

TO:	The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM:	Christopher J. Halpin, Secretary
SUBJECT:	Summary of the May 2024 Meeting
DATE:	May 30, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

#### Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the Summary of the May 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 June 2024 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.

#### **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 May 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

#### Timetable for Implementation

Effective June 11, 2024.



#### SUMMARY OF THE MAY 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

May 6 and 7, 2024

Christopher J. Halpin, 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 in Albany on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the State Education Building pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

#### MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, May 6th at 8:45 a.m.

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor* Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor* Roger Tilles Wade S. Norwood Luis O. Reyes 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 Christine D. Cea, James E. Cottrell, Catherine Collins, and Susan W. Mittler were absent and excused.

#### ACTION ITEM

#### **Executive Session Motion**

**MOVED,** that the Board of Regents convene in executive session on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:55 a.m. to discuss litigation and personal matters, including an appointment for consideration.

Motion by:	Vice Chancellor Judith Chin		
Seconded by:	Regent Hasoni L. Pratts		
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.		

#### PRESENTATION

#### Graduation Measures Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) Presentation

Angelique Johnson-Dingle and Jason Harmon provided a summary of the history and creation of the BRC and an overview of the internal work the Department is engaged in since the recommendations were released in November of 2023. (Attachment I).

Chancellor adjourned the meeting.

#### MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lester W. Young, Jr., *Chancellor* Judith Chin, *Vice Chancellor* Roger Tilles Christine D. Cea Wade S. Norwood Luis O. Reyes Frances G. Wills Aramina Vega Ferrer 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 James E. Cottrell, Catherine Collins, Susan W. Mittler, and Shino Tanikawa were absent and excused.

#### 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 April 2024 Meeting of the Board of Regents BR (A) 2

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

Motion by:	Regent Roger Tilles
Seconded by:	Regent Hasoni L. Pratts
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.

#### State Education Department April 2024 Fiscal Report BR (A) 3 - REVISED

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

Motion by:	Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer
Seconded by:	Regent Adrian I. Hale
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### **PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS**

#### Higher Education

#### Reappointment to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System Board BR (CA) 1

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents reappoint Dr. Harrington to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System Board pursuant to Section 504(2)(c) of the Education Law for a three-year term commencing June 30, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027.

#### Master Plan Amendment Application BR (CA) 2

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications on the summary table.

Name of Institution	Program Area	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
D'Youville University	OP	Buffalo, NY	Authorization to offer a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first master's program in the discipline area of social sciences.
Siena College	OHE	Loudonville, NY	Authorization to offer the College's first programs in the discipline area of education leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed programs will be the institution's first master's programs in the discipline area of Education.

The programs were proposed by the College as a result of Clarkson University's discontinuance of its educator preparation programs.	
A charter amendment is required and is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board Agenda.	

#### Villa Maria College of Buffalo: Master Plan Amendment to Offer its First Master's Program BR (CA) 3

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize Villa Maria College of Buffalo to offer its first master's program at the institution.

#### P-12 Education

#### Registration of a Religious and Independent High School Visited in the Spring of 2023 BR (CA) 4

**MOVED**, that the following school, which had requested high school registration in the spring of 2023, has now been visited, and shall now be registered:

<u>School</u> Universal School <u>County</u> Erie Registered

#### **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) 5

**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) 6

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

#### Proposed Addition of Sections 63.16 and 60.14, and Subdivision (d) to Section 64.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Dispensing Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives BR (CA) 7

**MOVED**, that sections 63.16 and 60.14, and subdivision (d) to section 64.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective June 10, 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 and public health to immediately implement Chapter 128 of the Laws of 2023, which per Chapter 90 of the Laws of 2024, became effective January 1, 2024, and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the March 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

#### Proposed Addition of Section 63.17 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Administration of Injectable Medications by Pharmacists for the Treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder BR (CA) 8

**MOVED**, that section 63.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be added, as submitted, effective June 10, 2024 as an emergency action, upon the finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare in order to timely implement the provisions of Chapter 802 of the Laws of 2022, as amended by Chapter 746 of the Laws of 2023, effective April 1, 2024, and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the March 2024 meeting remains continuously in effect.

#### Proposed Amendment of Section 29.2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and Proposed Technical Amendment to the Addition of Subpart 79-21 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the General Misconduct Provisions for the Health Professions and Requirements for Histotechnologist Licensure BR (CA) 9

**MOVED**, that section 29.2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents be amended, as submitted, and subpart 79-21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be added, as submitted, effective May 22, 2024.

#### Proposed Repeal of Sections 52.38, 52.39, 52.40, and 52.41, Addition of New Sections 52.38, 52.39, 52.40, and 52.41 and 52.50 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Requirements for Registration of Curricula of Licensure Qualifying Education Programs for the Professions of Clinical Laboratory Technologist, Cytotechnologist, Clinical Laboratory Technician, Histotechnician and Histotechnologist BR (CA) 10

**MOVED,** that sections 52.38, 52.39, 52.40, and 52.41 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be repealed, as submitted, and new section sections 52.38,

52.39, 52.40, 52.41, and 52.50 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be added, as submitted, effective May 22, 2024.

**MOVED**, that the Regents approve the consent agenda items.

Motion by:	Vice Chancellor Judith Chin
Seconded by:	Regent Christine D. Cea
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

#### **Regents Committee on Higher Education Members**

Regent Collins, Chair, Vice Chancellor Chin, Regent Cea, Regent Norwood, Regent Cottrell, Regent Reyes, Regent Mittler, Regent Wills, Regent Ferrer, Regent Tanikawa, and Regent Catania.

The Higher Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on May 7, 2024. Chancellor Young chaired the meeting. All members were present except Regent Catherine Collins, Regent James E. Cottrell, Regent Susan W. Mittler and Regent Shino Tanikawa who were excused. Regent Roger Tilles, Regent Adrian I. Hale, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion and Regent Seema Rivera also attended the meeting but did not vote on any action.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**The Bulletin of The Statewide Plan for Higher Education, 2026-2034** [HE (A) 1] - Department staff presented the Board with an overview of the members of the Advisory Council and reviewed the Bulletin topics that the sectors will be required to address as part of the Statewide Plan.

The Committee recommends that the Bulletin and Advisory Council of the Statewide Plan for Higher Education, 2026-2034 is approved. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Hale.

The P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on May 6, 2024. All members were present except for Regent James E. Cottrell who was excused.

Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, and Regent Seema Rivera also attended the meeting but did not vote on the action items. **ACTION ITEMS** 

# **Proposed Amendment of Section 100.5(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Posthumous High School Diplomas** [P12 (A) 1] - REVISED - Department staff presented the proposed amendment to the Commissioner's regulations to allow school districts, registered nonpublic schools, and charter schools, at the request of the student's parent or person in parental relation, the ability to confer a high school diploma on a deceased student if the student was enrolled in the school or district at the

The Committee recommends that section 100.5(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective May 7, 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 immediately permit school districts, registered nonpublic schools, and charter schools to immediately confer posthumous diplomas for the 2024 graduation season.

The motion passed unanimously.

time of death.

**Renewal Recommendation for a Charter School Authorized by the Trustees of the State University of New York** [P12 (A) 2] - Department staff recommended that the Board of Regents send the following proposed charter back with comments for SUNY's reconsideration:

 KIPP Beyond Charter School (Three-year renewal term from 2026 to 2029) – Align its charter term with the education corporation and other KIPP charter schools, prior to expiration.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents return the proposed charter for KIPP Beyond Charter School to the Trustees of the State University of New York for reconsideration, with the following comment and recommendation, "Approving the renewal of any charter school years before the expiration of the charter does not allow timely review of the school's educational and fiscal soundness; community support; legal compliance; or means by which the school will meet or exceed enrollment and retention targets for students with disabilities, English language learners, and students who are economically disadvantaged. The charter should be abandoned, and the school should be directed to resubmit an application no earlier than one year prior to the expiration of the charter term. While we believe SUNY's continued practice of approving early renewals violates both the spirit and intent of the Charter Schools Act and is contrary to the established practices of every other authorizer in the state, the law, in its present form, prevents the Regents from taking action to end the practice. Over the past seven years, SUNY has repeatedly disregarded Regents' objections on this matter."

The motion passed unanimously.

**Revision to Charter Authorized by the Board of Regents** [P12 (A) 5] - Department staff presented recommendations for charter revisions. NYSED recommended that the Board of Regents approve charter revisions for the following charter school authorized by the Board of Regents pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law (the NYS Charter Schools Act):

 (The) New American Academy Charter School (NYC CSD 18) - Amend the following Key Design Elements from Four-Person Teaching Teams, Embedded Master Teachers, Lower Student-to-Teacher Ratio, and Five-Week Summer Training Program to Multi-Person Teaching Teams based on Student Enrollment, Embedded Director of Teaching and Learning ("DTL") for Grades K/1, 2/3, and 4/5, Lower Student to Instructional Staff Ratio, and Multi-Week Differentiated Summer Training Program.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: (1) the New American Academy Charter School meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (2) the charter school can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to amend the charter 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) granting the request to amend the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision for the New American Academy Charter School and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

The motion passed unanimously. Regent Shino Tanikawa was absent for the vote.

#### Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of

**Regents** [P12 (A) 6] - Department staff presented recommendations for charter renewals. NYSED recommended that the Board of Regents approve charter renewals and revisions for the following charter schools authorized by the Board of Regents pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law (the NYS Charter Schools Act):

- AECI II: NYC Charter High School for Computer Engineering and Innovation (NYC CSD 9) 5 -YR Renewal Term with a revision to increase its grade span to include Grades 6 8 to its current Grade 9 12 configuration; and a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 500 to 875 students;
- American Dream Charter School (NYC CSD 7) 5 -YR Renewal Term;
- Bold Charter School (NYC CSD 8) 5 -YR Renewal Term with a revision to increase its grade span to include Grades 6 8 to its current K Grade 5 configuration; and a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 480 to 700 students;
- Bronx Arts and Science CS (NYC CSD 8) 5 -YR Renewal Term with a revision to increase its grade span to include Grades 6 - 8 to its current K - Grade 5 configuration; and a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 360 to 621 students;
- Creo College Preparatory Charter School (NYC CSD 7) 5 -YR Renewal Term with a conforming (technical correction) to revise its authorized enrollment from the currently approved 480 students to 384 students;

- Exploration Elementary CS for Science and Technology (Rochester CSD) 3-YR Renewal Term;
- Neighborhood CS of the Bronx (NYC CSD 7) 5 -YR Renewal Term with a revision to increase its grade span to include Grades 6 - 8 to its current K - Grade 5 configuration; and a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 410 to 620 students;
- Renaissance Academy CS of the Arts (Rochester CSD) 5-YR Renewal Term; and
- South Bronx Classical Charter School (NYC CSD 12) 5-YR Renewal Term.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: AECI II: NYC Charter High School for Computer Engineering and Innovation: (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 AECI II: NYC Charter High School for Computer Engineering and Innovation and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: American Dream 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 American Dream Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Bold 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 Bold Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Bronx Arts and Science 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 Bronx Arts and Science Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Creo College Preparatory 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 Creo College Preparatory Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science and Technology: (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 Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science and Technology and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2027.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Neighborhood Charter School: Bronx: (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 Neighborhood Charter School: Bronx and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts: (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 Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: South Bronx Classical 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 South Bronx Classical Charter School and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The motion passed unanimously. Regent Shino Tanikawa was absent for the vote.

**Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools Authorized by the New York City Department of Education** [P12 (A) 7] – Department and NYC DOE staff presented recommendations for charter renewals from the NYC DOE Chancellor. The NYC DOE Chancellor recommended that the Board of Regents approve charter renewals for the following charter schools authorized by the NYC DOE Chancellor pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law (the NYS Charter Schools Act):

- Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School (Five-year Renewal with Financial Monitoring Condition);
- Imagine Me Leadership Charter School (Five-Year Renewal with a Revision to the Mission Statement and a Financial Condition);
- KIPP Academy Charter School (Five-Year Renewal);
- Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School (Five-Year Renewal);
- Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School (Five-Year Renewal with Condition on Enrollment of Students with Disabilities);
- The Renaissance Charter School (Five-Year Renewal with a Revision to increase authorized enrollment from 600 students to 660 students); and
- Challenge Preparatory Charter School (Four-Year Renewal with Condition on Math Performance).

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Peninsula Preparatory Academy 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 Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Imagine Me Leadership 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 Imagine Me Leadership Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: KIPP Academy 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 KIPP Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy 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 Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II 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 Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: The Renaissance 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 Renaissance Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2029.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Regents finds that: Challenge Preparatory 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 Challenge Preparatory Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that a renewal charter be issued, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2028.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Proposed Amendment of Sections 135.1, 135.4, and 135.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Mixed Competition and Extra Class Athletic Activities [P12 (D) 1] - Department staff presented proposed amendments to the Commissioner's Regulations that are necessary to ensure equitable participation in athletics.

Proposed Amendment of Section 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Special Education Due Process Hearings [P12 (D) 2] – REVISED - Department staff presented the proposed amendment of Commissioner's regulations to clarify that parents of students parentally-placed in nonpublic schools do not have the right to file a due process complaint regarding a dispute over the rate at which a

provider shall be reimbursed if a school district did not implement services in an individualized education services plan and the parent unilaterally obtained such services.

Recognition of the New York State Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Joseph S. Famularo, Superintendent of Schools, Bellmore Union Free School District -Department staff and the New York State Council of School Superintendents recognized the 2024 New York State Superintendent of the Year.

Deputy Commissioner Jason Harmon 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 Wills, Regent Catania, and Regent Hale.

The Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on May 7, 2024. All members were present except for Regent James E. Cottrell and Regent Catherine Collins, who were excused. Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Vice Chancellor Judith J. Chin, Regent Luis O. Reyes, Regent Aramina Vega Ferrer, Regent Hasoni L. Pratts, Regent Patrick A. Mannion, and Regent Seema Rivera 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 8 cases. In addition, the Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 32 consent order applications and 15 surrender applications be granted.

These recommendations are made following the review of 55 cases involving twelve registered professional nurses, seven licensed practical nurses, six certified public accountants, three dentists, three licensed practical nurses who are also registered professional nurses, three pharmacists, two licensed master social workers who are also licensed clinical social workers, two physical therapists, one clinical laboratory technician, one licensed practical nurse who is also a registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner in Adult Health, one massage therapist, one occupational therapist, one public accountancy partnership, one registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner in Family Health, one respiratory therapist, and one respiratory therapy technician who is also a respiratory therapist.

#### Restorations [PPC EXS (A) 4]

The Committee recommends that the application of Nishant Nadpara for the restoration of his license 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 May 7, 2024, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

#### MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

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 [PPC (D) 1] – Department staff presented proposed amendments to: (1) sections 74.6, 79-9.3, 79-10.3, 79-11.3, and 79-12.3 to amend the supervision requirements for social workers and mental health practitioners to allow these professions to receive face-to-face supervision through secure, real-time technology acceptable to the Department, such as videoconferencing; (2) subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 74.1 of the Commissioner's regulations to remove the reference to the Council on Social Work (CSWE) because the standards of private organizations, such as CSWE, may change and no longer by considered equivalent to New York standards. which is consistent with regulations in other related professions that do not name specific organizations; and (3) repeal section 74.5 of the Commissioner's regulations, which established the licensed clinical social worker psychotherapy privilege requirements because, effective January 1, 2023, Chapter 818 of the Laws of 2022 eliminated the psychotherapy privilege established under the Insurance Law for certain licensed clinical social workers.

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

MOVED, that the Committee Reports be approved.

Motion by:	Regent Roger P. Catania
Seconded by:	Regent Frances G. Wills
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### Appointment of Christopher Suriano to the position of Associate Commissioner BR (A) 4

**MOVED,** that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Christopher Suriano to the position of Associate Commissioner, Office of Special Education.

Motion by:	Regent Adrian I. Hale
Seconded by:	Regent Luis O. Reyes
Action:	Motion passed unanimously.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

#### 2024 Regent Margaret Snow Vander Veer and Chancellor Joseph W. McGovern Scholarship Awards

Regent Roger P. Catania announced the recipient of the 2024 Regent Margaret Snow Vander Veer Scholarship award, Thomas Quinn.

The Margaret Snow Vander Veer Trust Fund provides scholarships to high school graduates who are the dependent of an employee of the State Education Department or the Board of Regents to assists the student in obtaining a postsecondary education.

Thomas is the son of Mary Dapolito, an Office Assistant in the Office of Professions. Thomas plans to attend Hudson Valley Community College to study Forensic Science.

Regent Seema Rivera then announced the recipient of the 2024 Chancellor Joseph W. McGovern Scholarship, Andrew Wu.

The Chancellor McGovern Scholarship is awarded annually thanks to an endowed contribution from former Chancellor Joseph McGovern. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating student who is the dependent of a current New York State Education Department employee to help finance their higher education. The McGovern Scholarship emphasizes strong academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, and a candidate's background and long-range goals.

Andrew is the son of Bryan and Wen-Chi, both Department employees: Bryan is a State Psychometrician in the Office of State Assessment and Wen-Chi is an Associate in Education Research in the Office of Accountability. Andrew expects to attend Northeastern University this fall with his older sister Athena, who is the 2022 recipient of the Chancellor McGovern Scholarship.

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)	
The American Museum of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History & Culture	CE	New York (New York)	Amend charter to change the corporate address and extend the charter for five years.	
The Bronx Museum of the Arts	CE	Bronx (Bronx)	Extend provisional charter for five years.	
The Brooklyn Seltzer Museum	CE	Kings (Brooklyn)	Grant provisional charter for five years.	
Children's Museum of History, Natural History, and Science at Utica, New York	CE	Oneida (Utica)	Amend charter to change the corporate name to "Utica Children's Museum".	
Cleveland Historical Society	CE	Oswego (Cleveland)	Extend provisional charter for five years.	
Gates Historical Society	CE	Monroe (Rochester)	Extend provisional charter for five years.	
The German-American Cultural Council	CE	Nassau Extend provisional charter for (Franklin Square) years.		
Harlem Historical Society	CE	New YorkExtend provisional charter for five years.		
Hartland Historical Society	CE	Niagara (Gasport)	•	
Historical Society of Islip Hamlet	CE	Suffolk (Islip)	Extend provisional charter for five years.	
Historical Society of Mannsville/Town of Ellisburg	CE	Jefferson (Mannsville)		
Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum	CE	Monroe (Pittsford)	Merge with "Generation Two: Creating Intergenerational Friendships, Inc.", a domestic NFP corporation, with Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum as the surviving corporation.	
Marjorie Dieter Mastin Historical Society	CE	Allegany (Canaseraga)	Extend provisional charter for five years	

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Triangle Tract Historical Society	CE	Monroe (Brockport)	Grant provisional charter for five years.	
The Canandaigua Montessori School	P12	Ontario (Canandaigua)	Extend provisional charter for three years.	
The Elija School	P12	Nassau (Levittown)	Extend provisional charter for three years.	
Associated Universities, Inc.	HE	Suffolk (Upton)	Amend charter to change the corporate address and principal place of business to the City of Vienna, Commonwealth of Virginia.	
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	HE	Nassau (Cold Spring Harbor)	Merge with "Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Association, Inc.", a domestic NFP corporation, with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory as the surviving corporation.	
Siena College	HE	Albany (Loudonville)	Amend charter to add authority to confer the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree.	
Rochester Area Colleges	HE	Monroe (Rochester)	Amend charter to update the number of allowable trustees per member institution to be one.	
Villa Maria College of Buffalo	HE	Erie (Buffalo)	Amend charter to add authority to confer the Master of Science (M.S.) degree.	
Russell Sage College	OP	Rensselaer (Troy)	Amend charter to add authority to confer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree.	
St. Bonaventure University	OP	Allegany (Cattaraugus)	Amend charter to add authority to confer the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree.	

#### Appendix II

#### REGENTS ACTIONS IN 55 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES AND 1 RESTORATION PETITION

May 7, 2024

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the revocation of 5 licenses, surrender of 15 licenses, and 35 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. REVOCATIONS & SURRENDERS

#### Dentistry

Mark Harris Zahler; Dentist; Brooklyn, NY 12230; Lic. No. 040295; Cal. No. 31149; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of performing unnecessary and excessive treatment on a patient.

Michael Phillip Gelbart; Dentist; Boca Raton, FL 33486-6423; Lic. No. 034702; Cal. No. 34055; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of failing to pay a \$2,500 fine, failing to complete continuing education in recordkeeping/risk management and implant prosthetic treatment, 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. 33286.

#### Nursing

Elizabeth Rose a/k/a Elizabeth Barratt; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Brooklyn, NY 11207; Lic. Nos. 217267, 449279; Cal. Nos. 30888, 30889; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation.

Rolando Portal a/k/a Rolando J. Portal; Registered Professional Nurse; Palm Coast, FL 32137-3004; Lic. No. 669339; Cal. No. 32671; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation.

Sung Sil Kim; Registered Professional Nurse; Bethpage, NY 11714; Lic. No. 457732; Cal. No. 32930; Found guilty of violation of probation; Penalty: Revocation.

Candice B. Bonilla; Registered Professional Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14220-2217, Buffalo, NY 14220-2753; Lic. No. 635520; Cal. No. 32945; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation.

Melinda Margaret Rorick-Sylvia a/k/a Melinda Margaret Rorick; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Louisville, KY 40299-2783; Lic. Nos. 194834, 404722; Cal. Nos. 33632, 33633; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of administering narcotic medication to patients earlier than prescribed and failing to account for narcotic medication removed from Pyxis in the State of Kentucky. Timothy William Martin; Licensed Practical Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14220; Lic. No. 315093; Cal. No. 33857; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony.

Michelle Sarah Rivera; Registered Professional Nurse; Post Falls, ID 83854-0261; Lic. No. 570150; Cal. No. 34098; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of, in the State of Idaho, being convicted of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer, a felony, which if committed in the State of New York would constitute Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Catherine Mary Hefko; Registered Professional Nurse; Dallas, TX 75248-3144; Lic. No. 387294; Cal. No. 34102; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of, in the State of Texas, documenting completion of home visits for four patients when in fact the visits did not occur.

Adrienne Rita Gough a/k/a Adrienne Gough Rotondo; Registered Professional Nurse; Lincoln Park, NJ 07035-1642; Lic. No. 379895; Cal. No. 34103; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of, in the State of New Jersey, willfully submitting false documentation of completion of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) training.

#### **Public Accountancy**

William Marc Aisenberg; Certified Public Accountant; Carrollton, TX 75011; Lic. No. 055218; Cal. No. 33965; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully failing to timely complete mandatory continuing education credits.

Shoshana Blickstein; Certified Public Accountant; Santa Fe, NM 87505; Lic. No. 051563; Cal. No. 34047; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully failing to timely complete mandatory continuing education credits as required for the profession of public accountancy.

Jeffrey David Roote; Certified Public Accountant; Pittsford, NY 14534; Lic. No. 085572; Cal. No. 34061; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully failing to timely complete mandatory continuing education credits.

#### Social Work

Andrew Garrison Price; Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Vestal, NY 13850; Lic. Nos. 074139, 077411; Cal. Nos. 33959, 33960; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of boundary violations and dual relationships with clients.

Kathy Neily; Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Newcastle, ME 04553; Lic. Nos. 049732, 071770; Cal. Nos. 33961, 33962; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of failing to submit quarterly practice monitor reports, and failing to complete continuing education consisting of twelve hours of in-person coursework in ethics/boundaries in social work, as required by the terms of probation imposed by the Board of Regents in Order Nos. 32606 and 32607.

#### **II. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

#### Clinical Laboratory Technology Practice

Sheikh Javed Rehmat; Clinical Laboratory Technologist; Little Neck, NY 11362-2113; Lic. No. 006956; Cal. No. 31084; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

#### Dentistry

Soleiman Rabanipour; Dentist; New York, NY 10037; Lic. No. 042959; Cal. No. 33974; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

#### Massage Therapy

Julia-Renee Garcia Wankasky; Niagara Falls, NY 14305; Lic. No. 023023; Cal. No. 33992; 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.

#### Nursing

Jennifer Lynn Kolmel a/k/a Jennifer L. Kolmel a/k/a Jennifer Kolmel; Registered Professional Nurse; Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4706; Lic. No. 630429; Cal. No. 29150; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Indefinite actual suspension until substance abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Danielle Edwards; Registered Professional Nurse; East Rochester, NY 14445; Lic. No. 576321; Cal. No. 29840; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Mariann Sue Youngberg; Registered Professional Nurse; New York, NY 10032; Lic. No. 543027; Cal. No. 31835; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until alcohol abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Jean A. Pfohl; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Cheektowaga, NY 14225; Lic. Nos. 149411, 489883; Cal. Nos. 32045, 32046; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Indefinite actual suspension until substance abuse free and fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Kelly Anne Weaver; Licensed Practical Nurse; Valatie, NY 12184; Lic. No. 294493; Cal. No. 33432; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Jennifer Colaianni; Registered Professional Nurse; Rock Tavern, NY 12575; Lic. No. 711898; Cal. No. 33535; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Shatoya A. Lee; Licensed Practical Nurse; Islip, NY 11751; Lic. No. 302652; Cal. No. 33675; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Thia Lee Popkin; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Adult Health); Corning, NY 14830; Lic. Nos. 296363, 718800, Cert. No. 310590; Cal. Nos. 33774, 33773, 33772; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Lisa Mary Ogle; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rochester, NY 14606; Lic. No. 318541; Cal. No. 33779; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Sarah Paige Blaisdell; Registered Professional Nurse; Buffalo, NY 14216; Lic. No. 716667; Cal. No. 33809; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kristen McKasty a/k/a Kristen Noel McKasty; Registered Professional Nurse; Nurse Practitioner (Family Health); Bohemia, NY 11716; Lic. No. 722727, Cert. No. 348066; Cal. Nos. 33851, 33850; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Jane Massingill; Registered Professional Nurse; Port Washington, NY 11050; Lic. No. 658078; Cal. No. 33870; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Lenore Wychunis Bates; Licensed Practical Nurse; Valatie, NY 12184; Lic. No. 242817; Cal. No. 33925; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

Kristine Lynn Neuschel; Licensed Practical Nurse; Richfield Springs, NY 13439; Lic. No. 344691; Cal. No. 34043; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Casandra Evonne James; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rochester, NY 14619; Lic. No. 337948; Cal. No. 34048; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

#### **Occupational Therapy**

David Michael Gouveia; Occupational Therapist; Long Beach, NY 11561; Lic. No. 011216; Cal. No. 33518; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation.

#### Pharmacy

Sheikh Javed Rehmat; Pharmacist; Little Neck, NY 11362-2113; Lic. No. 031934; Cal. No. 31063; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Thomas Philip Major; Pharmacist; Baldwinsville, NY 13027; Lic. No. 059198; Cal. No. 33669; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 11 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

David Ethan Porter; Pharmacist; Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; Lic. No. 060721; Cal. No. 33928; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,000 fine.

#### **Physical Therapy**

Mikaela Mary Ross; Physical Therapist; Albany, NY 12203-2133; Lic. No. 033834; Cal. No. 34001; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

Shourin Roy; Physical Therapist; New York, NY 10027; Lic. No. 015385; Cal. No. 34020; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 1 year probation, \$1,000 fine.

#### **Public Accountancy**

Eugene Falciano; Certified Public Accountant; Long Beach, NY 11561; Lic. No. 058952; Cal. No. 33820; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Partial actual suspension for no less than 1 month in the area of auditing and until licensee completes coursework in state auditing, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

Mark P. Vulaj; Certified Public Accountant; Laurel, NY 11948; Lic. No. 069009; Cal. No. 33950; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,000 fine.

Shaun Greenwald; Certified Public Accountant; Lawrence, NY 11559; Lic. No. 116952; Cal. No. 34026; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 years actual suspension, 4 years probation, \$10,000 fine.

Padilla & Company LLP; (Public Accountancy); Jamaica, NY 11432; Cal. No. 34036; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$10,000 fine.

#### **Respiratory Therapy**

Ariel Nicole Pomerance; Respiratory Therapist; Alexander, NY 14005; Lic. No. 009379; Cal. No. 32985; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Said Makanjuola Salawu; Respiratory Therapy Technician, Respiratory Therapist; Syracuse, NY 13210; Lic. Nos. 004791, 009484; Cal. Nos. 33777, 33776; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

#### **III. RESTORATION**

The Board of Regents voted on May 7, 2024 to deny the application for restoration of the physician license of Nishant Nadpara, Florida, NY 10921. Dr. Nadpara's license was surrendered May 8, 2015.

### New York State Graduation Measures Initiative

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# **Graduation Measures Initiative Timeline**



#### **Information Gathering**

- Stakeholder Feedback Sessions
- Literature and Policy Review
- Surveys

### Phase 2: Oct 2022 – Nov 2023

#### **Blue Ribbon Commission**

- Parent and Student
  Advisory Panels
- Surveys and ThoughtExchange
- Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations

### Phase 3:

Nov 2023 – Spring 2024

#### Internal Work Group

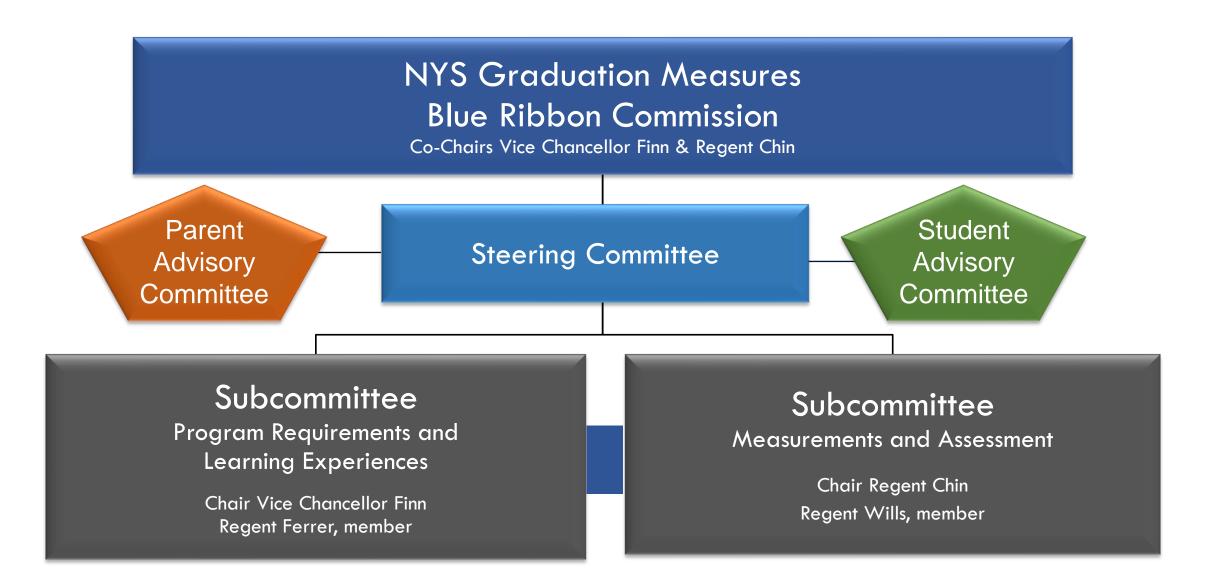
- Unpack Recommendations
- Develop Implementation
  Framework

Phase 4: Spring 2024 – Fall 2024

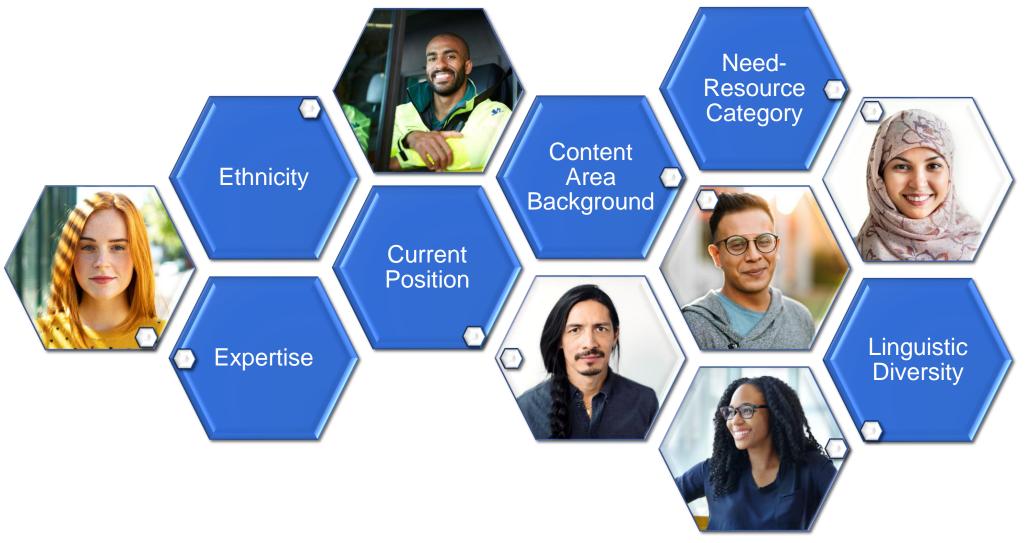
#### Additional Feedback/Roadmap

- Gather Additional Stakeholder Feedback
- Create and Communicate a Comprehensive Roadmap (Fall 2024)





### Diversity of the Blue Ribbon Commission



### **BRC Members: Expertise & Current Position**

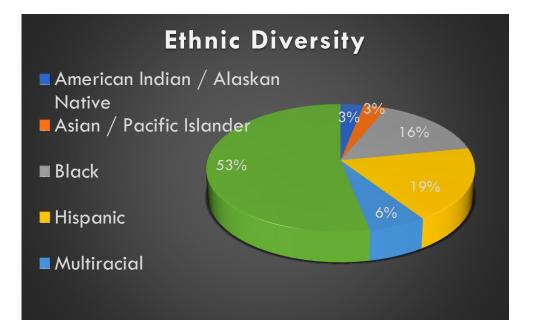
Expertise	Total	Percent
Assessment Expert	2	3%
Curriculum & Instruction Expert	9	15%
DEI/CRSE Expert	11	18%
ELL Expert	4	5%
SWD Expert	13	18%
Current Position	Total	Percent
BOCES DS	3	5%
Business Industry	4	7%
Classroom Teacher	8	12%
Counselor	2	3%
Higher Ed	7	12%
Library	1	2%
Parent	3	5%
Principal	10	15%
Student	]*	2%
Superintendent	11	17%



4 members from Charter Schools3 members from Nonpublic Schools



# **BRC Members: Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity**







### Charge of the Blue Ribbon Commission

Develop recommendations to the Board of Regents on what measures of learning and achievement could better serve New York's diverse student population as indicators of what they know and of their readiness for college, career, and civic life.



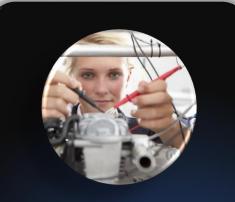
### Four Priority Areas



Consideration of multiple pathways leading to one diploma



Review of assessment flexibility



Understanding of meaningful lifeready credentials



Culturally responsive curriculum, instruction, and assessment



# **BRC Recommendations**

Assessment Requirements



### Number of Diplomas and Seals/ Endorsements

Replace the three diploma types with one diploma with the option to add seals and endorsements.



### **Diploma Assessment Requirements**

Reduce and/or modify diploma assessment requirements to allow more assessment options.



### **Performance-Based Assessments**

Create State-developed rubric(s) for any performance-based assessments allowed as an option to satisfy the diploma assessment requirements.



# **BRC Recommendations**

Credit Requirements



### **Reorganization of Credit Requirements**

Move to a model that organizes credit requirements, including content area credit requirements into larger categories (e.g., mathematics and science courses could be included in the "STEM" category).



### **Credit Requirements**

Diploma credit requirements must include civic responsibility/ethics; cultural competence; financial literacy education, including systems, personal finance, and the social-historical context; fine and performing arts; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) credit(s); and writing, including writing skills for real-world scenarios.

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### Access to Career and Technical Education

Ensure access to career and technical education, including internships and work-based learning opportunities for all students across the State.



# **BRC Recommendations**

**Options for Specific Students** 



Create more specific, tailored graduation requirements to address the unique circumstances of certain groups of students (e.g., non-compulsory age students, newcomer students, refugee students).



Provide exemptions from diploma assessment requirements for: students with significant cognitive disabilities; and major life events and extenuating circumstances (e.g., medical conditions, death of a family member, trauma prior to sitting for a required exam).



Pursue regulatory changes to allow the discretion to confer high school degrees posthumously.



# **Additional BRC Recommendations**



Require all NYS teacher preparation programs to provide instruction in culturally responsive-sustaining education (CR-SE) practices and pedagogy.



Require that professional development plans include culturally responsive-sustaining education practices and pedagogy.



Review and revise the NYS learning standards to:

- better align with college and career expectations and update for family and consumer sciences, health, media literacy, and climate education;
- emphasize higher-order skills and competencies (e.g., health education, communication, decision-making, time management, soft skills); and
- use a culturally responsive-sustaining education (CRSE)/diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and accessibility lens in all subject areas, including history.



# Portrait of a Graduate

New York State graduates are ready for college, careers, and civic engagement!





# Potential Impact Stakeholders are expecting significant change





# Internal Workgroups



Understanding the Vision



**Evaluating Options** 



Thinking from a Systems Perspective



# Forthcoming



### June Board of Regents Update



Stakeholder Feedback

