



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** William P. Murphy *William P. Murphy*  
**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Applications  
**DATE:** July 1, 2021  
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### SUMMARY

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

Should the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications?

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

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237)

#### **Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its July 2021 meeting for proposed approval in accordance with the respective recommendations prepared by the program office(s) as contained in the attached summary table.

#### **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 program that requires the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of an institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of each of the proposed master plan amendments has 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. Following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the respective regions in accordance with Section 137 of Chapter 82 of the Laws of 1995. Here, there were no objections or statements of negative impact from canvassed institutions and no request for a public hearing. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a new branch campus) it is indicated on the summary table and the charter amendment is separately presented in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

**Related Regent's Items**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approved each master plan amendment application on the attached summary table.

**Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approved the master plan amendments, the Department will register the proposed programs, and the institutions will proceed to enroll students. Master plan amendments for institutions within the SUNY and CUNY systems must be transmitted to the Governor for approval prior to registration of the programs and enrollment of students.

Attachment

**Master Plan Amendment Summary Table**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Master Plan Amendment</b>
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	OHE	Geneva, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the Business discipline area, Master of Science (M.S.) in Management
Touro College (Central Islip Branch Campus)	OHE	Central Islip, NY	Authorization to offer first programs in the Education discipline area, 4 Master of Science (M.S.) programs and 1 Advanced Certificate program at this branch campus. (Moving existing registered programs from Bay Shore Branch Campus due to closure of that campus.)