



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment Applications
DATE: April 24, 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 May 2025 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.

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 Amendments Summary Table

Name of Institution	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
Elim Bible College	Lima	Authorization to offer a program in Business Administration leading to an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree award. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first associate level program in the discipline of Business.
Suffolk County Community College	Riverhead	Authorization to offer an Associate in Science (A.S.) in Healthcare Studies at the College's Eastern campus in Riverhead. A master plan amendment is required because this will be the institution's first program at the associate level in the discipline of the Health Professions at this location.