



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
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**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Applications  
**DATE:** February 27, 2025  
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### SUMMARY

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

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

#### **Reason for Consideration**

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237).

#### **Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2025 meeting.

#### **Procedural History**

N/A

#### **Background Information**

When a college or university seeks to expand its academic mission (e.g., by offering a degree at a new level of study or in a new disciplinary area or establishing a branch campus), it must submit a master plan amendment application for review and approval by the Board of Regents. Depending upon the nature of the proposed programs that require the master plan amendment, the applications will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of each institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

Academic reviews of the proposed master plan amendments have been completed by the Office of Higher Education's Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE). OCUE has determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a branch campus), it is indicated on the summary table, and the charter amendment is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

**Related Regents Items**

N/A

**Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications on the attached summary table.

**Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendments, the Department will register the proposed programs, and the institutions will proceed to enroll students.

**Master Plan Amendments Summary Table**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Master Plan Amendment</b>
Long Island University - Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Authorization to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computational Science & Artificial Intelligence at the University's Brooklyn location. A master plan amendment is required because this will be the institution's first doctoral level program in Physical Sciences at the Brooklyn location.
Suffolk County Community College	Selden and Brentwood	Authorization to offer an Associate in Science (A.S.) in Biology at the main campus in Selden and the Michael J. Grant campus in Brentwood. A master plan amendment is required because this will be the institution's first program at the associate level in Biological Sciences at these locations.