



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary

SUBJECT: Summary of the September 2024 Meeting

DATE: September 26, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the Summary of the September 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Not applicable.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its October 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

This document summarizes the actions of the Board of Regents during the monthly meeting and is brought before the Board during its next meeting for approval.

Background Information

Not applicable.

Related Regent's Items

Not Applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Summary of the September 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

Timetable for Implementation

Effective October 8, 2024.



SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

***Held at the
State Education Building
Albany, New York***

September 9 and 10, 2024

***Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary
Board of Regents***

The Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York held a public session in Albany on Monday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the State Education Building pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*
Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*
Roger Tilles
Christine D. Cea
Luis O. Reyes
Susan W. Mittler
Frances G. Wills
Aramina Vega Ferrer
Shino Tanikawa
Roger P. Catania
Adrian I. Hale
Hasoni L. Pratts
Patrick A. Mannion
Seema Rivera

Also present were Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Sharon Cates-Williams, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy, Jeff Matteson, Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Daniel Morton-Bentley, and Secretary, Board of Regents, Christopher J. Halpin. Regents Wade S. Norwood, James E. Cottrell, and Catherine Collins were absent and excused. Regent Roger P. Catania participated by videoconference from a private location.

ACTION ITEM

Executive Session Motion

MOVED, that the Board of Regents convene in executive session on Monday, September 10th at 10:05 a.m. to discuss litigation and personal matters, including an appointment for consideration.

Motion by: Vice Chancellor Judith Chin
Seconded by: Regent Frances G. Wills
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Empowering Educators for Workforce Readiness: The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Teacher Ambassador Program

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Commissioner Roberta Reardon, Deputy Commissioner Chris White, New York State Education Department (NYSED) Commissioner Betty A. Rosa, along with Teacher Ambassadors Michael Amante from the New Hartford Central School District, and Katie Sacco from the Fort

Plains Central School District, presented on the collaborative nature and impact of the Teacher Ambassador Program (Attachment I).

Chancellor Young adjourned the meeting.

MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Tuesday, September 10th at 10:45 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor*
Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor*
Roger Tilles
Christine D. Cea
Luis O. Reyes
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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 July 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents
BR (A) 2**

MOVED, that the Summary of the July 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

Motion by: Regent Shino Tanikawa
Seconded by: Regent Christine D. Cea
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

**State Education Department August 2024 Fiscal Report
BR (A) 3**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the State Education Department August 2024 Fiscal Report as presented.

Motion by: Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer
Seconded by: Regent Susan W. Mittler
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS

Higher Education

Proposed Amendment of Section 80-5.27 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Extending the Validity Period of Emergency COVID-19 Certificates BR (CA) 1

MOVED, that section 80-5.27 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective October 14, 2024, as an emergency rule upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare, in order to immediately extend the expiration date of Emergency COVID-19 certificates that are set to expire during the 2024-25 school year to August 31, 2025 and address on-going staffing challenges due in part to disruptions from the COVID-19 crisis and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the July 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

Proposed Amendment of Section 80-5.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Extending the Flexibility for Incidental Teaching BR (CA) 2

MOVED, that section 80-5.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective October 14, 2024, as an emergency rule upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to continue allowing certified teachers to teach up to 10 classroom hours a week in a subject area not covered by their certificate for the 2024-2025 school year and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the July 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College BR (CA) 3

MOVED, that the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for registered degree programs at Glasgow Caledonian New York College, the respective degree as listed below.

Glasgow Caledonian New York College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Science (M.S.) award:

Chloe Carr
Teresa Dyer
Morgan Ginn
Theresa Laumann

Beatrice Levy
 Thera Marshall
 Marijo Mena
 Marie Peña
 Aishwarya Shinde

**Master Plan Amendment Applications
 BR (CA) 4**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment applications on the attached summary table.

Name of Institution	Program Area	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
Bank Street College of Education	OCUE	New York, NY	Approval of the establishment of the following branch campuses, which will offer master’s programs in the field of education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yonkers City School District in Yonkers - New York City Department of Education Office in Long Island City A corresponding charter amendment is included on the Full Board agenda.

**Renewal of Permission to Operate in New York State: IESE Business School, University of Navarra • Stanford University • The Reformed Theological Seminary
 BR (CA) 5**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents renew IESE Business School’s permission to operate modules from its master’s programs in New York City. This approval will be effective for five years beginning on October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2029.

MOVED, that the Board of Regents renew Stanford University’s permission to operate its one-quarter Stanford in New York program for students enrolled in the University. This approval will be effective for five years beginning on October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2029.

MOVED, that the Board of Regents renew the Reformed Theological Seminary’s permission to operate part of its Master of Arts in Biblical Studies degree program in New York City. This approval will be effective for five years beginning on October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2029.

**The State University of New York (SUNY), New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, and New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell: Regents Authorization to Award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Degree
BR (CA) 6**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents authorizes the State University of New York (SUNY), NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and NYS School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell to award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree.

**Appointment to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System Board
BR (CA) 7**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents appoint Mr. Donald A. Little III to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System Board pursuant to Section 504(3) of the Education Law until the next annual convention of active members to be held in November 2024.

Higher Education/P-12 Education

**Proposed Amendment of Sections 80-2.9, 80-4.3, and 80-5.18 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Flexibilities for the Supplementary Certificate and Supplementary Bilingual Education Extension Requirements in Response to the Influx of Recently Arrived and Asylum-Seeking Students
BR (CA) 8**

MOVED, that sections 80-2.9, 80-4.3, and 80-5.18 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective October 14, 2024, as an emergency rule upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare, in order to immediately continue flexibilities related to the requirements for the Supplementary certificate and Supplementary Bilingual Education extension to address staffing challenges due to the influx of recently arrived and asylum-seeking students and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the July 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

**Proposed Amendment of Section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Seniors Enrolled in School Districts
BR (CA) 9**

MOVED, that section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective October 14, 2024, as an emergency action upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to conform the Commissioner's regulations to Part C of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2024 and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the July 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

P-12 Education

Proposed Amendment of Section 100.5(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Posthumous High School Diplomas BR (CA) 10

MOVED, that section 100.5(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

Proposed Amendment of Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Emergency Response Definitions for School Safety Plans BR (CA) 11

MOVED, that section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

Proposed Amendment of Section 119.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Calculation of Aid Attributable to Students with Disabilities Served in Charter Schools BR (CA) 12

MOVED, that section 119.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

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) 13

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the proposed (Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions.

Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals BR (CA) 14

MOVED, that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petition(s) and degree conferrals.

Proposed Amendment of Section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Supervisor Requirements for Wholesalers Transfilling Medical Oxygen BR (CA) 15

MOVED, that section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 13, 2024, as an emergency action, upon the finding of the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare to timely conform the Commissioner's regulations to implement the provisions of Chapter 590 of the Laws of 2023, which became effective April 22, 2024, to ensure that the emergency action taken at the June 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

MOVED, that section 63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

**Proposed Amendment of Sections 74.1, 74.6, 79-9.3, 79-10.3, 79-11.3 and 79-12.3 and Repeal of Section 74.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Social Work and Mental Health Practitioner Supervision Requirements, Acceptable Accrediting Bodies for Social Work Education Programs, and the Social Work Psychotherapy Privilege
BR (CA) 16**

MOVED, that sections 74.1, 74.6, 79-9.3, 79-10.3, 79-11.3 and 79-12.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, and section 74.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be repealed, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

**Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Inc.
BR (CA) 17**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents grant permission to operate for Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Inc. (BGSP) to offer its M.A. program in Psychoanalytic Studies in New York, NY.

**Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
BR (CA) 18**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents confer degrees upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for the Psychoanalysis program leading to the M.A. degree offered at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis:

Gwendolyn Burton
Madeleine Alpert
Richard Levitt
Gregory Morshige
Douglas Mackliff
Arian Sattasri-Khavas
Maureen Cohen
Krista Donargo
Jean Koerner
Ingrid Bernstein

**Conferral of Degrees: Rochester General College of Health Careers
BR (CA) 19**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for the A.A.S. program in Nursing at Rochester General College of Health Careers:

Brianna Beckley
Ariana Boillat
Briana Bonafede
Leah Calcagno
Kaitlyn Ditch
Eric Dixon
Tiffany Gantz
Kadesia Hazel
Kivona Hall
Holly Lake
Jenna Lauth
Jessica McCann
Veronica Melia
Nicole Rossetti
Shannikay Salmon
Samantha Sardo
Robin St. John
Samantha Taylor
Contessia Walker
Heather Woerner
Natalie Wright
Nicole Zicari

**St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing: Application for Permanent Degree
Authority to Confer Degrees
BR (CA) 20**

MOVED, that the Board of Regents grant permanent authority to confer degrees to SPHCoN.

Regent Susan W. Mittler made a motion to sever BR (CA) 12 relating to the calculation of aid attributable to students with disabilities served in charter schools from the consent agenda. The motion carried. Vice Chancellor Judith Chin and Regents Christine D. Cea and Aramina Vega Ferrer opposed the motion.

MOVED, that the severed consent agenda item (BR (CA) 12), section 119.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, be amended, as submitted, effective September 25, 2024.

Action: Motion passed. Regent Roger Tilles voted no.

MOVED, that the Regents approve the consent agenda items except for BR (CA) 12.

Motion by: Vice Chancellor Judith Chin
Seconded by: Regent Susan W. Mittler
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGENTS COMMITTEE ON ADULT CAREER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES (ACCES)

Regents Committee on Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES) Members

Regent Cea, Co-Chair, Regent Hale, Co-Chair, Vice Chancellor Chin, Regent Tilles, Regent Norwood, Regent Reyes, Regent Mittler, Regent Tanikawa, Regent Catania and Regent Pratts.

The Adult Career and Continuing Education Service (ACCES) Committee held its scheduled meeting on September 9, 2024. All members were present except Regent Norwood. Regent Catania participated by videoconference. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Francis G. Wills, Regent Aramina Vega-Ferrer and Regent Patrick A. Mannion also attended the meeting.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

High School Equivalency Diploma - Department staff provided an update on the various ways of receiving a HSE Diploma and the modernization of the diploma request process.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Regents Committee on Higher Education Members

Regent Collins, Co-Chair, Regent Rivera, Co-Chair, Vice Chancellor Chin, Regent Norwood, Regent Reyes, Regent Wills, Regent Ferrer, Regent Catania, Regent Hale, and Regent Pratts.

The Higher Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on September 9, 2024. All members were present except Regent Catherine Collins and Regent Wade S. Norwood who were excused. Regent Roger Catania participated by videoconference. Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Christine D. Cea, Regent Susan W. Mittler, Regent Shino Tanikawa and Regent Patrick A. Mannion also attended the meeting but did not vote on any action.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Proposed Amendment of Sections 52.21, 80-1.2, 80-4.3, and 80-5.20 and Subpart 80-3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Establishing the

Administrator Certificate and Extension to Work as a Superintendent [HE (D) 1] - Department staff presented proposed regulatory amendments to establish the Professional Administrator certificate, create registration requirements for programs leading to the proposed certificate, outline when School Building Leader and School District Leader certificates will no longer be issued and programs leading to the certificates will no longer be registered, and establish the extension to work as a superintendent for the proposed certificate.

Deputy Commissioner William Murphy reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

P-12 EDUCATION

Regents Committee on P-12 Education

Vice Chancellor Chin, Chair, Regent Tilles, Regent Cea, Regent Norwood, Regent Cottrell, Regent Wills, Regent Ferrer, Regent Tanikawa, Regent Catania, and Regent Rivera.

The P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on September 9, 2024. All members were present except for Regent Wade S. Norwood and Regent James E. Cottrell who were excused. Regent Roger P. Catania participated by videoconference. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Susan W. Mittler, Regent Adrian I. Hale, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, and Regent Patrick A. Mannion also attended the meeting but did not vote on the action item.

ACTION ITEM

Proposed Addition of Part 124 and Subpart 124-2 to Subchapter E of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Regionalization Plans [P12 (A) 1] - REVISED - Department staff presented a proposed regulatory amendment for adoption as an emergency rule to require each component district in a supervisory district to collaborate with the District Superintendent to develop and implement a regionalization plan every ten years that is designed to improve student opportunities and operational efficiencies through shared resources, leading to 37 regionalization plans in the state.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that Part 124 and Subpart 124-2 of Subchapter E of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be added, as submitted, effective September 10, 2024, as an emergency rule upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to ensure component school districts in each supervisory district timely begin the regionalization planning process in an effort to provide students with equitable access to educational opportunities and address operational efficiencies.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

The P12 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 September 10, 2024, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Update on the Seal of Biliteracy and Indigenous Languages - Department Staff presented an update on the Seal of Biliteracy and Indigenous language program supports. The presentation included a video message from the following 2024 Seal recipients: Olivia Perretto, White Plains CSD; Thomas Willis, Cicero-North Syracuse CSD; Helena Kottman, Haldane CSD, and Timothy Williams, Silver Creek CSD.

Deputy Commissioner Angelique Johnson-Dingle reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Regents Committee on Professional Practice

Regent Norwood, Co-Chair, Regent Cottrell, Co-Chair, Regent Cea, Regent Collins, Regent Reyes, Regent Wills, Regent Catania, Regent Hale, Regent Pratts, and Regent Mannion.

The Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on September 10, 2024. All members were present except for Regent Wade S. Norwood, Regent James E. Cottrell, and Regent Catherine Collins, who were excused. Regent Roger P. Catania participated by videoconference. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., chaired the meeting and voted as an ex-officio member. Vice Chancellor Judith Chin, Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer, and Regent Shino Tanikawa also attended the meeting but did not vote on any action.

ACTION ITEMS

Professional Discipline Cases [PCC EXS (A) 1 – 3]

The 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 4 cases. In addition, your Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 40 consent order applications and 15 surrender applications be granted.

These recommendations are made following the review of 59 cases involving sixteen registered professional nurses, thirteen certified public accountants, eight licensed practical nurses, three licensed master social workers, two massage therapists, two pharmacists, two veterinarians, one dentistry professional service corporation, one

landscape architect, one licensed master social worker who is also a licensed clinical social worker, one licensed mental health counselor, one licensed practical nurse who is also a registered professional nurse, one licensed practical nurse who is also a registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner in Psychiatry, one midwife, one professional engineer, and one public accountancy limited liability partnership.

Restoration [PPC EXS (A) 4]

The Committee recommends that the application of Harshad C. Bhatt for the restoration of his licenses to practice as a Physician in New York State be denied.

MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD

The 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 September 10, 2024, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent. (See Appendix II)

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Professional Practice Overview – Department staff provided an overview of the important role of the Office of the Professions (OP) team and 33 State Boards to implement laws, and the Board of Regents’ policies and regulations promulgated to protect patients/consumers receiving services from 56 professions established under the Education Law. New York’s unique system of professional oversight and public protection was discussed, including requirements for licensure and registration, as well as the laws, rules and regulations that have been designed to help ensure that competent and qualified individuals become licensed professionals.

Overview of the Design Professions of Engineering, Geology, Land Surveying, and Interior Design [PPC D (1)] – Department staff provided an overview of the design professions of engineering, geology, land surveying, and interior design including, among other things, a discussion of their respective licensure requirements, scopes of practice, advisory boards, licensee pipeline, access and outreach, and stakeholder education and awareness.

Deputy Commissioner David Hamilton reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

MOVED, that the Committee Reports be approved.

Motion by: Regent Adrian I. Hale
Seconded by: Regent Hasoni L. Pratts
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT

Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary to the State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Acupuncture, and Dietetics and Nutrition BR (A) 4

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Kellie Murphy to the position of Executive Secretary to the State Boards for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Acupuncture, and Dietetics and Nutrition.

Motion by: Regent Roger Tilles
Seconded by: Regent Christine D. Cea
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Announcement of the Marge A. Tierney Memorial Scholarship Award Winner

The 2024 Marge A. Tierney Scholarship was awarded by Adult Career & Continuing Education Services Deputy Commissioner Ceylane Meyers-Ruff to Samantha Stevens of Holbrook, NY.

Ms. Stevens is a graduate student in SUNY Buffalo's Rehabilitation Counseling program with a 4.0 GPA and a recipient of the Rehabilitation Services Administration Scholarship. Initially pursuing a career in music with a master's in vocal performance, she taught piano and violin to children with autism. After being diagnosed with bilateral hearing loss, she had to shift careers. As an ACCES-VR client, she discovered her passion for vocational rehabilitation and decided to pursue a second master's in this field. Currently, she is a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Trainee at the ACCES-VR Hauppauge District Office, aiming to become a Counselor for the deaf after graduation.

Announcement of the 2024 Teacher of the Year

Chancellor Young and Commissioner Rosa opened the Teacher of the Year Awards. Chancellor Young introduced Zachary Arenz, the 2024 Teacher of the Year, to share his experience.

Regent Frances G. Wills introduced finalist Nicole Hesari. Ms. Hesari is a 3rd grade Elementary teacher at Todd Elementary School in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

Regent Roger Tilles introduced finalist Joshua Levitt. Mr. Levitt is a Social Studies teacher at Freeport High School in Freeport, NY.

Regent Seema Rivera presented the Teacher of the Year for 2025 to Colleen Keough. Ms. Keough is a 2nd grade Elementary Teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Schenectady, NY.

Colleen Keough's teaching career exemplifies a lifelong dedication to nurturing children and families across every aspect of school and life. Her students' successes reflect her triumphs and their setbacks fuel her determination to innovate and foster growth. She is unwavering in her commitment to personal and professional development, continually attending professional learning opportunities to enhance her impact on students' lives, both within and beyond the classroom.

As a second-grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in the Schenectady City School District, Colleen has been a cornerstone of the educational community for fifteen years. She began her career in 2008 at Paige Elementary School, teaching first grade for three years. In 2011, she transitioned to Hamilton Elementary to teach fourth grade, where she currently teaches and enriches the lives of her second-grade students.

Ms. Keough earned her Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education and Psychology from Russell Sage College, followed by a Master's Degree in Literacy from the University at Albany. Colleen's journey to becoming a teacher was shaped by her own challenging experiences with a teacher during her childhood. Driven by the desire to ensure that no student should ever feel the way she did, she strives to create positive and engaging learning experiences. The student who once dreaded school has transformed into the supportive and inspiring teacher she needed when she was in school, fostering a safe and encouraging environment for her students. Colleen ensures her students feel secure and valued, turning mistakes into valuable learning opportunities.

Colleen creates a dynamic and stimulating learning environment where students are empowered to reach their full potential. Her classroom management is both effective and nurturing, emphasizing positive behaviors and restorative practices to build a cohesive community. She maintains robust relationships with parents throughout the school year, underscoring the importance of open communication.

Dedicated to teaching the whole child, she actively advocates for both their academic success and social-emotional well-being. Despite the unimaginable traumas many of her students have faced, they come to school knowing they have the safe and supportive environment Colleen fosters in her classroom. Colleen aims to create a dynamic and inclusive learning environment where students can be their authentic selves, providing them with ongoing support that extends beyond her classroom and school. She views the 180 days she has each school year as an opportunity to instill confidence and pride in her students and is committed to standing by them for life.

Colleen Keough was bestowed with two prestigious awards that recognize her outstanding contributions to the field of education - the Thomas Sobol Award, established by former Commissioner Sobol, and the Tony LoFrumento Award created by Regent Tilles in honor of our former board secretary Tony LoFrumento. Both are fitting tributes to Colleen's exceptional achievements.

As the recipient of these awards, Colleen will serve as an ambassador for teachers across the state, advocating for the needs and concerns of educators while

championing the transformative power of education. Furthermore, we are proud to announce that Colleen will be the New York State nominee for 2025 National Teacher of the Year, representing the very best of our state's educators and serving as an inspiration to all those who seek to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

Chancellor Young introduced Jaime Ciffone, Executive Vice President of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) to present a recognition award in honor of Colleen's remarkable achievements and played a video featuring Ms. Keough and her colleagues at Hamilton Elementary School in Schenectady, NY.

Chancellor Young invited Ms. Keough to provide remarks to the Board.

Chancellor Young adjourned the meeting.

Appendix I
NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS CHARTER ACTIONS

Name of Institution	Program Area	County of Location (City/Town)	Description of Charter Action(s)
Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and Gardens	CE	Bronx (Bronx)	Merge with “International Garden Club, Inc.” with Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and Gardens as the surviving corporation.
Children’s Museum of Manhattan	CE	New York (New York)	Amend charter to increase the trustee range.
Fort Edward Free Library	CE	Washington (Fort Edward)	Amend charter to specify the trustee range to be not less than five nor more than fifteen.
The Franklin Square Historical Society	CE	Nassau (Hempstead)	Amend charter to change the corporate name to “The Franklin Square Historical Society and Museum”.
Otselic Valley Public Library	CE	Chenango (South Otselic)	Grant provisional charter for five years.
Philipstown Masonic Historical Society	CE	Putnam (Nelsonville)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
Rose Free Library	CE	Wayne (Rose)	Amend charter to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specify trustee range to be not less than five nor more than eleven; • designate Commissioner as agent for service; and • update IRS dissolution language.
Smithtown Historical Society	CE	Suffolk (Smithtown)	Amend charter to change the corporate name to “Smithtown Historical Museums”.
Town of Chester Public Library	CE	Warren (Chester)	Amend charter to change the trustee term length from five years to three years.
Amalgamated Nursery School	P12	Bronx (Bronx)	Extend provisional charter for three years.
The Middle Way School	P12	Ulster (Saugerties)	Grant an absolute charter.
Alliance University	HE	New York (New York)	Amend charter to the change the corporate name to “The Office of the Institution Formerly Known as Alliance University” and restate purposes geared towards the winding down of the corporation, effective June 30, 2024.
The Bank Street College of Education	HE	New York (New York)	Amend charter to add two additional branch locations.

Appendix II

REGENTS ACTIONS IN 59 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES AND 1 RESTORATION PETITION

September 10, 2024

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the surrender of 15 licenses, and 44 other disciplinary actions. 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. SURRENDERS

Landscape Architecture

Maggie McGraw Condon; Landscape Architect; New York, NY 10011; Lic. No. 001942; Cal. No. 32668; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements.

Midwifery

Jeanette Breen; Midwife; Baldwin, NY 11510-3214; Lic. No. 000045; Cal. No. 34351; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of providing pediatric patients with treatment and care that was not related to maternity or gynecological treatment and care.

Nursing

Danielle Lea Roussel; Registered Professional Nurse; Brooklyn, NY 11235-2003; Lic. No. 628637; Cal. No. 34176; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree.

Kimberly Sant Wiggins; Registered Professional Nurse; Asheville, NC 28803-1559; Lic. No. 623662; Cal. No. 34181; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of, in the State of California, on more than one occasion, diverting the drug gabapentin for personal use.

Jeffrey Jerome Taylor; Licensed Practical Nurse; Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; Lic. No. 293328; Cal. No. 34185; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of willfully harassing a patient by physically striking said patient's face.

Jo-Ann Kernozek Stott; Registered Professional Nurse; Schenectady, NY 12306; Lic. No. 399277; Cal. No. 34244; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failure to adequately assess a patient after a fall.

Susan Marie Casamento; Registered Professional Nurse; Rockford, MI 49341; Lic. No. 398055; Cal. No. 34280; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of having practiced while impaired by ethanol, in the State of Michigan.

Pharmacy

Tonya S. Coleman; Pharmacist; Skaneateles, NY 13152; Lic. No. 049191; Cal. No. 34256; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of calling in phone orders for prescriptions for personal use.

Public Accountancy

Steven J. Sheinfeld; Certified Public Accountant; Cape Coral, FL 33914-8092; Lic. No. 037896; Cal. No. 34166; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest charges of trading securities based on material non-public information; and failing to report to the New York State Board for Public Accountancy being suspended from appearing or practicing before the SEC as an accountant.

Jason Lee Glasstein; Certified Public Accountant; Tampa, FL 33635; Lic. No. 076933; Cal. No. 34235; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and Harassment in the 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor.

Daniel Eininger; Certified Public Accountant; Monroe, NY 10950-3513; Lic. No. 016151; Cal. No. 34239; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements.

Frank Capone; Certified Public Accountant; Wading River, NY 11792-9372; Lic. No. 054199; Cal. No. 34262; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements.

Susan L. Murphy; Certified Public Accountant; Webster, NY 14580; Lic. No. 045924; Cal. No. 34264; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully failing to register to practice as a certified public accountant in the State of New York.

Geoffrey Hunt; Certified Public Accountant; Brooklin, ME 04616; Lic. No. 037127; Cal. No. 34321; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to comply with the mandatory continuing education requirements.

Veterinary Medicine

Curtis Peter Halsted; Veterinarian; Athens, NY 12015; Lic. No. 007371; Cal. No. 34211; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of failing to pay a \$2,000 fine, failing to complete continuing education consisting of

coursework in recordkeeping, and failing to answer and submit quarterly questionnaires as requested by the Department, as required by the terms of probation imposed by the Board of Regents in Order No. 31672.

II. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Dentistry

Dental Specialty Associates PC; Professional Service Corporation; New York, NY 10007; Cal. No. 33979; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: \$2,500 fine.

Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology

Husam Uddin Ahmad; Professional Engineer; Forest Hills, NY 11375; Lic. No. 067259; Cal. No. 33838; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Massage Therapy

Everson Newitt Kalman; Massage Therapist; Utica, NY 13501; Lic. No. 025885; Cal. No. 34132; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kristin Marie Attea; Massage Therapist; Endicott, NY 13760; Lic. No. 017103; Cal. No. 34137; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for no less than 6 months and until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Mental Health Practitioners

Oscar Pardo, Jr.; Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Sound Beach, NY 11789; Lic. No. 011496; Cal. No. 34233; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Nursing

Kimberly Diane Grennan a/k/a Kimberly Lopez; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Wilmington, NC 28409; Lic. Nos. 234514, 462749; Cal. Nos. 32675, 32676; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Indefinite actual suspension until substance abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation. Joseph Paul Glover a/k/a Joseph P. Glover; Licensed Practical Nurse; Jamestown, NY 14701; Lic. No. 296415; Cal. No. 32704; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Marcus N. Labarbera; Registered Professional Nurse; Sidney, NY 13838; Lic. No. 751139; Cal. No. 32749; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Angela A. Ryan-Beale; Registered Professional Nurse; Rosedale, NY 11422; Lic. No. 592781; Cal. No. 33805; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 6 months actual suspension, 18 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kathleen Kelleher; Registered Professional Nurse; Shirley, NY 11967; Lic. No. 659519; Cal. No. 33814; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Jenna Eve Stelmach; Registered Professional Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14228; Lic. No. 662832; Cal. No. 33966; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Christine Marie Smith; Registered Professional Nurse; Rochester, NY 14514; Lic. No. 639827; Cal. No. 34034; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Samantha Jo Oakes; Licensed Practical Nurse; Spencer, NY 14883; Lic. No. 315582; Cal. No. 34073; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Ashley Renee Wilson a/k/a Ashley Renee Hannan; Registered Professional Nurse; Albuquerque, NM 87114-2312; Lic. No. 796532; Cal. No. 34082; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, upon return to practice in the State of New York, 2 years probation.

Thanksamay Howard; Licensed Practical Nurse; West Henrietta, NY 14586-4112; Lic. No. 287681; Cal. No. 34087; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Randee Marie Lotterman; Registered Professional Nurse; Stockholm, NJ 07460; Lic. No. 689421; Cal. No. 34134; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, upon return to practice in the State of New York, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kristin Marie Attea; Registered Professional Nurse; Endicott, NY 13760; Lic. No. 694414; Cal. No. 34136; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for no less than 6 months until drug abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Nakia Lee Romeo; Registered Professional Nurse; Voorheesville, NY 12186; Lic. No. 823151; Cal. No. 34145; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Bayrem Ben Cherif Salmi; Registered Professional Nurse; Ellenville, NY 12428; Lic. No. 632650; Cal. No. 34179; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kanise V. Brown; Licensed Practical Nurse; Farmingville, NY 11738; Lic. No. 245366; Cal. No. 34190; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, 50 hours public service.

Sarah S. Parsley; Licensed Practical Nurse; Medford, NY 11763-1671; Lic. No. 298856; Cal. No. 34191; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Tania V. Marschall a/k/a Tania Marschall; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatry); Liverpool, NY 13090-2302; Lic. Nos. 293449, 648153, Cert. No. 402032; Cal. Nos. 34196, 34197, 34198; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for no less than 1 month and until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Katie Eloise Ryerson; Licensed Practical Nurse; Stamford, NY 12167; Lic. No. 330661; Cal. No. 34215; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Rebecca F. Traver; Licensed Practical Nurse; Owego, NY 13827; Lic. No. 266230; Cal. No. 34227; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Rebecca L. Trexler; Registered Professional Nurse; Canastota, NY 13032; Lic. No. 786647; Cal. No. 34229; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Lisa A. Cortright; Registered Professional Nurse; Cortland, NY 13045; Lic. No. 466262; Cal. No. 34236; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Pharmacy

Jafer Sadique Muthuvappa; Pharmacist; Albany, NY 12208; Lic. No. 041382; Cal. No. 34139; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Public Accountancy

Steven J. Shinder; Certified Public Accountant; Nanuet, NY 10954; Lic. No. 079670; Cal. No. 31528; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Stuart Becker; Certified Public Accountant; New York, NY 10022; Lic. No. 025096; Cal. No. 33490; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 6 months actual suspension, 18 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Helen Rongrui Liao; Certified Public Accountant; Melville, NY 11747; Lic. No. 074974; Cal. No. 33953; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$5,000 fine.

Marilyn Appel; Certified Public Accountant; West Hempstead, NY 11552; Lic. No. 065184; Cal. No. 34030; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Zhuoheng Luo; Certified Public Accountant; New York, NY 10018; Lic. No. 120132; Cal. No. 34051; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$3,000 fine.

Cynthia G. Newton; Certified Public Accountant; Freehold, NJ 07728; Lic. No. 050178; Cal. No. 34090; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$750 fine.

Koshers & Company, LLP; Certified Public Accountancy Partnership; Merrick, NY 11566; Reg. No. 042858; Cal. No. 34105; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 2 years probation, \$10,000 fine.

John Andrew Kuzma; Certified Public Accountant; Lake Charles, LA 70606; Lic. No. 090120; Cal. No. 34189; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Social Work

Julia Layne Shaw; Licensed Master Social Worker; Brooklyn, NY 11230; Lic. No. 091492; Cal. No. 33787; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Danielle Marie Russo; Licensed Master Social Worker; Brooklyn, NY 11228; Lic. No. 073655; Cal. No. 33802; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until drug and alcohol abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

David Clifford Bowman a/k/a David Bowman; Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Pennellville, NY 13132; Lic. Nos. 081360, 086774; Cal. Nos. 34125, 34126; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Fleeton Fedrick Allen; Licensed Master Social Worker; Hunting Station, NY 11764, Larchmont, NY 10538; Lic. No. 097819; Cal. No. 34201; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Veterinary Medicine

Steven Edward Kolbert; Veterinarian; Glen Cove, NY 11542; Lic. No. 006020; Cal. No. 34111; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

III. RESTORATIONS

The Board of Regents voted on September 10, 2024 to deny the application for restoration of the physician license of Harshad C. Bhatt, Manhasset, NY. Dr. Bhatt's license was revoked July 8, 2013.



ATTACHMENT I

TEACHER AMBASSADOR

PROGRAM





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

By The Numbers

85 | Total Teacher Ambassadors in 2023 and 2024

50+ | Public schools, BOCES and Charter schools

10 | Regions of New York

24 | New York State Career Centers

250+ | Site visits

10,275+ | Students impacted each year

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AMBASSADOR EXPERIENCE



Teacher Ambassadors

- Background
- Experience in the program
- Impact in the classroom







Questions?