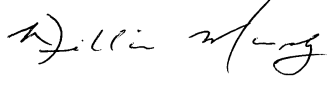
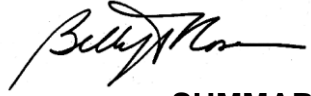




**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** William P. Murphy   
**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Application  
**DATE:** April 25, 2024  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**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**

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its May 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 programs that require the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. An amendment of an institution's master plan must be approved by the Board of Regents before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of the proposed master plan amendments have been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

If charter amendments are also necessary (e.g., to establish a new branch campus), they are indicated on the summary table (see the attachment below) 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 institution will proceed to enroll students.

Master Plan Amendments Summary Table

Name of Institution	Program Area	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
D'Youville University	OP	Buffalo, NY	Authorization to offer a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first master's program in the discipline area of social sciences.
Siena College	OHE	Loudonville, NY	<p>Authorization to offer the College's first programs in the discipline area of education leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed programs will be the institution's first master's programs in the discipline area of Education.</p> <p>The programs were proposed by the College as a result of Clarkson University's discontinuance of its educator preparation programs.</p> <p>A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board Agenda.</p>