



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

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

**FROM:** William P. Murphy *William P. Murphy*

**SUBJECT:** Jamestown Business College: Application for Surrender of Degree-Conferring Authority

**DATE:** May 29, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *William P. Murphy*

### **SUMMARY**

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

Should the Board of Regents accept the application from Jamestown Business College to surrender its degree-conferring authority pursuant to section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by Regents rules.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its June 2025 meeting.

#### **Procedural History**

Jamestown Business College (JBC), a proprietary institution of higher education in New York State, applied to the Department to surrender its degree-conferring authority pursuant to section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

#### **Background Information**

Section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents describes the process for a proprietary institution to apply to surrender its degree-conferring authority and requires that the Board of Regents determine whether to accept that request.

In January 2024, Jamestown Business College announced its closure. The College did not establish teach-out agreements with other colleges, as the institution planned to teach out all of the students enrolled in its programs.

As of March 1, 2024, the College ceased enrollment of new students in all registered programs.

On May 30, 2024, Bryant and Stratton College committed to serving as the custodian of JBC's student transcripts.

As of February 28, 2025, the College ceased operations of all registered programs. No students remained enrolled at JBC after this date.

As of March 8, 2025, all students completed degree requirements and were awarded their degrees.

As of April 1, 2025, Jamestown Business College is no longer accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

On April 16, 2025, the President of JBC applied to surrender (Attachment A), in whole, its degree-conferring authority, pursuant to section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents. The application stated that the institution had met all institutional responsibilities required by section 3.58(h) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That, pursuant to section 3.58(g)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents accepts the request from Jamestown Business College to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If accepted by the Board of Regents, the request from Jamestown Business College to surrender its degree-conferring authority will become effective on June 10, 2025.



## Jamestown Business College

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April 16, 2025

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Pursuant to S3.58(g) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees of Jamestown Business College is applying to the New York State Board of Regents to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority. As of April 15, 2025, JBC met all institutional responsibilities prescribed in S3.58(h) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, in that:

1. As of March 1, 2024, Jamestown Business College ceased enrollment of new students in all registered programs. Jamestown Business College operated on a term schedule, enrolling students in the fall, winter, spring, and summer terms. The last term that the college enrolled students was in the Winter of 2023. The college announced its closure in January of 2024 and did not enroll any new students for the start of the spring term (March 2024) and forward.
2. As of February 28, 2025, the College ceased operations of all registered programs. No students remained enrolled at JBC after this date.
3. As of March 8, 2025, all students completed degree requirements, were awarded their degrees, and teach-out agreements were not required.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Reese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela Reese