Roberson Museum”.
Samuel de Champlain History Center	CE	Clinton (Champlain)	Grant an absolute charter.
Swart-Wilcox House Museum	CE	Otsego (Oneonta)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
Ticonderoga Historical Society	CE	Essex (Ticonderoga)	Amend charter to change the corporate name to “The Lower Adirondack Regional Center for History”.
Town of Lloyd Historical Preservation Society	CE	Ulster (Highland (Lloyd))	Extend provisional charter for five years.
Westchester Children’s Museum	CE	Westchester (Rye)	Grant an absolute charter.
Western Monroe Historical Society	CE	Monroe (Brockport)	Amend charter to change the corporate name to “Morgan-Manning House Museum” and to amend corporate purposes.

Name of Institution	Program Area	County of Location (City/Town)	Description of Charter Action(s)
The Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia	HE	Nanking, China	Merge with "Foundation for Theological Education in Asia and the Pacific, Inc." a Georgia NFP corporation, with the Georgia NFP corporation as the surviving corporation.
Research Foundation of the City University of New York	HE	New York (New York)	Consent to filing of certificates of assumed names "RFCUNY-Macaulay Honors College" and "RFCUNY-CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies".
St. Bonaventure University	HE	Allegany (Cattaraugus)	Amend charter to add authority to confer the Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) degree.

## **Appendix II**

### **Regents Actions in 50 Professional Discipline Cases and 2 Restoration Petitions** April 15, 2024

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the summary suspension of 1 license, revocation of 1 license, surrender of 9 licenses and 2 certificates, and 37 other disciplinary actions. The penalty indicated for each case relates solely to the misconduct set forth in that particular case. In addition, the Board acted upon 2 restoration petitions.

#### **I. SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

##### **Nursing**

Amberlynn Marie Calhoun; Licensed Practical Nurse; Fultonville, NY 12072-3205; Lic. No. 326091; Cal. No. 34184; Application for summary suspension granted.

#### **II. REVOCATION & SURRENDERS**

##### **Acupuncture**

Sean A. Orlando; Licensed Acupuncturist; Wappinger Falls, NY 12590; Lic. No. 004631; Cal. No. 34019; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did contest the charge of having inappropriate relationships with patients.

##### **Mental Health Practitioners**

Sean Alexander Reckwerdt; Creative Arts Therapist; Brooklyn, NY 11238; Lic. No. 002509; Cal. No. 34021; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully making or filing a false report.

##### **Nursing**

Carolyn Teresa Parker a/k/a Carolyn T. Parker a/k/a Carolyn Parker; Licensed Practical Nurse; Greensboro, NC 27405-9641; Lic. No. 278592; Cal. No. 33610; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation.

Benson Ngunjiri Gitau; Registered Professional Nurse; Ann Arbor, MI 48104; Lic. No. 700673; Cal. No. 33902; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of having abused alcohol.

Kimberly Jean Hollingsworth; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Family Health); Centre, AL 35960; Lic. No. 769218, Cert. No. 344387; Cal. Nos. 33998, 33999; Application to surrender license and certificate granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of self-prescribing controlled substance medications while practicing the profession of nursing in the State of Georgia.

Danielle M. Simonson; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Acute Care); Fort Ann, NY 12827; Lic. No. 552515, Cert. No. 430624; Cal. Nos. 34063, 34064; Application to surrender license and certificate granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of prescribing without adequate justification or assessment.

### **Pharmacy**

Sara Jane Curran; Pharmacist; Nassau, NY 12123; Lic. No. 055786; Cal. No. 34077; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of an unauthorized removal of medication from a pharmacy for the use of licensee's partner.

### **Social Work**

Richard F. Behmoiras; Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Oyster Bay, NY 11771; Lic. No. 024032; Cal. No. 33989; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to maintain appropriate boundaries with a former patient.

Mario Paul Nunes; Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Vestal, NY 13850; Lic. Nos. 087679, 083695; Cal. Nos. 34065, 34066; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of violating patient boundaries with a client.

## **III. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### **Acupuncture**

Ao Wang; Licensed Acupuncturist; Flushing, NY 11355; Lic. No. 005259; Cal. No. 33681; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

### **Architecture**

Benjamin Rutella; Architect; Long Beach, NY 11561; Lic. No. 023294; Cal. No. 33370; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

### **Mental Health Practitioners**

Erin Elizabeth Marinello; Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Niagara Falls, NY 14304; Lic. No. 005495; Cal. No. 33561; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

### **Nursing**

Jessica Lynn Spinner; Licensed Practical Nurse; Cairo, NY 12413; Slingerlands, NY 12159; Lic. No. 315192; Cal. No. 30813; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 6 months actual suspension, 18 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Joseph Michael Cunningham; Licensed Practical Nurse; Orwell, NY 13426, Rochester, NY 14615; Lic. No. 234072; Cal. No. 31498; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Indefinite actual suspension and until fit to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Julie Anne Smith; Registered Professional Nurse; Star Lake, NY 13690; Lic. No. 586408; Cal. No. 33467; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years actual suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Karen Anita Archibald a/k/a Karen Anita Thompson; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Baldwin, NY 11510; Lic. Nos. 223102, 456523; Cal. Nos. 33551, 33552; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Isabella Calanog; Registered Professional Nurse; Peoria, AZ 85382; Lic. No. 759858; Cal. No. 33717; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice in New York State, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kimberly Nichole Marshall; Licensed Practical Nurse; Wellsburg, NY 14894; Lic. No. 325620; Cal. No. 33781; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Theresa M. Dove; Registered Professional Nurse; Cheektowaga, NY 14225-4302; Lic. No. 595856; Cal. No. 33836; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Robin Lynn Collins; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Poultney, VT 05764; Lic. Nos. 327483, 789751; Cal. Nos. 33860, 33861; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Devon Strubert; Registered Professional Nurse; Madison Township, PA 18444; Lic. No. 801950; Cal. No. 33901; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for no less than 6 months and until fit to practice, upon return to practice in New York State, 2 years probation.

Valerie Lynne Osmer; Licensed Practical Nurse; Glens Falls, NY 12803; Lic. No. 340233; Cal. No. 33905; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Judith Laurie Michel a/k/a Judith Laurie Mahabir; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Valley Stream, NY 11580-0000; Lic. Nos. 236952, 514375; Cal. Nos. 33932, 33931; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 3 years probation, \$500 fine.

Nicole E. Twerdak; Licensed Practical Nurse; Kingston, NY 12401; Lic. No. 298464; Cal. No. 33945; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

Heather Lynn Turbedsky; Registered Professional Nurse; Stony Point, NY 10980; Lic. No. 514640; Cal. No. 33954; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Lauren Michele De Lucia; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Acute Care); North Bergen, NJ 07047; Lic. No. 511147, Cert. No. 430161; Cal. Nos. 33955, 33956; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Joanne M. Florek; Licensed Practical Nurse; Albion, NY 14411; Lic. No. 252243; Cal. No. 33963; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Rolston Spence; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Cape Coral, FL 33990; Lic. Nos. 233371, 461521; Cal. Nos. 33971, 33917; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year actual suspension, 1 year stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Deborah Ann Fouquet; Licensed Practical Nurse; Oxford, NY 13830; Lic. No. 200226; Cal. No. 33995; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Peter A. Imana; Registered Professional Nurse; Mount Vernon, NY 10552; Lic. No. 598345; Cal. No. 34005; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Courtney Elizabeth Polasik; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Tonawanda, NY 14150-4617; Lic. Nos. 291107, 602337; Cal. Nos. 34024, 33733; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Bridget Leigh Talty; Registered Professional Nurse; Aurora, NY 14052; Lic. No. 580821; Cal. No. 34072; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

## **Pharmacy**

Elahi LLC; Pharmacy; Richmond Hill, NY 11418; Reg. No. 032210; Cal. No. 33983; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, \$5,000 fine.

Wise Pharmacy LLC; Pharmacy; St. Albans, NY 11412; Reg. No. 033563; Cal. No. 33986; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$10,000 fine.

## **Public Accountancy**

Kenneth James Gralak; Certified Public Accountant; Stormville, NY 12582; Lic. No. 060437; Cal. No. 33134; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Partial actual suspension in the area of auditing until completion of course of retraining in said area, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Carlton William Vogt III; Certified Public Accountant; Warwick, NY 10990; Lic. No. 059689; Cal. No. 33398; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$3,000 fine.

John W. Green; Certified Public Accountant; Tucson, AZ 85749-7162; Lic. No. 052043; Cal. No. 33458; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

Mufutau A. Sadiku; Certified Public Accountant; Valley Stream, NY 11580; Lic. No. 059690; Cal. No. 33946; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

## **Social Work**

Michael Ivan Fischman; Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201-2369; Lic. No. 034581; Cal. No. 32277; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

## **Veterinary Medicine**

Ashley Ann Serfis; Veterinarian; Greenfield Center, NY 12833; Lic. No. 011825; Cal. No. 33846; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$7,500 fine.

## **IV. RESTORATIONS**

The Board of Regents voted on April 15, 2024 to deny the application for restoration of the physician license of Douglas E. Buxton a/k/a Douglas D. Snyder, Camas, WA. Dr. Buxton's license was surrendered February 14, 2018.

The Board of Regents voted on April 15, 2024 to deny the application for restoration of the physician license of Boris Sachakov, Rego Park, NY. Dr. Sachakov's license was revoked July 26, 2013.

# ATTACHMENT I

## New York Education Department Information Technology Overview

April 15, 2024

Board of Regents

- Michael St. John, CIO
- Michael Yudin, Assistant Director Business Solutions
- John Allen, Assistant Director Technical Services



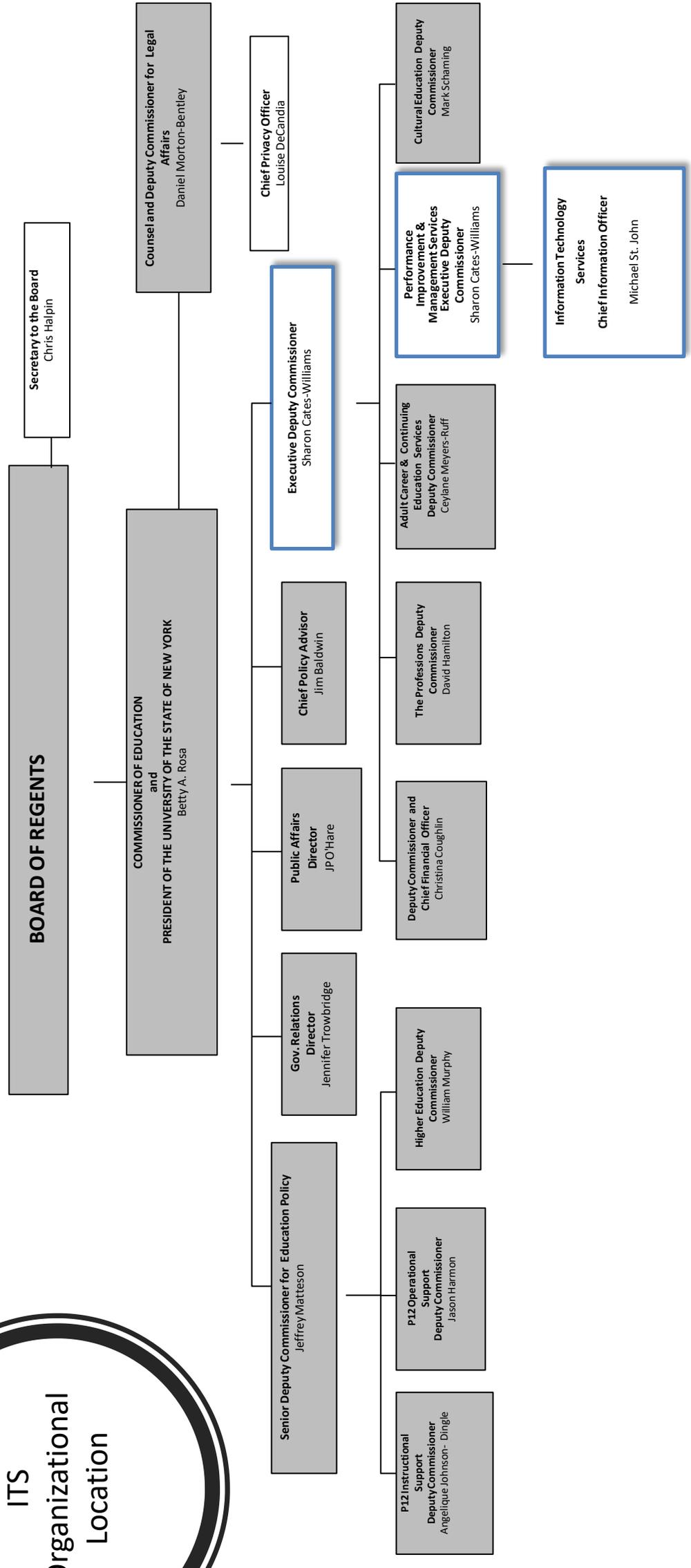
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# ITS Physical Location

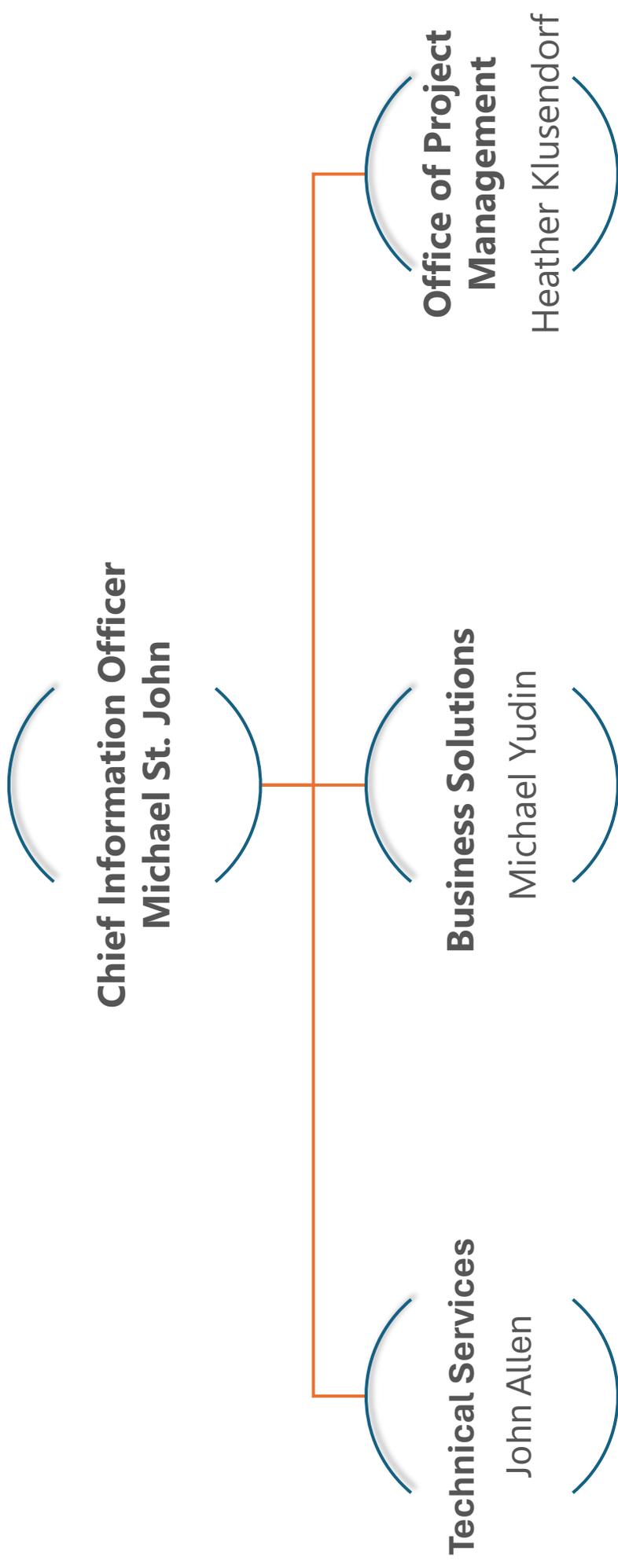
- Education Building Annex
- 6th and 2nd floor (Shared with our Data Center)
- 40 locations State-Wide



# New York State Education Department



# ITS Organization



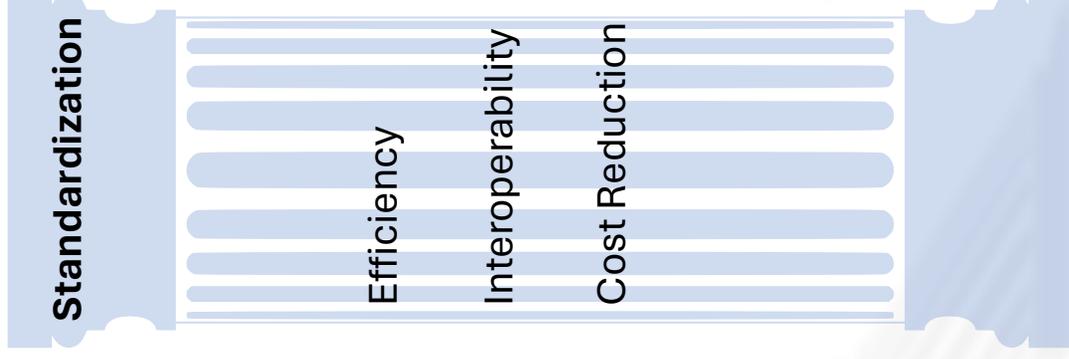
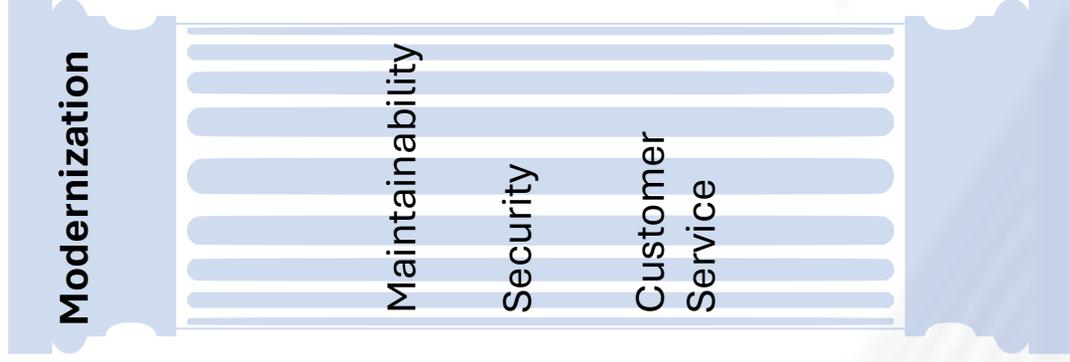


# Cybersecurity and Privacy

- Prioritizing Security and Privacy in decision-making
- Collaborating closely with the Chief Information Security and Chief Privacy Offices
- Expanding Security Operations in ITS to enhance system and data protection

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# ITS Vision



# Collaboration

- Integration of Business Solutions, Technical Services, Office of Project Management and Program Area Offices
- Aligns complex requests with departmental and technical vision
- Three pillars are achieved collaboratively, not in isolation

# New York State Education Department's Information Technology Portfolio

## Business Solutions

### **Adult Career and Continuing Education Services**

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- High School Equivalency
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision

### **Office of the Professions**

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- Prelicensure
- Renewals
- New Professions System
- Verification

### **Office of Cultural Education**

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- Library Development Grants
- Librarian Certification

### **P-12 Education**

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- Office of Special Education
- Office of State Assessment
- Office of Religious and Independent School Support
- Child Nutrition
- SEDREF
- Facilities Planning

### **Office of Higher Education**

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- TEACH
- Office of College and University Evaluation

### **Operations and Management Services**

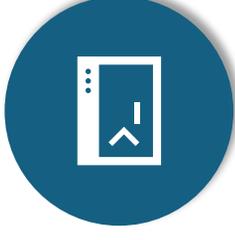
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- Human Resources
- Oracle Finance
- SED Monitoring
- Data Collection
- Business Portal
- Grants Finance
- State Aid
- NYSED Website

# Business Solutions Looking Forward



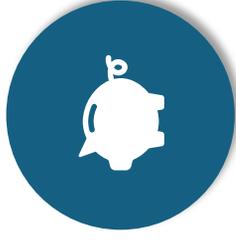
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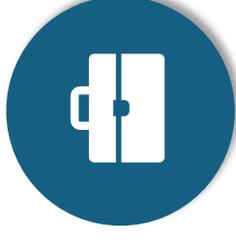
LOW-CODE PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT



MAINFRAME MODERNIZATION



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# Technical Services

- **Support work:** break/fix issues in the ITS Helpcenter.
- **Project work:** Upgrades or Modernization
- **Initiatives:** Larger project requiring collaboration submitted to Project intake

These teams that consist of 50+ staff

- Now resolve over 1000 support tickets per month
- 100's of project work tasks currently assigned
- Collaborating on more than 90 infrastructure projects/initiatives at this time

# New York State Education Department's Information Technology Portfolio

## Technical Services

### Automation Support

#### Center/Desktop Support Services

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**Team lead: George Linares**

- Computer hardware
- Laptop and peripherals for remote work
- Microsoft Windows
- Regional Support Administrators - that support 40 remote locations throughout the state

#### Helpdesk / Enterprise Customer Support

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**Team Lead: Liz Hurley**

- Operates the Enterprise Helpdesk
- Audio Visual support
- Communication and IT training
- ITS resource center implementation
  - Remote work
- Governor's press conference and Blue Ribbon Commission

#### Database Support Services

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**Team Lead: Vacant**

- Responsible for ensuring NYSED data is stored securely
- Application Servers
- Deployment of new Database and Application server hardware
- DevOps - Development Operations

### M365 / Shared Platform Services

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**Team Lead: Chris Barrie**

- M365 Cloud tools
  - Teams, Outlook, SharePoint
- Atlassian suite of products
- Identity and Access Control
- ITS Resource Center
  - Workflows and administration

### Server/ Data Center Services

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**Team Lead: Dan Harstein**

- Supports NYSED's servers
- Implementing new database and application server hardware
- Emphasis on standardization
- Modernized Data Center Monitoring
- FinOps – Finance Operations
- New hardware for data backups

### Enterprise Network Services

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**Team Lead: Shannon Coale**

- Responsible for Networking and Telcom
- Increased Internet Bandwidth
- Modernized Networking Infrastructure
- Modernization of secure connections to cloud environments
- Database hardware implementation

# Technical Services

## Looking Forward

- Continue to improve Communication, Standardization, and Modernization
- But where are we going?
  - Security Operations
    - Improved Disaster Recovery
  - Modernize Application Hardware
  - Backup Generator for the data center
  - Service desk – Human Resources
  - SLDS – Statewide Longitudinal Data System
  - Transition traditional Phones to VOIP
  - Continued collaboration with Fiscal Partners



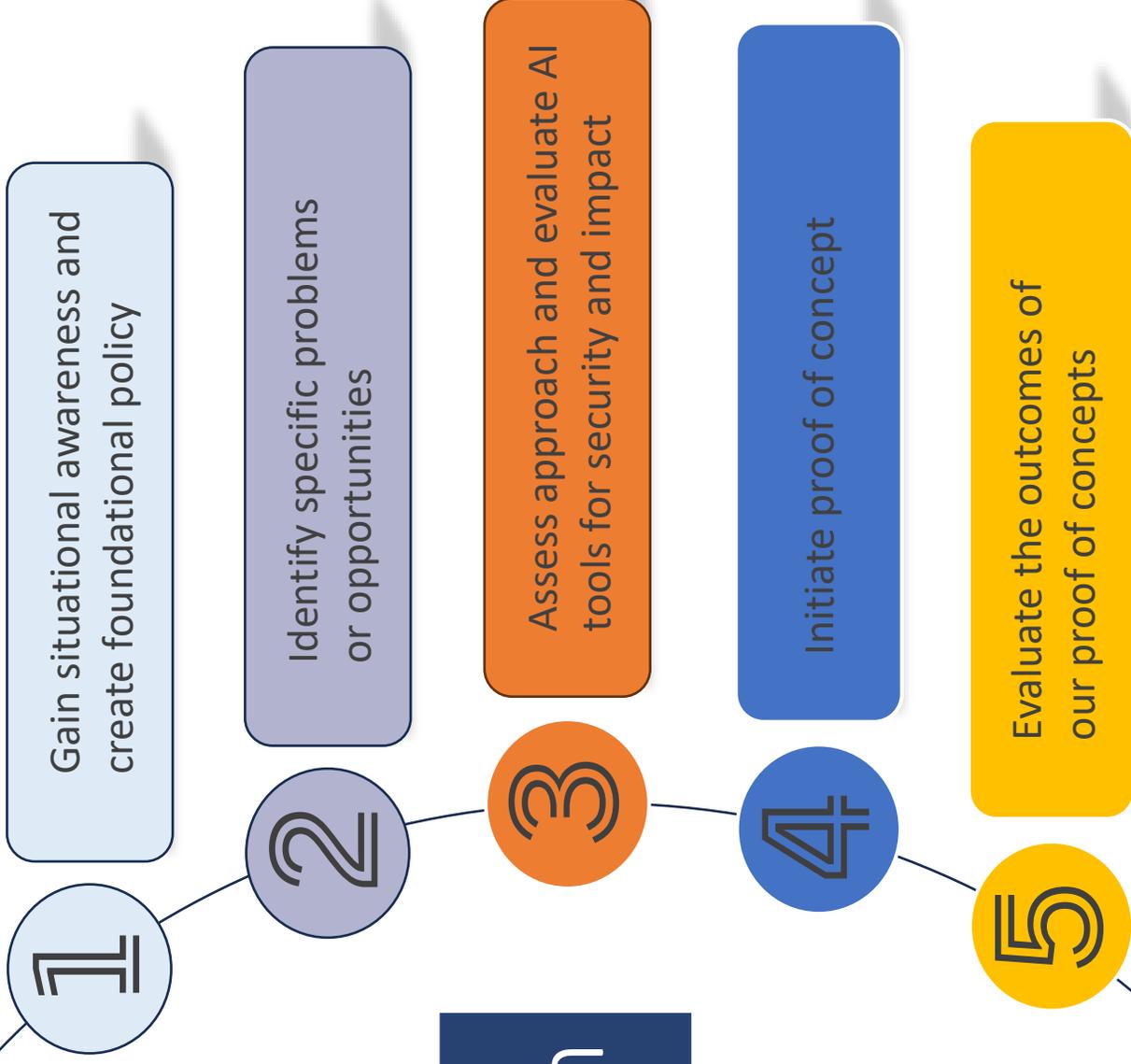
# IT Artificial Intelligence Initiatives

Taking a secure and measured approach to AI adaptation

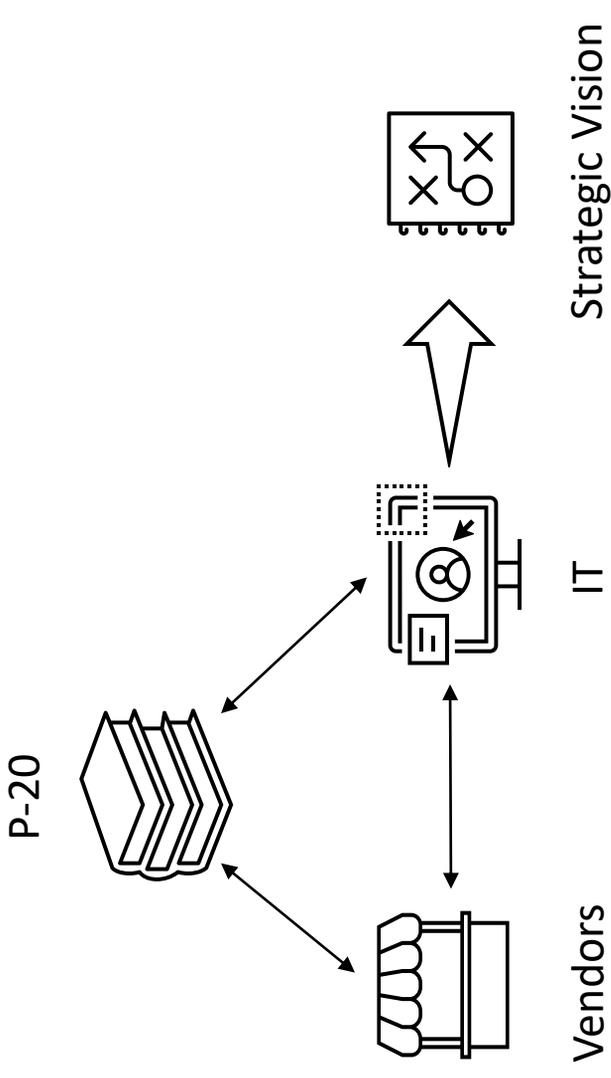
# Level Setting With AI

- Information Security
  - Integration of AI within our IT systems could create intrusion points
- Data Privacy and Confidentiality Risks
  - Models could inadvertently memorize and reproduce sensitive or personal information
- Bias and Fairness
  - Inherit and amplify biases

# Strategic Approach



# P-20 and IT Partnership



# Questions?



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