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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Tony Lofrumento *Anthony Lofrumento Jr*
SUBJECT: Summary of the March 2015 Meeting
DATE: April 6, 2015
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Elizabeth B Berlin*

Executive Summary

Issue for Decision

Review of the Summary of the March 2015 Meeting of the Board of Regents.

Proposed Handling

Approval of the Summary of March 2015 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.

Recommendation

Approval of the Summary of the March 2015 meeting.

Timetable for Implementation

Effective April 14, 2015.

VOTED, that the Summary of the March 2015 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.



***SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 2015 MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK***

Held at the State Education Building

***Albany, New York
March 16 and 17, 2015***

***Anthony Lofrumento, 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 on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Merryl H. Tisch, Chancellor
Anthony S. Bottar, Vice Chancellor
Robert M. Bennett, Chancellor Emeritus
James C. Dawson
Harry Phillips, 3rd
Roger Tilles
Charles R. Bendit
Betty A. Rosa
Lester W. Young, Jr.
Christine D. Cea
Wade S. Norwood
Kathleen M. Cashin
James E. Cottrell
T. Andrew Brown
Josephine Victoria Finn
Judith Chin

Also present were the Acting Commissioner of Education, Elizabeth Berlin, Counsel, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Richard J. Trautwein, and the Secretary, Board of Regents, Anthony Lofrumento. Regent James R. Tallon, Jr. was absent and excused.

Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEM

Executive Session Motions

MOVED, that the Board of Regents convene in executive session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Motion by: Vice Chancellor Anthony S. Bottar
Seconded by: Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett
Action: Motion carried unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Course-Based Flexibility

Senior Deputy Commissioner Ken Wagner led a presentation on Course-Based Flexibility (Attachment I).

Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch adjourned the meeting.

MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Tuesday, March 17th at 11:15 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Merryl H. Tisch, Chancellor
Anthony S. Bottar, Vice Chancellor
Robert M. Bennett, Chancellor Emeritus
James C. Dawson
Harry Phillips, 3rd
Roger Tilles
Charles R. Bendit
Betty A. Rosa
Lester W. Young, Jr.
Christine D. Cea
Kathleen M. Cashin
James E. Cottrell
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Also present were the Acting Commissioner of Education, Elizabeth Berlin, Counsel, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Richard J. Trautwein, and the Secretary, Board of Regents, Anthony Lofrumento. Regents James R. Tallon, Jr. and Wade S. Norwood were absent and excused.

Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution in Recognition of Regent James C. Dawson

Assemblywomen Catherine T. Nolan and Deborah J. Glick presented Regent James C. Dawson with a certificate in recognition for his years of service on the Board (Attachment II).

Resolution in Recognition of Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett

Assemblywomen Catherine T. Nolan and Deborah J. Glick presented Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett with a certificate in recognition for his years of service on the Board (Attachment III).

Resolution in Recognition of Regent Harry Phillips, III

Assemblywomen Catherine T. Nolan and Deborah J. Glick presented Regent Harry Phillips, III with a certificate in recognition for his years of service on the Board (Attachment IV).

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 February 2015 Meeting of the Board of Regents BR (A) 2

MOVED, that the Summary of the February 2015 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

Motion by: Regent Harry Phillips, 3rd
Seconded by: Regent Roger Tilles
Action: Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES)

Amendment of Section 100.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Local High School Equivalency Diplomas Based Upon Experimental Programs BR (CA) 1

MOVED, that section 100.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, as submitted, effective April 1, 2015.

Higher Education

Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Taylor Business Institute BR (CA) 2

MOVED, that the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for their registered degree program at New York

Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Taylor Business Institute, the respective degrees as listed below:

New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Arts in Psychoanalysis:

1. Moore, Paul
2. Roséan, Lexa
3. Singh, Manpreet

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts:

124. Beckwith, Kathryn
125. Bilak, Maryna
126. Bryt, Maud Cinader
127. Harris, Fukuko Yahagi
128. Herrmann, Jeremy Robert
129. Kleinberg, Ariel
130. LaBurn, Sirena Kimiko
131. Malpeso, Karin
132. Manning, Jennifer
133. Sanchez, Agata Andrea
134. Zhang, Yi

Taylor Business Institute:

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Occupational Studies degree (A.O.S.):

3078. Johnson, Nia

**Renewal of Permission to Operate in New York State: Saint Mary's College of California
BR (CA) 3**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents renew the permission to operate for Saint Mary's College of California to offer 12 courses from its Bachelor of Arts program in Performing Arts, for a period of five years ending on March 17, 2020.

**Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Sections 80-1.1 and 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Time Extensions for Level II Teaching Assistant Certificates, the Definition of School Year for Purposes of Experience for Certification as a Teaching Assistant and a Technical Amendment Relating to Fees for the Internship Certificate
BR (CA) 4**

MOVED, that paragraph (24) of subdivision (b) of section 80-1.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner be amended and that subdivisions (a) through (d) of section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner shall be renumbered as subdivisions (b) through (e) of section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and a new subdivision (a) be added to section 80-5.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner, as submitted, effective April 1, 2015.

P-12 Education

Proposed Addition of Section 136.6 of the Commissioner's Regulations Relating to School Use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors BR (CA) 5

MOVED, that section 136.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is added, as submitted, effective April 1, 2015.

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) 6

MOVED, that the Regents approve the proposed (re)appointments.

Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions BR (CA) 7

MOVED, that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding licensing petitions.

Motion by: Regent James C. Dawson
Seconded by: Regent Harry Phillips, 3rd
Action: Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADULT CAREER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES (ACCES)

Your ACCES Committee held its scheduled meeting on March 17, 2015. All members were present, with the exception of Regent Norwood, who was excused.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Certain Ability-to-Benefit Tests for Purposes of Eligibility for State Financial Aid [ACCES (A) 1] – Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve, retroactively to September 1, 2007, the use of the federally approved ATB tests listed in attachment A for the timeframes identified therein by non-degree granting postsecondary schools for purposes of the TAP program.

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your ACCES Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon this recommendation in the written report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on March 17, 2015, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision Update [ACCES (D) 1] – the Committee was provided an update on the impact of recent provisions in New York State statute and Federal Law pertaining to consumer protection, ability-to-benefit test, and gainful employment requirement. In 2012, the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, ruled to eliminate Title IV eligibility to ATB students. However, in 2015, the Continuing Resolution Omnibus Spending Bill restored ATB tests for Title IV for “eligible career pathways,” retroactive to July 2014.

Also reviewed was the impact of federal gainful employment rules. In order to receive federal student aid, the law requires that most for-profit programs, regardless of credential level, and most non-degree programs at non-profit and public institutions, including community colleges, prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. Success will be measured and reported. Programs that do not perform will no longer be eligible. The impact of the gainful employment guidelines on BPSS-regulated schools could be significant.

Consent Agenda

The Board of Regents will take action on the following consent agenda item at their March 17, 2015 meeting.

- Amendment of Section 100.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Local High School Equivalency Diplomas based upon Experimental Programs

AUDITS/BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Regents Committee on Audits/Budget and Finance met today, as scheduled.

Items Discussed

Completed Audits

The Internal Audit Workgroup reviewed the nine audits that are being presented to the Committee this month. Two audits were issued by the Office of Audit Services, six were by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), and one by the City of New York Office of the Comptroller. Six audits were of school districts, one was of a special education services provider, one was of a Department function, and one of a New York City Department of Education function.

The findings were in the areas of procurement, budgeting, grant expenditures, compliance with Department's Reimbursable Cost Manual, fund balance and reserves.

2015 Fiscal Report

Our Chief Financial Officer provided the Members with the fiscal report for February. Extensive spending controls continue for all funds. General Fund spending reflects the amounts appropriated in the 2014-15 enacted budget. General Fund accounts are in structural balance. Special Revenue accounts are all in structural balance on a current year basis and the accumulated negative balance in the Cultural Education Account is being increased by approximately \$500,000.

CULTURAL EDUCATION

Regent Roger Tilles, Chair of the Cultural Education Committee, submitted the following written report. Your Committee on Cultural Education Committee had its scheduled meeting on March 16, 2015.

In attendance were committee members: Regents Tilles, Dawson, Bendit, Rosa, Cea, Cottrell, Brown and Finn. Absent: None

Regents In addition to CE Committee Members, in attendance were: Chancellor Tisch, Regent Cashin and Acting Commissioner Beth Berlin.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chair's Remarks: Regent Tilles welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

CE (D) 1 Building Better Libraries

A panel from four libraries representing different regions of the State, different-sized service populations, and different forms of governance and funding presented and discussed many of the broad range of activities and services being provided by our

urban libraries, and the challenges and opportunities created by an aging library infrastructure. The four panelists were:

Iris Weinshall, Chief Operating Office for NYPL
Mary Jean Jacobowski, Director, Buffalo and Erie County Public
Scott Jarzombek, Executive Director, Albany Public Library
Bridget Quinn-Carey, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, Queens Library

Ms. Weinshall requested that the Board consider a request for an additional \$2.8 million in capital funding for libraries to supplement the existing capital funds that are available. She reminded the committee that approximately 2.8 million people in New York City do not have Internet services at home. The public libraries across the city, especially those with free public wi-fi, are heavily used as access points for these citizens.

Ms. Jacobowski discussed the 900,000 people served by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library each year at the 37 buildings in the system. She shared a video that highlighted the deteriorating physical infrastructure at some of these libraries and commented that additional capital funding is needed to maintain and repair these facilities.

Mr. Jarzombek described the successful construction of seven branch libraries in the City of Albany and the positive impact that these branches have had on the community. He commented that 75 percent of the residents of the City of Albany have library cards.

Ms. Quinn-Carey commented that “investments in libraries are investments in communities.” She commented that the Queens Public Library operates 65 locations. She indicated that 41 of these locations are only approximately 10,000 square feet and are not capable of providing service to a growing user population. She indicated that the borough of Queens will grow by approximately 300,000 people in the next year. She indicated that the need for capital funds across the libraries in New York City is approximately \$1 billion dollars.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Your Higher Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on March 17, 2015

Action Items

Renewal of Institutional Accreditation: Louis V. Gerstner Jr. Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents renew the accreditation of the Louis V. Gerstner, Jr., Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for a period of seven years, with the provision that updates on responses to all recommendations are addressed in the institution’s required annual reports.

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your Higher Education 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 March 17, 2015, copies of which have been distributed to each member of the Board of Regents.

Other matters not requiring action:

Report on edTPA Task Force. Your Committee received an update and overview of the edTPA and other Certification Assessment outcomes as well as a review of edTPA data. Deb Colley and Scott Bischooping, Co-Chairs of the edTPA Task Force reviewed the work and the recommendations of the Task Force members. Your Committee requested that the Department analyze the current data on the new certification examinations and examine the labor market to see where there is supply and demand for teachers and explore potential safety net options for the EAS and the ALST and to report such recommendations back to the Board.

P-12 EDUCATION

Your P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on March 16, 2015. All members were present, except for Regent Tallon who was excused.

ACTION ITEMS

Advanced Designation Diploma and Pathway Requirements [P-12 (A) 1]

Your Committee recommends that clause (f) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (a), subparagraph (v) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), and paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended as submitted, effective March 17, 2015, upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to immediately adopt technical amendments to: (1) clarify the requirements for earning a Regents Diploma with advanced designation by students who elect to meet the requirements for a Regents diploma through the mathematics or science pathway options; and (2) allow students to earn a Regents diploma through the humanities pathway by passing either an additional Regents assessment or Department approved alternative in a different course in Social Studies or in English; and thereby allow for their timely implementation in the 2014-2015 school year.

Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School [P-12 (A) 2]

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed revised charter: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight

hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision for Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

Renewal Decisions for Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of Regents [P-12 (A) 3]
Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that, the Brighter Choice Elementary Charter School for Boys: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate the school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the application is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of this article; and (4) granting the application would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the renewal application of the Brighter Choice Elementary Charter School for Boys and that a renewal charter be issued, and that is provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2018.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that, the Brighter Choice Elementary Charter School for Girls: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate the school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the application is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of this article; and (4) granting the application would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the renewal application of the Brighter Choice Elementary Charter School for Girls and that a renewal charter be issued, and that is provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2018.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that, the Charter School for Applied Technologies: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate the school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the application is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of this article; and (4) granting the application would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the renewal application of the Charter School for Applied Technologies and that a renewal charter be issued, and that is provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2020.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that, the Southside Charter School: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the applicant can demonstrate the ability to operate the school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3)

granting the application is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of this article; and (4) granting the application would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the renewal application of the Southside Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that is provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2017.

The motion was approved by the Committee with Regent Finn opposing and Regent Bendit abstaining.

Conversion Charter School in Tuxedo Union Free School District [P-12 (A) 4]

Your Committee recommends that the Regents find that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues a charter and provisional charter to the Tuxedo STEM Academy at George F. Baker High School Conversion Charter School for a term of five years in accordance with §2851(2)(p) of the Education Law.

A motion was made by Regent Phillips, and seconded by Regent Tilles, to approve and issue a charter and provisional charter to the Tuxedo STEM Academy at George F. Baker High School Conversion Charter School for a term of five years in accordance with section 2851(2)(p) of the Education Law. The motion was defeated by the Committee, with Regent Bendit abstaining.

A second motion was made to return the item to the Tuxedo Board of Education to address programmatic and fiscal concerns. This motion was approved by the Committee with Regent Bendit abstaining.

2015 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver Renewal Application [P-12 (A) 5]

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents directs the Commissioner of Education and the State Education Department to submit an ESEA Waiver Renewal Request for 2015-16 through 2018-19 and associated waiver amendments to the United States Department of Education based upon the materials provided to the Board of Regents in the attachments to this item.

Charter Renewal Recommendations Authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education [P-12 (A) 6]

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and

fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Hebrew Language Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the KIPP AMP Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter with the current maximum enrollment be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2018.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the KIPP Infinity Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Teaching Firms of America-Professional Prep Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter with the current maximum enrollment be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2017.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2015.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2020.

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your P-12 Education 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 March 17, 2015, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Creation of the Online Learning Advisory Council – the Committee discussed the establishment of the Online Learning Advisory Council as required by Chapter 513 of the Laws of 2014. In order to comply with the membership requirements and ensure that the diversity of New York State school environments is represented, the five members appointed by the Commissioner will include:

- A representative from a rural district;
- A representative from a suburban district;
- A representative from a Big 5 district;
- A representative from a smaller urban district; and
- A second representative from one of the above categories

Once all members are appointed, the Department will convene the advisory council and assign committees as deemed necessary to inform the development of the final report. [P-12 (D) 1]

Development of a New York Statewide School Climate Index – due to time constraints, this item has been moved to the April Regents meeting for discussion. [P-12 (D) 2]

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and New York State's Structure of Support – the Committee was provided with information on the Department's initiatives related to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and information on how PBIS provides a framework to improve school climate, reduce suspensions and improve outcomes for all students. Panelists from three schools and a representative of the NYS PBIS TAC discussed the multi-tiered system of support and their PBIS implementation and results. Panel Members included: Kevin Quinn - NYS PBIS TAC Representative; Ray Raefski, Principal at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls; Patti LaBarr Principal at Harold T. Wiley School in Watertown; and Erika Tobia Principal at P.S. 41(Gun Hill Road School) in the Bronx. [P-12 (D) 3]

Reimbursement for Preschool Special Education Itinerant Services – the Committee discussed proposed amendment of section 200.9 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, relating to the reimbursement methodology for preschool Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIS). The proposed amendment would provide that reimbursement is to be paid upon the actual provision of SEIS to the student, in conformity with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2014; allow flexibility in how the minimum billable units of service adjustment are applied; and clarify that consultation with a student's regular early childhood provider is an expected function of a special education itinerant teacher. The amendment will be brought back to the Regents at their June meeting for approval. [P-12 (D) 4]

Consent Agenda

The Board of Regents will take action on the following consent agenda item at their March 17, 2015 meeting.

- Regulations relating to School Use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors.

P-12 EDUCATION/ CULTURAL EDUCATION JOINT COMMITTEE

Your P-12 Education Committee and Cultural Education Committee held a joint meeting on March 16, 2015. All members were present except for Regent Tallon who was excused.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Timeline for New York State Strategic Plan for the Arts [P-12/CE (D) 1] – The Committees discussed the development of a New York State Statewide Strategic Plan for the Arts that will be used to guide planning, implementation and further in-depth analysis of the standards in each Arts discipline. The strategic plan will include mission and vision statements and incorporate critical components that would need to be addressed if new standards are adopted and/or existing standards are updated. Staff will present the draft Strategic Plan to the Board of Regents in the summer of 2015 for approval to post for public comment and then present the revised Plan, as well as a proposed timeline for standards adoption in the fall of 2015.

New York State Blue Ribbon Panel for the Arts [P-12/CE (D) 2] – The Committees were updated on the process for establishing the Blue Ribbon Panel for the Arts and the identification of assessments that sufficiently measure student achievement in the arts. The Department has collected nominations from the field for the Blue Ribbon Panel and will announce the Panel in March. The Panel will begin meeting in spring 2015 and anticipates submitting recommendations to the Commissioner for approved arts assessments in fall 2015. The Department has also begun review of a limited number of recognized arts assessments for possible approval in spring 2015.

P-12 EDUCATION/ HIGHER EDUCATION JOINT COMMITTEE

Your P-12 Education Committee and Higher Education Committee held a joint meeting on March 16, 2015

Items not requiring action:

Professional Development.

Your Committees heard a presentation on critical professional development and teacher and leader support. Staff talked about two areas where the Race to the Top funding investment has proven to be extremely valuable in advancing the Board's priorities:

- Network Team Institutes (NTI). The presentation provided an overview of the accomplishments collectively achieved through NTI.
- Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE). The presentation provided an overview of the DTSDE team, including discussion on Professional Learning Community (PLC), face-to-face sessions and web-based interactive sessions. Each PLC had a topic or theme of focus for each month and was facilitated by national education experts, NYSED senior staff, and/or Regents Research Fellow fellows

Professional Development Improvement Plans (PIPS and TIPS). Your Committees received an overview of how improvement plans work in districts under the evaluation system. We will have one district present to discuss how they tie improvement plans to professional development efforts.

Bilingual Education Certification Options. Your Committees discussed Part 80. With the Implementation of Part 154 revisions, School Districts are requesting additional options

for current teachers to become certified as English to Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) teachers and content area certified teachers to gain bilingual extensions. The Department is proposing to create time limited ESOL and bilingual certificates using a combination of experience and exam or coursework and exam to gain a three year time limited certificate.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Your Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on March 16, 2015. All Committee members were present.

ACTION ITEMS

Professional Discipline Cases

Your 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 6 cases. In addition, your Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 41 consent order applications and 6 surrender applications be granted.

In the case of Leilani Johnson a/k/a Leilani E. Ruiz, Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Professional Nurse, Calendar Nos. 27769 & 27768, we recommend that the recommendation of the Regents Review Committee be accepted and be clarified in one respect in accordance with the statement on the last page of the report of the Regents Review Committee regarding the "the \$500 fine imposed", and that, as clarified, the words "respondent be fined \$500 and that" be deemed added on line two of the second full paragraph on page four of the report of the Regents Review Committee immediately after the words "of which respondent is found guilty, that" and immediately before the words respondent's licenses to".

In the case of Barbara Lee Vido a/k/a Barbara Lee Stanton, Licensed Practical Nurse, Calendar No. 27776, we recommend that the recommendation of the Regents Review Committee be accepted in all respects, except that term of probation numbered three, set forth in Exhibit "B" of said report, be deemed corrected as follows: the word "psychiatric" be deemed substituted in lieu of the word "psychological" on line six of said term of probation immediately after the opening parenthesis and before the word "specialty".

These recommendations are made following the review of 53 cases involving fourteen licensed practical nurses, seven registered professional nurses, six dentists, five licensed practical nurses who are also registered professional nurses, three dental professional corporations, two certified public accountants, one acupuncturist, one acupuncture professional corporation, one architect, one chiropractor, one dental hygienist, one massage therapist, one ophthalmic dispenser, one pharmacist, one

professional engineer, and one registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner in psychiatry.

Restorations

Your Committee recommends the following:

That the application of Abraham J. Sayegh for the restoration of his license to practice as a physician in the State of New York be denied. [PPC EXS (A) 4]

Long-Term Clinical Clerkships [PPC EXS (A) 5]

Your Committee recommends the following:

That the application of St. George's University School of Medicine to place students in long-term clinical clerkships in New York be approved, in accordance with and subject to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Long-term Clinical Clerkships.

That the application of International American University College of Medicine to place students in long-term clinical clerkships in New York be denied.

Approvals

Regulations: Licensure of Behavior Analysts and Certification of Behavior Analyst Assistants – Your Committee recommends the following:

That subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 29.2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of section 59.14 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended and sections 52.44 and 52.45 and Subparts 79-17, and 79-18 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be added, as submitted, effective April 1, 2015. [PPC (A) 1]

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your 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 March 16, 2015, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Your Committee discussed several topics of interest, including:

Deputy Commissioner's Report/ Update [Oral Report]

- Full Board Consent Agenda Items

- Board (Re)Appointments
- Licensing Petitions

MOVED, that the Committee Reports be approved.

Motion by: Regent Harry Phillips, 3rd
Seconded by: Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett
Action: Motion carried. Regent Charles R. Bendit recused himself from the Conversion Charter School in Tuxedo Union Free School District [P-12 (A) 4] vote.

**State Education Department February 2015 Fiscal Report
BR (A) 3**

MOVED, that the Board accepts the February 2015 State Education Department Fiscal Report as presented.

Motion by: Regent Charles R. Bendit
Seconded by: Regent Betty A. Rosa
Action: Motion carried

CLOSING REMARKS

State Senator John J. Flanagan provided remarks, thanking Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett, Regent James C. Dawson and Regent Harry Phillips, III, for their service on the Board.

Regents Harry Phillips, III, James C. Dawson and Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett provided closing remarks, reflecting on their time with the Department.

Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch adjourned the meeting.

Appendix I
NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS CHARTER ACTIONS

Name of Institution	Program Area	County of Location	Description of Charter Action(s)
Farman Free Library Association of Ellington	CE	Chautauqua	Application pursuant to Ed Law Section 266, for approval to distribute assets of the Farman Free Library Association of Ellington, a not-for-profit corporation, to the Ellington Farman Library, an education corporation.
Save the Gates of Harlem	CE	Bronx	Grant provisional charter for five years.
Suffolk Cooperative Library System	CE	Suffolk	Amend charter to set the length of trustee terms to three years.
Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School	P12	Onondaga	Grant an absolute charter in the first instance.
Little Flower Nursery School	P12	Westchester	Dissolve provisional charter.
Milestone Children's Center	P12	Westchester	Extend provisional charter for three years.
Montessori School of Brooklyn	P12	Kings	Grant provisional charter for three years.
The Ridge School	P12	Dutchess	Extend provisional charter for three years.
Albany Medical College	HE/OP	Albany	Amend charter to update dissolution language.

Appendix II
REGENTS ACTIONS IN 55 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES

March 16 - 17, 2015

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the revocation of 1 license, surrender of 5 licenses and 1 certificate, and 47 other disciplinary actions, including one reconsideration. The penalty indicated for each case relates solely to the misconduct set forth in that particular case. In addition, the Board acted upon 1 restoration petition.

I. REVOCATION AND SURRENDERS

Dentistry

Lawrence J. Bruckner a/k/a Lawrence Bruckner; Dentist; Plainview, NY 11803; Lic. No. 031486; Cal. No. 27698; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to charges of having been convicted of Health Care Fraud in the 2nd Degree (2 counts), Violation of Social Services Law, and Criminal Tax Fraud in the 2nd Degree, all felonies.

Premier Dental, P.C.; 25 Maxine Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803; Cal. No. 27699; Application to surrender certificate of incorporation granted. Summary: Registrant admitted to charges of having been convicted of Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree and Violation of Social Services Law, both felonies.

Nursing

Brent Vernon Reader; Licensed Practical Nurse; Tucson, AZ 85734, Verona, NY 13478; Lic. No. 281896; Cal. No. 27398; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation.

Suzie Marie Smith; Licensed Practical Nurse; Queens Village, NY 11427-2222; Lic. No. 291483; Cal. No. 27906; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of administering insulin to a patient who was not a diabetic and did not have a physician's order for insulin.

Denise Griffith-Heyen a/k/a Denise Griffith; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Smithtown, NY 11787; Lic. Nos. 116891, 292984; Cal. Nos. 27929, 27928; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge that, while on duty as a registered professional nurse, her ability to practice was impaired by her consumption of alcohol.

Marie Lucienne Bayonne; Registered Professional Nurse; Stamford, CT 06907; Lic. No. 488370; Cal. No. 27997; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of having been found guilty of professional misconduct in the

State of Connecticut, which conduct would be considered practicing the profession of nursing with negligence on more than one occasion if committed in New York State.

II. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Acupuncture

Jason Jay Kolbe L. Ac. P.C.; 220 Fort Salonga Road, Northport, NY 11768; Cal. No. 27059; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 6 months.

Jason Jay Kolbe; Northport, NY 11768; Lic. No. 002576; Cal. No. 27060; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 6 months.

Architecture

Jae Yoon Ko; Corona, NY 11368; Lic. No. 011493; Cal. No. 27790; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 6 month actual suspension, 18 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$7,500 fine.

Chiropractic

Rashad Reneh Trabulsi; Brooklyn, NY 11201; Lic. No. 010871; Cal. No. 27662; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 month actual suspension, 21 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Dentistry

Ali John Jazayeri; Dentist; Carle Place, NY 11514; Lic. No. 053328; Cal. No. 27362; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and Reprimand, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Alexander Duka; Dentist; New York, NY 10065-6745; Lic. No. 043788; Cal. No. 27480; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 6 month actual suspension, 18 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Alexander Duka, D.D.S., P.C. d/b/a Quality Dental for Better Living; 320 East 65th Street - #618, New York, NY 10065-6745; Cal. No. 27481; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 6 month actual suspension, 18 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Thomas William Riutta Jr; Dentist; Stony Brook, NY 11790; Lic. No. 046699; Cal. No. 27708; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and Reprimand, \$1,000 fine payable within 30 days.

Tara N. Minnick a/k/a Tara Minnick a/k/a Tara Turner; Dental Hygienist; Riverhead, NY 11901-2101; Lic. No. 025690; Cal. No. 27757; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 24 months probation, \$500 fine.

Harlem Dental Cosmetic Plaza, P.C.; 407 East Jericho Turnpike, Carle Place, NY 11514; Cal. No. 27788; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: \$500 fine payable within 2 months.

Stephen L. Grossman; Dentist; Babylon, NY 11702; Lic. No. 032713; Cal. No. 27791; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

Scott Alan Bialik; Dentist; Newtown, CT 06470; Lic. No. 045459; Cal. No. 27827; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation to commence upon return to practice in the State of New York, \$500 fine payable within 90 days.

Engineering and Land Surveying

Scott Alan Fertig; Professional Engineer; Staten Island, NY 10307; Lic. No. 073085; Cal. No. 27625; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

Massage Therapy

Jason Jay Kolbe; Northport, NY 11768; Lic. No. 010247; Cal. No. 27061; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 year suspension with leave to apply for a stay of execution of any unserved portion thereof after service of a minimum of 3 months upon submission of certain documentation, thereafter 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine.

Nursing

Francoise Joseph; Licensed Practical Nurse; Westbury, NY 11590-2442; Lic. No. 296930; Cal. No. 26397; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Marie Mirtho Lindor; Licensed Practical Nurse; North Amityville, NY 11701; Lic. No. 255855; Cal. No. 26400; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Kristina A. Rosso; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rochester, NY 14609; Lic. No. 288321; Cal. No. 27607; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 24 months suspension, execution of last 18 months of suspension stayed.

Amy Beth Kramer; Registered Professional Nurse; Elmira, NY 14904-2409; Lic. No. 485005; Cal. No. 27671; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Juliane M. Shafer; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Webster, NY 14580; Lic. Nos. 237389, 508454; Cal. Nos. 27688, 27689; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kirk M. Hares; Registered Professional Nurse; Auburn, NY 13021; Lic. No. 520913; Cal. No. 27714; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 month actual suspension, 21 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Rosanne Ficarra a/k/a Rosanne M. Ficarra; Registered Professional Nurse; Mastic Beach, NY 11951; Lic. No. 454613; Cal. No. 27715; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for not less than 3 months and until fit to practice, upon termination of suspension, 24 months probation to commence when and if return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 30 days.

Carla M. Blackmon; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatry); Rochester, NY 14617; Lic. No. 502162, Cert. No. 400701; Cal. Nos. 27743, 27744; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspensions until fit to practice, upon termination of suspensions, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine.

Paula J. Miesch; Registered Professional Nurse; Rochester, NY 14612; Lic. No. 570095; Cal. No. 27746; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon termination of suspension, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 6 months.

Linda M. Major; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Hopewell Junction, NY 12533; Lic. Nos. 116932, 416017; Cal. Nos. 27748, 27751; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspensions until mentally fit to practice, upon termination of suspensions, 2 years probation, \$500 fine payable within 30 days.

Michele A. Wilferth; Registered Professional Nurse; Wolcott, NY 14590; Lic. No. 535147; Cal. No. 27754; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon termination of suspension, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 6 months.

Erin Marie Swick; Registered Professional Nurse; Rochester, NY 14624; Lic. No. 571314; Cal. No. 27758; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until mentally and physically fit to practice, upon termination of suspension, 1 year probation to commence upon return to practice, \$500 fine payable within 6 months.

Donna Sims; Licensed Practical Nurse; West Oneonta, NY 13861; Lic. No. 169280; Cal. No. 27765; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Leilani Johnson a/k/a Leilani E. Ruiz; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Campbell, NY 14821; Lic. Nos. 294187, 662147; Cal. Nos. 27769, 27768; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: \$500 fine, suspension for a minimum of 4 months and thereafter indefinitely until fit to practice and until substance abuse-free, probation 2 years to commence subsequent to termination of indefinite suspension and upon actual return to practice.

Barbara Lee Vido a/k/a Barbara Lee Stanton; Licensed Practical Nurse; Schenectady, NY 12304; Lic. No. 206736; Cal. No. 27776; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 2 year suspension, execution of suspension stayed, probation 2 years to run concurrently with period of suspension.

Rochelle D. McNeair-Tisdale; Licensed Practical Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14214; Lic. No. 202272; Cal. No. 27796; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Cynthia A. Kozlowski; Licensed Practical Nurse; Getzville, NY 14068; Lic. No. 142262; Cal. No. 27802; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Michael R. Howell; Licensed Practical Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14215; Lic. No. 297930; Cal. No. 27806; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Jamie Talia Cunningham; Licensed Practical Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14211-1312; Lic. No. 288864; Cal. No. 27819; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Stephen Anthony Brean; Licensed Practical Nurse; Binghamton, NY 13903; Lic. No. 250552; Cal. No. 27825; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

Erica D. Walker; Licensed Practical Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14206; Lic. No. 309949; Cal. No. 27835; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon termination of suspension, 2 years probation to commence upon return to practice, \$250 fine payable within 6 months.

Joshua Flores; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; New York, NY 10454; Lic. Nos. 277631, 544976; Cal. Nos. 27881, 27882; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 month actual suspension, 21 month stayed suspension, 24 months probation, \$500 fine.

Ophthalmic Dispensing

Gloria C. Marin; Yonkers, NY 10705-2071; Lic. No. 008911; Cal. No. 27747; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 month actual suspension, 22 month stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

Pharmacy

Aviva Y. Bodek; Pharmacist; Rochester, NY 14618; Lic. No. 049266; Cal. No. 27794; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 year stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$750 fine.

Public Accountancy

Kwangho Lee; Certified Public Accountant; New York, NY 10001; Lic. No. 073591; Cal. No. 27799; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Partial actual suspension in certain area until successful completion of course of retraining in said certain area, 24 months probation, \$5,000 fine.

Brian F. Zucker; Certified Public Accountant; Somerset, NJ 08873-4120; Lic. No. 052540; Cal. No. 27891; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 month actual suspension, 9 month stayed suspension, following service of actual suspension, 12 months probation.

III. RECONSIDERATION

Angelina M. Vitale; Licensed Practical Nurse; Ronkonkoma, NY 11779; Lic. No. 203242; Cal. No. 28068; Application for reconsideration granted: Vote & Order under Cal. No. 27081 modified, Term of Probation numbered four amended.

IV. RESTORATION

The Board of Regents voted on March 17, 2015 to deny the application for restoration of the physician license of Abraham Sayegh, Congers, NY. Dr. Sayegh's license was originally surrendered November 19, 1997.

Attachment I

Graduation Requirements and the Class of 2022

In February 2014, the Board delayed the phase-in of new graduation requirements.

- The full implementation of the Common Core standards was delayed by five years, from 2017 to 2022.
- The Class of 2022 (students who enter grade 9 in the 2018-19 school year) will need to pass the new ELA and math Regents Exams at the proficiency level for graduation purposes.
- The Classes of 2017 to 2021 will need to pass these exams at the current cut score of 65, or partial proficiency.
- Existing safety nets will remain in place, or even expand, for general education students, students with disabilities, and English language learners.

The standards were adopted in 2010, so we are in our fifth year of a 12-year phase-in period, with seven years to go to 2022.

- Even with a 12-year phase-in, there are those who say this is impossible, but -
- We have done this before. We phased out the local diploma for most students over a decade, and yet the graduation rate continued to rise.
- The Class of 2022 is the first class that completed kindergarten the year the standards were adopted in 2010, entered grade 3 the first year we measured student progress on the standards in 2013, and will enter high school in the fall 2018, eight years after the implementation of the standards begun.
- We already hear stories of the amazing things students can do after only two or three years of instruction with the new standards, so it is hard to imagine what the 9th graders in the Class of 2022 will be able to do after benefitting from eight years of great teaching and high expectations.

However, college readiness is complicated, and it cannot be captured by a single cut score on a single test.

- Readiness includes academics, but it also includes important skills like persistence and collaboration and creativity.
- The Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation – adopted in 2001, and perhaps our first and best indicator of readiness – requires persistence through advanced math and science courses, as well as advanced coursework in CTE or World Languages or the Arts.
- As we approach the 2022 challenge and our graduation requirements reflect college readiness, should we provide additional flexibility in our definition of readiness?

Is there room for more flexibility while maintaining our high standards?

- Should passing the ELA Regents Exam at the proficiency level be the only measure of college readiness in English, or should there be another option in English, such as the completion of a four-year course of study in ELA that includes recognized advanced course work, such as AP, IB, and courses for college credit?
- Should passing the Algebra Regents Exam at the proficiency level be the only measure of college readiness in math, or should there be another option in math, such as the completion of a four-year course of study in math that includes recognized advanced course work, such as Regents Algebra II, AP, IB, and courses for college credit?

What might happen if we created an optional pathway to graduation that is based on the completion of advanced coursework rather than attainment of a cut score?

- We would have an additional pathway for all students, including those who have difficulty passing a single ELA or math test at a higher cut score.
- We would increase incentives for districts to make advanced coursework in ELA and math available to all students.
- We would increase incentives for districts and BOCES to collaborate and provide access to advanced coursework, including virtual and distance learning opportunities.
- We could give districts public recognition for this work by adding an additional aspirational performance measure to our graduation rate release to include the percent of students in the cohort who completed early colleges experiences like AP, IB, dual credit programs, early college high school, and P-TECH.

Next Steps?

- Does the Board wish to direct staff to post these ideas for public comment?



***Resolution in Recognition of
James C. Dawson***

Dr. James C. Dawson has devoted more than two decades serving the students of New York State as a distinguished member of the Board of Regents. James Dawson has represented the Fourth Judicial District which includes the North Country from the Mohawk River to the Canadian border.

James Dawson was first appointed to the Board in 1993. During his service on the Board he has chaired the Regents' Cultural Education Committee, the Regents' Administrative Committee, and the Regents' State Aid Subcommittee. He also Co-Chaired the Audits/Budget and Finance Committee and Vice Chaired the Committee on State Aid.

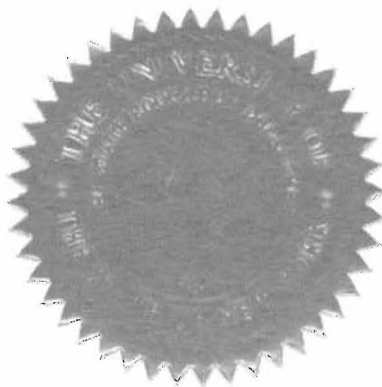
James Dawson took a highly personal approach to his service, making it his mission to visit each school district and school building in his judicial district. He believes that he is the first Regent in the 220-year history of the Board of Regents to do so. Regent Dawson has experienced first-hand the work being done by educators and students statewide. This dedication was not limited to the classroom; in May 2014, he joined a group of Lake George fourth graders on a trip to an archaeological dig site near Million Dollar Beach.


James Dawson has been a passionate supporter of the Office of Cultural Education, particularly the State Museum. He has been a tireless champion for the Museum, from advocating for the importance of science research in education to promoting history and art exhibitions. Most notably, he was responsible for bringing the Rockwell Kent art exhibition to the Museum in 2008. He is a firm believer in giving students exposure to art and science through increased access to museums and libraries in every corner of the state.


James Dawson's commitment to education continues as a faculty member at the State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh, where as a Distinguished Service Professor in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science, he teaches young college students that rocks can be as interesting as rock music.

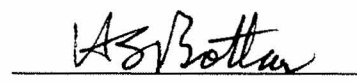
James Dawson leaves the Board to no doubt spend more time enjoying classical music, exploring local history, and canoeing with his wife, Caroline.

On behalf of the students, parents and educators in New York, the New York State Board of Regents today recognizes, honors and expresses appreciation for the extraordinary public service in all aspects of education given to the people of the state by Regent James C. Dawson.




Elizabeth Berlin
Acting Commissioner of
Education


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Vice Chancellor

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Resolution in Recognition of
Robert M. Bennett

Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett is a man of the highest integrity and values who has been a tireless advocate of the pursuit of education for all children. Chancellor Emeritus Bennett has spent his career in service to his community, from his time at United Way where he developed programs to help families and young people, to his 20 years of service on the Board of Regents, including seven years as chancellor.

Since his election to his first term in 1995, Robert Bennett has represented Western New York by championing standards that increased students' opportunities. He was elected Chancellor by his colleagues in March 2002, and for seven years as Chancellor, Robert Bennett led the way toward more career and college preparation for high school students across the state.

The Board of Regents unanimously appointed Robert Bennett as Chancellor Emeritus in 2009. Chancellor Emeritus Robert Bennett chaired the Committee on Ethics, Co-Chaired the Committee on Higher Education and served on the Committees on P-12 Education and Adult and Continuing Education. His contributions to the Common Core Work Group helped lead to the strengthening of standards for students across the state. He has continued to be a champion for career and technical education opportunities.

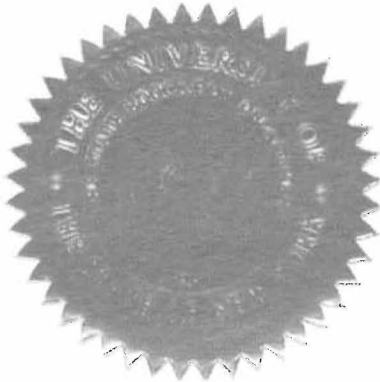
Robert Bennett's generosity and devotion to education continues as he shares his wisdom and knowledge as an adjunct professor at Canisius College, Niagara University and the University at Buffalo.

During his more than two decades of service with the United Way, Robert Bennett improved the lives of innumerable Western New Yorkers by creating innovative system changes and programs to provide families with high quality, effective services.

His one regret is that he could not help the Bills win any of the four consecutive Super Bowls they played in.

Robert Bennett has said that what is really important is family. That philosophy is reflected in his children, Maurine and Andrew and grandchildren, Clare, Alice, Adelaide and Robert.

On behalf of the students, parents and educators in New York, the New York State Board of Regents today recognizes, honors and expresses appreciation for the extraordinary public service in all aspects of education given to the people of the state by Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Bennett.



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Resolution in Recognition of Harry Phillips, III

Regent Harry Phillips, III was first elected to the Board of Regents in 2000. He has served with distinction for 15 years, representing the Ninth Judicial District, which includes the Lower Hudson Valley.

Harry Phillips served as chairman of the Committees on Higher Education and Professional Practice, helping improve discipline in the licensed professions during his time on the Committee. Recognizing the importance of consumer safety, Regent Phillips focused on protecting the public while ensuring professional integrity in the professions.

After joining the Board in 2000, Regent Phillips quickly became an advocate and leader of the Professional Practice Committee. He was always available to advise and review the countless issues that came before the Committee, no matter how complex or voluminous, and advocated successfully for strong, but appropriate, standards in practice and discipline.

Harry Phillips brought keen business knowledge to the Board. After a long career in insurance and benefits during which he founded H&R Phillips, Inc., he served as chairman of the board of Westchester Community College.

Regent Harry Phillips has been active in civic and charitable organizations in New York City and in Hartsdale, NY, where he resides. He is a board member of WISE Services, Inc., which provides a structured but independent study program for the senior semester of high school and a board member of the Westchester Community College Foundation. He has always advocated for increased opportunities for New York students to attend college.

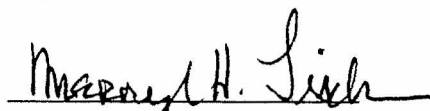
Harry Phillips grew up in Long Island's "Five Towns" and graduated from Harvard with honors. He earned a Masters degree in Financial Services from The American College. Harry Phillips joined the Army at age 18, serving in Germany during World War II.

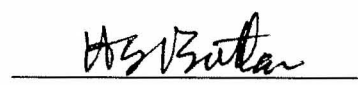
Harry Phillips retires from the Board of Regents to spend more time with his wife of 66 years, Marjorie, and their family, which includes three grown children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His other retirement goal is to land a guest starring role opposite Mary Crawley on Downton Abbey.

On behalf of the students, parents and educators in New York, the New York State Board of Regents today recognizes, honors and expresses appreciation for the extraordinary public service in all aspects of education given to the people of the state by Regent Harry Phillips, III.




Elizabeth Berlin
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