



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Tony Lofrumento *Anthony Lofrumento Jr*  
**SUBJECT:** Summary of the July 2019 Meeting  
**DATE:** August 29, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *MaryEllen Elin*

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

##### **Issue for Decision**

Review of the Summary of the July 2019 Meetings of the Board of Regents.

##### **Proposed Handling**

Approval of the Summary of July 2019 meetings.

##### **Procedural History**

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

##### **Recommendation**

Approval of the Summary of the July 2019 meetings.

##### **Timetable for Implementation**

Effective September 10, 2019.

**VOTED**, that the Summary of the July 2019 Meetings of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.



***SUMMARY OF THE JULY 2019 MEETING***

***OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS***

***OF***

***THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK***

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

***July 15 and 16, 2019***

***Anthony Lofrumento, Secretary  
Board of Regents***

## **THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

The Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York held a public session on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to a call to duty sent to each Regent.

### **MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

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

Betty A. Rosa, *Chancellor*  
T. Andrew Brown, *Vice Chancellor*  
Roger Tilles  
Lester W. Young, Jr.  
Christine D. Cea  
Wade S. Norwood  
Kathleen M. Cashin  
James E. Cottrell  
Josephine Victoria Finn  
Judith Chin  
Beverly L. Ouderkirk  
Catherine Collins  
Judith Johnson  
Nan Eileen Mead  
Elizabeth S. Hakanson  
Luis O. Reyes  
Susan W. Mittler

Also present were Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen Elia; Executive Deputy Commissioner, Elizabeth Berlin; Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Alison B. Bianchi; and, Secretary, Board of Regents, Anthony Lofrumento.

Chancellor Rosa invited Regent Tilles to make a statement regarding the State Education Department's role in coordinating with the Department of Health and the Office of Children and Family Services on immunization requirement legislation.

Regent Catherine Collins provided words for a moment of reflection and introduced the *Focus of Our Work Video: 2019 Dr. Catherine Collins Family Literacy Project*.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Executive Session Motion**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents convene in executive session on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**Motion by:** Regent Roger Tilles  
**Seconded by:** Regent Catherine Collins  
**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **High School Diploma Options**

Chancellor Rosa, Commissioner Elia and P-12 Education Deputy Commissioner Kim Wilkins led a discussion on High School Diploma options (Attachment I).

Chancellor Betty A. Rosa adjourned the meeting.

**MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Betty A. Rosa, *Chancellor*  
T. Andrew Brown, *Vice Chancellor*  
Roger Tilles  
Lester W. Young, Jr.  
Christine D. Cea  
Wade S. Norwood  
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Also present were Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen Elia; Executive Deputy Commissioner, Elizabeth Berlin; Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Alison B. Bianchi; and, Secretary, Board of Regents, Anthony Lofrumento.

Chancellor Rosa provided thoughts for a moment of reflection.

**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 June 2019 Meeting of the Board of Regents  
BR (A) 2**

**MOVED**, that the Summary of the June 2019 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

**Interim Action by Standing Committees  
BR (A) 4**

**MOVED**, that the Standing Committees of the Board of Regents, be and they hereby are, authorized to take interim action for the Board of Regents during the period commencing on July 17, 2019 and ending on September 8, 2019 and that any such action shall be reported to the Board at its meeting on September 9-10, 2019.

**Motion by:** Regent Nan Eileen Mead  
**Seconded by:** Regent Christine D. Cea  
**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM AREA CONSENT ITEMS**

**Higher Education**

**Proposed Amendments to Sections 52.21, 80-2.1 80-3.1, 80-3.11, 80-3.12 and 80-5.23 and the Titles of Subparts 80-2 and 80-3 of the Commissioner’s Regulations Relating to School Counseling Program Registration, School Counselor Certification Requirements, and a One-Year Time Extension for Institutions of Higher Education to Meet the New Program Registration Requirements  
BR (CA) 1**

**MOVED**, that Sections 52.21, 80-3.1, 80-3.11, 80-3.12 and 80-5.23 and the titles of 80-2 and 80-3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended as submitted, effective July 31, 2019.

**Proposed Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Extension of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test Safety Net  
BR (CA) 2**

**MOVED**, that Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be adopted, as an emergency measure, effective July 16, 2019, to preserve the general welfare in order to ensure that the safety net becomes effective immediately so candidates can be held harmless during the redevelopment of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test and to ensure that the emergency rule adopted at the April 2019 meeting remains continuously in effect until it can be adopted as a permanent rule; and

**MOVED**, that Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be adopted as submitted, effective July 31, 2019.

**Proposed Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Extension of the edTPA Safety Net for Candidates Who Receive a Failing Score on the Library Specialist edTPA  
BR (CA) 3**

**MOVED**, that section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective July 31, 2019.

**Proposed Amendment to Sections 80-3.15 and 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Extension of the Application Deadline for the Statement of Continued Eligibility (SOCE) for Certain Teachers of Students with Disabilities and to the Extension of the Deadline for Completing Teaching Experience While Under a HOUSSE Rubric for the SOCE and Limited Extension for Certain Teachers of Students with Disabilities  
BR (CA) 4**

**MOVED**, that the proposed amendment to Sections 80-3.15 and 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be adopted as an emergency action, effective September 2, 2019, to ensure that the SOCE application deadline of June 30, 2020 becomes effective immediately, so that teachers who hold the Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12) content specialist certificate, Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-9) Generalist certificate, Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-9) content specialist certificate, and Special Education (K-Grade 12) certificate have the time needed to collect and submit the documents required for the SOCE application and to provide teachers with notice that the time period upon which the experience must be completed has been extended from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and to ensure that the emergency rule adopted at the June 2019 Regents meeting remains in effect until it can be adopted as a permanent rule.

**Proposed Amendment to Sections 80-5.8 and 80-5.20 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Eligibility Requirements for the Endorsement Pathway for Certification as an Educator in the Classroom Teaching Service or in the Educational Leadership Service  
BR (CA) 5**

**MOVED**, that Sections 80-5.8 and 5.20 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be adopted as an emergency action, effective September 2, 2019, to allow candidates to take advantage of the proposed eligibility requirements for the endorsement pathway during the summer when many candidates will apply for certification in anticipation of the 2019-2020 academic year and to ensure that the emergency action taken at the June 2019 meeting of the Board of Regents remains continuously in effect until it can be adopted as a permanent rule at the October 2019 Board of Regents meeting.

## **Professional Practice**

### **(Re)Appointments of Members to the State Boards for the Professions and (Re)Appointments of Extended Members to the State Boards for the Professions for Service on Licensure Disciplinary and/or Licensure Restoration and Moral Character Panels BR (CA) 6**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents should approve the proposed (re)appointments.

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

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

### **Master Plan Amendment: State University College at Brockport, Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Program in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) BR (CA) 8**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents approve an amendment to the master plan of State University College at Brockport to authorize the college to offer the D.N.P. program in FNP. The amendment will be effective until July 2019, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case the master plan amendment shall be without term.

### **Proposed Amendment to §63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Certification of Manufacturers and Wholesalers for Export Purposes BR (CA) 9**

**MOVED**, that paragraph (6) of subdivision (c) of §63.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective August 5, 2019, 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 so that the Department can issue free sale certificates to New York State registered manufacturers or wholesalers seeking to sell their drugs and/or devices in foreign countries.

### **Proposed Amendment to §64.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Execution by Registered Professional Nurses of Non- Patient Specific Orders to Administer Immunizations BR (CA) 10**

**MOVED**, that subdivision (a) of §64.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective August 3, 2019, as an emergency action



upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare to conform the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to current immunization standards in order to enhance the protection of the public health by expanding access to needed immunizing agents for infants, children and adults during the 2018-2019 influenza season and current measles outbreaks in New York State.

**Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
BR (CA) 11**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents grant permission to operate for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) to offer its D.O. program in Osteopathic Medicine in Elmira, New York. This permission to operate will be effective until July 16, 2020. Once the Department receives notification of COCA final approval and evidence that the D.O. program continues to meet program registration standards, it will be extended until July 16, 2025.

**State University College at Brockport: Authorization to Award the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Degree  
BR (CA) 12**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents authorize the SUNY Board of Trustees to award the D.N.P. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the D.N.P. programs at State University College at Brockport effective July 17, 2019.

**Tri-State College of Acupuncture – Surrender of Degree-Conferring Authority  
BR (CA) 13 – REVISED**

**MOVED**, that the Board of Regents accept TSCA's surrender of its degree conferring authority.

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

**Motion by:** Regent Elizabeth S. Hakanson  
**Seconded by:** Regent Nan Eileen Mead  
**Action:** Motion passed unanimously.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### P-12 EDUCATION

Your P-12 Education Committee held its scheduled meeting on July 15, 2019. All members were present.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Proposed Amendment to §155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to School Safety Plans [P-12 (A) 2]**

Your Committee recommends that Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective July 16, 2019, as an emergency action upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the public safety and general welfare to timely implement Section 32 of Part YYY of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, which become effective on July 1, 2019.

The motion passed.

#### **Proposed Amendment to Section 104.3 of the Commissioner's Regulations Relating to Assessments and Student Official Transcripts and Permanent Records [P-12 (A) 3]**

Your Committee recommends that §104.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective July 16, 2019, 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 ensure that the proposed amendment implements the provisions of Section 30 of Part YYY of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019 and remains in effect until adopted as a permanent rule; and further your Committee recommends that §104.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective July 31, 2019.

The motion passed.

#### **Charter Schools: Merger Revisions to Charters Authorized by the Board of Regents [P-12 (A) 4]**

#### **KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools**

VOTED: That pursuant to the authority contained in Education Law §§223 and 2853(1)(b-1)

1. KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools be and hereby is merged with KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II, with KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II as the surviving

education corporation under the amended name, KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools.

2. KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II, the surviving corporation, shall continue to administer the educational operations and purposes of the constituent corporations in the same manner as they presently exist.
3. The separate existence of KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools and KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II hereby ceases, and KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II, the surviving corporation under the amended name KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools is hereby vested with all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and authority possessed by or granted by law to each of the constituent corporations. All assets and liabilities of the respective constituent corporations are hereby assets and liabilities of such surviving corporation. All property, real, personal, and mixed and all debts to each of the corporations on whatever account are hereby attached to KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II, the surviving corporation under the amended name KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities, and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.
4. The merged corporation shall operate under the provisional charter granted to KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II under the amended name KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools, which is hereby amended to authorize the operation of seven public charter schools as follows:
  - i. KIPP STAR College Prep Charter School;
  - ii. KIPP NYC Washington Heights Academy Charter School;
  - iii. KIPP Always Mentally Prepared Charter School;
  - iv. KIPP Infinity Charter School;
  - v. KIPP Freedom Charter School;
  - vi. KIPP Bronx Charter School II; and
  - vii. KIPP Bronx Charter School III
5. The merger herein shall take effect *nunc pro tunc* on July 1, 2019; and it is further

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to revise 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 revise the charter would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the schools operated by KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to revise 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 revise the charter would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the schools operated by KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools II, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

### **Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools**

VOTED: That pursuant to the authority contained in Education Law §§223 and 2853(1)(b-1)

1. Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School be and hereby is merged with Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, with Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools as the surviving education corporation.
2. Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, the surviving corporation, shall continue to administer the educational operations and purposes of the constituent corporations in the same manner as they presently exist.
3. The separate existence of Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School and Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools hereby ceases, and Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, the surviving corporation is hereby vested with all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and authority possessed by or granted by law to each of the constituent corporations. All assets and liabilities of the respective constituent corporations are hereby assets and liabilities of such surviving corporation. All property, real, personal, and mixed and all debts to each of the corporations on whatever account are hereby attached to Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, the surviving corporation, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities, and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.
4. The merged corporation shall operate under the provisional charter granted to Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, which is hereby amended to authorize the operation of five public charter schools as follows:
  - i. Bronx Preparatory Charter School;
  - ii. Harlem Prep Charter School;
  - iii. Democracy Preparatory Charter School;
  - iv. Democracy Prep Harlem Charter School; and
  - v. Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School

5. The merger herein shall take effect *nunc pro tunc* on July 1, 2019; and it is further

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to revise 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 revise the charter would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the schools operated by Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to revise 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 revise the charter would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the schools operated by Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

The motion passed. Regents Collins and Mittler abstained.

**Proposed Amendment to Section 175.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Providing for a Waiver for Up to Four School Years (2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022) for Certain School Districts That Cannot Meet the Minimum Instructional Hours Because of Safety and/or Scheduling Issues [P-12 (A) 5]**

Your Committee recommends that section 175.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective July 16, 2019, 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 provide schools districts with notice that if they cannot meet the minimum instructional requirements due to safety and/or scheduling issues they can apply to the Commissioner for a single waiver for up to four years of such requirements by November 15, 2019.

The motion passed.

## **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your P-12 Education Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the written report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on July 15, 2019, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

## **MATTERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**P-12 Education Committee 2019-2020 Priorities** – Your Committee discussed a general overview of the opportunities and clarity that the established priorities will provide in guiding work; assessing achievement and forward movement; and forecasting for the field the work that is expected to come before the Committee over the next year. This discussion will continue at the September 2019 P-12 Education Committee.

**Proposed Addition of Part 121 to the Regulations of the Commissioner Relating to Strengthening Data Privacy and Security in NY State Educational Agencies to Protect Personally Identifiable Information [P-12 (D) 1 - REVISED]** – Your Committee discussed proposed amendments to regulations relating to protecting personally identifiable information. Draft regulations were discussed in January 2019 and based on public comment received, revised regulations were brought before the Committee this month. Major changes include but are not limited to providing clarity regarding the complaint process, the requirements of the Data Security and Privacy Plan, and what should be included as part of the annual data privacy and security awareness training.

**ESSA Financial Transparency Requirement [P-12 (D) 2]** – Your Committee was provided with an update on the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Financial Transparency Requirement, as previously discussed at the April meeting. Over the past fourteen months, the Department has undertaken a rigorous approach of outreach to stakeholders to develop a report template and uniform guidance in submitting expenditure data. Preliminary draft guidance was published in May, and stakeholders have been given until July 17, 2019 to review the document and provide feedback for recommended amendments and improvements. Final guidance will be issued following that period, with all reporting expected to be completed by early 2020.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

Your Professional Practice Committee held its scheduled meeting on July 15, 2019. All members were present. Chancellor Betty A. Rosa was also present but did not vote on any case or action.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Professional Discipline Cases**

Your Committee recommends that the reports of the Regents Review Committees, including rulings, findings of fact, determinations as to guilt, and recommendations, by unanimous or majority vote, contained in those reports, which have been distributed to you, be accepted in 3 cases. In addition, your Committee recommends, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Professions, that 50 consent order applications and 18 surrender applications be granted, and further recommends that 1 summary suspension application be granted.

These recommendations are made following the review of 72 cases involving sixteen registered professional nurses, fifteen licensed practical nurses, nine licensed practical nurses who are also registered professional nurses, three chiropractors, three dentists, three pharmacists, two licensed master social workers, one certified public accountant, one dental hygienist, one dental professional corporation, one licensed clinical social worker, one massage therapist, one pharmacy, one podiatrist, one professional engineer, one registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner (Adult Health), and one registered professional nurse who is also a nurse practitioner (Family Health).

### **MOTION FOR ACTION BY FULL BOARD**

Madam Chancellor and Colleagues: Your Professional Practice Committee recommends, and we move, that the Board of Regents act affirmatively upon each recommendation in the written report of the Committee's deliberations at its meeting on July 15, 2019, copies of which have been distributed to each Regent.

**MOVED**, that the Committee Reports be approved.

**Motion by:** Regent James E. Cottrell  
**Seconded by:** Regent Kathleen M. Cashin  
**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

### **State Education Department June 2019 Fiscal Report BR (A) 3**

**MOVED**, that the Board accepts the June 2019 State Education Department Fiscal Report as presented.

**Motion by:** Regent Elizabeth S. Hakanson  
**Seconded by:** Regent Roger Tilles  
**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMISSIONER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION**

Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced that she would be resigning as Commissioner of Education and President of The University effective August 31, 2019 and shared her letter of resignation with the Board (Attachment II). She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and for their support of the work of the Department. Commissioner Elia also thanked the staff and employees of the Department for their tireless work and efforts during her tenure.

Chancellor Rosa adjourned the meeting.



**Appendix I**  
**NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF REGENTS CHARTER ACTIONS**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>County (City/Town) of Location</b>	<b>Description of Charter Action(s)</b>
Gorham Free Library	CE	Ontario (Gorham)	Amend charter to designate the library's service area to be coterminous with the Marcus Whitman Central School District.
Leon Historical Society	CE	Cattaraugus (Leon)	Amend provisional charter to change the corporate address and extend the charter for five years.
1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum	CE	Livingston (Geneseo)	Extend provisional charter for five years.
ROC Archive	CE	Monroe (Rochester)	Grant provisional charter for five years.
Saratoga Springs Public Library	CE	Saratoga (Saratoga Springs)	Amend charter to specify the trustee range to be not less than five nor more than fifteen.
Victor Historical Society	CE	Ontario (Victor)	Amend charter to update address and purpose clause; consent to filing of certificate of assumed name "Historic Valentown Museum".
The Martin De Porres School for Exceptional Children	P12	Queens (Springfield Gardens)	Amend charter nunc pro tunc to April 9, 2019 to reflect the amendment to charter to extend the authority for the corporation to care for destitute, delinquent, abandoned, neglected, abused or dependent children to February 1, 2020.
The School House	P12	Suffolk (East Northport)	Grant provisional charter for three years.
Elim Bible Institute and College	HE	Livingston (Lima)	Grant an absolute charter.
Marist College	HE	Dutchess (Poughkeepsie)	Amend charter to increase trustee range to be 36.

Relay Graduate School of Education	HE	Kings (Brooklyn)	Amend charter to change the corporate address.
New York University	HE/OP	New York (New York)	Amend charter nunc pro tunc to March 12, 2019 to amend the charter to include a Nassau County location and to include trustee quorum language.

## **Appendix II**

### **REGENTS ACTIONS IN 72 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES JULY 15, 2019**

The Board of Regents announced disciplinary actions resulting in the summary suspension of 1 license, revocation of 2 licenses, surrender of 17 licenses and 1 registration, and 51 other disciplinary actions. The penalty indicated for each case relates solely to the misconduct set forth in that particular case.

#### **I. SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

##### **Nursing**

Teddy A. Germain; Licensed Practical Nurse; Amsterdam, NY 12010; Lic. No. 281411; Cal. No. 31506; Application for summary suspension granted.

#### **II. REVOCATIONS AND SURRENDERS**

##### **Chiropractic**

Kenneth M. Gross; Chiropractor; Windermere, FL 34786-5594; Lic. No. 009658; Cal. No. 31318; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Health Care Claims Fraud, a 3rd Degree offense, in the State of New Jersey, which in New York State would constitute Insurance Fraud in the 5th Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

##### **Dentistry**

Jessica Barcessat; Dentist; Sunny Isles, FL 33180; Lic. No. 054774; Cal. No. 31269; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to document, during a patient's initial evaluation, a discussion had with said patient regarding referral to an orthodontist and options for treatment other than dental crowns.

##### **Massage Therapy**

Jonathan D. Barbere; Massage Therapist; East Meadow, NY 11554-1217; Lic. No. 027439; Cal. No. 31374; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Forcible Touching, a class A misdemeanor.

##### **Nursing**

Carrie Ann Withey; Registered Professional Nurse; Tobyhanna, PA 18466-7766; Lic. No. 628771; Cal. No. 28414; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of removing a drug from a facility's drug supply ostensibly for patient administration but actually for her own use; answering falsely regarding the license discipline

question on a nursing employment application and on two New York State nursing re-registration renewal forms.

Danny Moreno; Licensed Practical Nurse; Saint Cloud, FL 34772-7058; Lic. No. 258653; Cal. No. 31140; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Minor, a 2nd Degree Felony, and Incest, a 3rd Degree Felony, in violation of applicable Florida statutes.

Marie Gustin Charlot Joseph; Registered Professional Nurse; Plantation, FL 33313; Lic. No. 403775; Cal. No. 31231; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of stealing the controlled substance hydromorphone for her own use, in the State of Florida.

Nilo D. Vales; Licensed Practical Nurse; Pico Rivera, CA 90660-5921; Lic. No. 145825; Cal. No. 31264; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of administering a 25 mg dosage of the non-controlled substance metoprolol tartrate to a patient without a physician's order.

Cheryle Lavonne Leeper; Registered Professional Nurse; Boley, OK 74829; Lic. No. 520240; Cal. No. 31271; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to charges of entering erroneous information in a patient's medical chart in the State of Oklahoma and falsely stating on a registration renewal application that a licensing authority had not disciplined her.

Teresa Denise Liscano Kent; Registered Professional Nurse; Clovis, CA 93611-0677; Lic. No. 593022; Cal. No. 31272; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been found guilty of professional misconduct in California, where the conduct if committed in New York would constitute practicing the profession of nursing with gross negligence.

Kerry Beth McCabe; Registered Professional Nurse; Los Alamitos, CA 90720; Lic. No. 347385; Cal. No. 31310; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of finding of professional misconduct by the California State Board of Registered Nursing for committing gross negligence, which if committed in New York, would constitute professional misconduct for practicing the profession of nursing with gross negligence on a particular occasion, in violation of Section 6509(2) of the New York Education Law.

Ferdinand Patrick Alphonse; Licensed Practical Nurse; Baldwin, NY 11510; Lic. No. 239511; Cal. No. 31337; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person in the 1st Degree, a class E felony, and Willful Violation of Health Laws, a class A misdemeanor.

Stephanie Baboulis a/k/a Stephanie Perez; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Manalapan, NJ 07726; Lic. Nos. 244565, 482617; Cal. Nos. 31349,

31350; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Eluding, a crime of the 3rd Degree in the State of New Jersey, which in New York State would constitute Unlawful Fleeing a police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Sharon Elizabeth Vernon; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Somerset, NJ 08873; Lic. Nos. 200094, 431475; Cal. Nos. 31397, 31398; Application to surrender licenses granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been found guilty of professional misconduct in New Jersey where the conduct if committed in New York would constitute practicing the profession of nursing fraudulently.

### **Pharmacy**

Sanjay R. Patel; Pharmacist; Edison, NJ 08837; Lic. No. 047948; Cal. No. 29400; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation, \$10,000 fine.

ABC Drugs PP Inc. d/b/a ABC Drugs; Pharmacy; Bronx, NY 10472; Reg. No. 035268; Cal. No. 31325; Application to surrender registration granted. Summary: Registrant did not contest the charge of failing to notify the New York State Board of Pharmacy that it had vacated its registered premises in December 2017 and thereafter failing to notify the New York State Board of Pharmacy of the disposition of prescription-required drugs which had been located in the registered premises.

David Michael Burke; Pharmacist; Wheatland, WY 82201; Lic. No. 035893; Cal. No. 31348; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of stealing prescription drugs from a pharmacy in the State of Wyoming.

### **Social Work**

Jessica E. Tannacore; Licensed Master Social Worker; Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3341; Lic. No. 094437; Cal. No. 29303; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: Revocation; \$500 fine.

Clarice Joy Thompson; Licensed Master Social Worker; Amityville, NY 11701; Lic. No. 081070; Cal. No. 31366; Application to surrender license granted. Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of conduct in the profession which evidences moral unfitness.

## **III. OTHER REGENTS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### **Chiropractic**

Keith Mitchell Bierman a/k/a Keith M. Bierman; Chiropractor; Syosset, NY 11791; Lic. No. 006046; Cal. No. 31078; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

John Charles Kavanaugh; Chiropractor; East Hampton, NY 11937; Lic. No. 007367; Cal. No. 31079; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

### **Dentistry**

Neil Robert Schachter; Dentist; Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; Lic. No. 036197; Cal. No. 30968; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Grace Yun-Hua Hsu, Dentist; East Norwich, NY 11732; Lic. No. 048603; Cal. No. 31052; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$1,000 fine.

Grace Hsu DDS P.C.; Dentistry; East Norwich, NY 11732; Cal. No. 31053; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year probation, \$1,500 fine.

Neha Saxena; Dental Hygienist; Secaucus, NJ 07094-2222; Lic. No. 027204; Cal. No. 31284; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$250 fine.

### **Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology**

David Edward Iocco; Professional Engineer; Corning, NY 14830; Lic. No. 047171; Cal. No. 31095; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

### **Nursing**

Sierra Patricia Haas; Registered Professional Nurse; Canastota, NY 13032; Lic. No. 649507; Cal. No. 29423; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation.

Vonetta Anastacia Tillman a/k/a Vonetta A. McGarrell; Licensed Practical Nurse; Yonkers, NY 10705; Lic. No. 292624; Cal. No. 29491; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Rebecca Ann Sammons; Licensed Practical Nurse; Albany, NY 12205; Lic. No. 287334; Cal. No. 29698; Found guilty of professional misconduct; Penalty: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice 2 years probation.

Erica Latrice Ransom a/k/a Erica Latrice Britt; Licensed Practical Nurse; Kinsey, AL 36303-7706; Lic. No. 309228; Cal. No. 30114; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension for not less than 2 months and until fit

to practice, upon return to practice in the State of New York , 2 years probation , \$250 fine.

Carol A. Farnsworth; Registered Professional Nurse; Canandaigua, NY 14424; Lic. No. 429584; Cal. No. 30218; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Ryan Charcholla; Registered Professional Nurse; Rochester, NY 14607; Lic. No. 676423; Cal. No. 30341; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Rita Shazo Sherifi; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Brewerton, NY 13029; Lic. Nos. 292756, 640525; Cal. Nos. 30580, 30581; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Kimberly Ann Lee; Registered Professional Nurse; Wellsville, NY 14895; Lic. No. 476974; Cal. No. 30672; 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.

Merritt Lauren Stuver; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rochester, NY 14606; Lic. No. 233308; Cal. No. 30696; 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.

Michelle Lynn Lynden; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Fredonia, NY 14063; Lic. Nos. 212585, 666732; Cal. Nos. 30773, 30774; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation , \$500 fine.

Gordon James Azzarella; Registered Professional Nurse; Cherry Creek, NY 14723; Lic. No. 568236; Cal. No. 30887; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation , \$500 fine.

Dusty Gail Pedersen; Registered Professional Nurse; Scotia, NY 12302-5525; Lic. No. 483550; Cal. No. 30918; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Charlene Haight; Licensed Practical Nurse; Ulster Park, NY 12487; Lic. No. 323684; Cal. No. 30920; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$250 fine.

Shannon Marie Smith; Licensed Practical Nurse; Garner, NC 27529; Lic. No. 284966; Cal. No. 30928; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year

stayed suspension, upon return to practice in the State of New York, 1 year probation , \$250 fine.

Kiesha Cassandra Barratt; Registered Professional Nurse; New Rochelle, NY 10803; Lic. No. 637858; Cal. No. 30954; 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 Solomon; Licensed Practical Nurse; Syracuse, NY 13212; Lic. No. 216288; Cal. No. 30967; 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.

Erika Beatriz Hassan; Registered Professional Nurse; Lake Stevens, WA 98258; Lic. No. 552909; Cal. No. 30978; 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.

Michele Louise Welsh-McCormick; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rome, NY 13440; Lic. No. 286034; Cal. No. 30980; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Maria Stella Artusa; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Adult Health); Inwood, NY 11096; Lic. No. 508789, Cert. No. 306834; Cal. Nos. 30986, 30987; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 months actual suspension, 22 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Ami Renee Ozarowsky; Licensed Practical Nurse; Rochester, NY 14626-3149; Lic. No. 311832; Cal. No. 30992; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Megan Elizabeth Miller; Licensed Practical Nurse; Gloversville, NY 12078; Lic. No. 299000; Cal. No. 31012; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Christopher Paul Medina; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Newark Valley, NY 13811; Lic. Nos. 273157, 548385; Cal. Nos. 31016, 31017; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation.

Mary Lynn Massonne; Registered Professional Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (Family Health); Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; Lic. No. 397377, Cert. No. 332837; Cal. Nos. 31025, 31026; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.



Kristin Marie Bennett a/k/a Kristin M. Koch; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Ridge, NY 11961-1196; Lic. Nos. 204885, 538604; Cal. Nos. 31043, 31044; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Carrie A. Barrett; Licensed Practical Nurse; Brockport, NY 14420; Lic. No. 283048; Cal. No. 31077; 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, \$750 fine.

Charlotte Darkoa Asare; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Germantown, MD 20874; Lic. Nos. 263648, 517297; Cal. Nos. 31097, 31099; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 6 months actual suspension, 18 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice in the State of New York, 2 years probation , \$500 fine.

Ekaete Sunday Omon; Registered Professional Nurse; Houston, TX 77099; Lic. No. 575399; Cal. No. 31101; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension of not less than 6 months and until fit to practice, upon return to practice in the State of New York, 2 years probation , \$500 fine.

Melissa B. Murray a/k/a Melissa B. Stevens; Registered Professional Nurse; Apalachin, NY 13732; Lic. No. 664695; Cal. No. 31114; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Alexia Marie Van Treese; Registered Professional Nurse; Cortland, NY 13045; Lic. No. 519281; Cal. No. 31146; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation

Rebecca Ann Seymour; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Johnson City, NY 13790; Lic. Nos. 277545, 685761; Cal. Nos. 31147, 31148; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation , \$500 fine.

Alex Ruben Gonzalez a/k/a Alex R. Gonzalez; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse; Port Jervis, NY 12771-5070; Lic. Nos. 281212, 657610; Cal. Nos. 31332, 31268; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Indefinite actual suspension of not less than 3 months and until fit to practice, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

## **Pharmacy**

William Kenman Lee; Pharmacist; Forest Hills, NY 11375; Lic. No. 054025; Cal. 31092; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$1,500 fine.

## **Podiatry**

Simeon Eli Isaacs; Podiatrist; Brooklyn, NY 11230; Lic. No. 002897; Cal. No. 31050; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

## **Public Accountancy**

Lawrence Jay Ringer; Certified Public Accountant; Queensbury, NY 12804; Lic. No. 061953; Cal. No. 30912; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

## **Social Work**

Marianna Zara a/k/a Marianna Grennan; Licensed Clinical Social Worker; New York, NY 10009; Lic. No. 049385; Cal. No. 28420; Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.



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ATTACHMENT I

# Pathways to a New York State Diploma

July 15, 2019



# Introduction

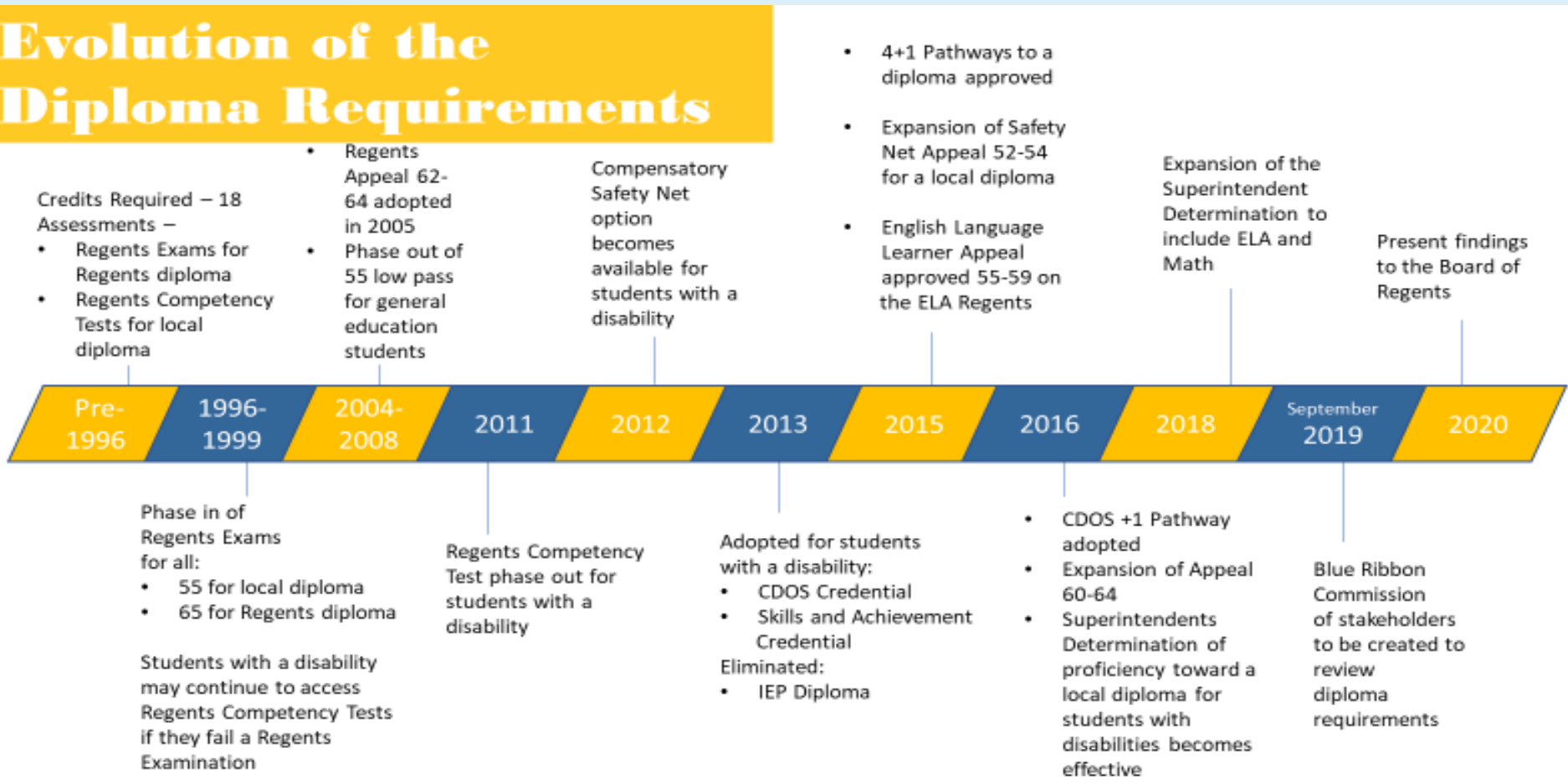
- Chancellor Rosa noted in February 2019 NYSSBA On Board Commentary *“It's time that we rethink the high school diploma”* that:

- *“The latest graduation rate figures are similar to the results we have seen in each of the last several years. The graduation rate continues to slowly edge up, but stubborn gaps in achievement persist - gaps that separate students of color, students with disabilities, English language learners, and low-income students from their peers who are white and attend school in low-need districts.”*
- *“While it was encouraging to see signs that we are moving in the right direction...the rate of improvement is far too slow by any objective measure. Simply put, the system is not working for everyone, and too many students - particularly our most vulnerable students - are leaving high school without a diploma.”*

- Goal: Define what a New York State high school diploma means and what it ought to signify

# Background

## Evolution of the Diploma Requirements



# Background:

## Current Graduation Credit Requirements: 22 Units

	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
Content Area	Minimum Number of Credits
English	4
Social Studies	
Distributed as Follows:	
U.S. History (1)	
Participation in Government (1/2)	
Economics (1/2)	4
Other (2)	
(students entering grade 9 in 2016 must earn 2 credits in Global History and Geography)	
Science	
Distributed as Follows:	
Life Science (1)	3
Physical Science (1)	
Life Science or Physical Science (1)	
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1*
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

# What Do Other States Require?

- 60% of states do not require an exit exam to graduate high school.<sup>1</sup>
- Of 20 states with high school graduation exit exams, more than half require 3 or fewer exams.<sup>1</sup>
- Some of New York's Neighboring States:
  - [Massachusetts](#) requires 3 exit exams (ELA, Math, and Science)
  - [New Jersey](#) requires an ELA and Mathematics High School exam
  - [Pennsylvania](#) does not currently require exit exams

<sup>1</sup> [TAMSA](#), 2014-15

# State Expectations for Graduation Matter (2018)<sup>1</sup>

- States offer more than 100 different high school graduation options for students.
- Although often billed as a single, statewide diploma, many states still have different sets of expectations for students to complete high school, depending on the option students choose or on the options made available to them.
- Half of states offer at least two graduation options for students, with a few offering students five or more options.
- States may offer discrete diplomas or the state may present its options as endorsements, designations or different curriculum requirements on top of a single diploma.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.achieve.org/graduation-requirements-matter>



# Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on NY State's Diploma

- Create a working stakeholder group with overlap to commission membership including: current or recent parents, students, educators, researchers, advocates, higher education and business leaders.
  - Big 5, NYSCOSS, NYSSBA, NYSUT, PTA, SAANYS, UFT and others
- The purpose of the commission is to make recommendations to:
  - revise current diploma requirements;
  - ensure all students have access to multiple graduation pathways; and
  - include a recommended transition plan timeline that allows time to prepare for and implement the changes.

# Big Questions

- In February 2019, the Chancellor asked Regents Johnson and Mead, Co-chairs of the Regents Research Workgroup, to look at revising New York's graduation requirements with a focus on research, practice and policy.
- Their work will include, but not be limited to, addressing key questions, such as:
  - What do we want our children to know and to be able to do before they graduate?
  - How do we want them to demonstrate such knowledge and skills?
  - To what degree does requiring passage of Regents exams improve student achievement, graduation rates and college readiness?
  - What other measures of achievement (e.g., capstone projects, alternative assessments or engagement in civic and community activities) could serve as indicators of high school completion?

# Implementation

- Extensive outreach to all areas of the state and all stakeholder groups.
  - Judicial District hearings
  - Use of BOCES to support the engagement and outreach efforts
  - Surveys
- Research
- After Regents deliberations and policy decisions
  - Begin process of regulation and guidance changes
  - Begin test development/revision process if new assessment(s) or modifications to existing assessments are needed
  - Develop a timeline and transition plan
  - Training and support to the field to implement
  - Draft timeline of the Blue Ribbon Commission's work

# Draft Timeline of the Blue Ribbon Commission's Work

- **September 2019** – Establish the commission's membership and draft meeting schedule.
- **October 2019** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting - The commission sets its vision.
- **December 2019** – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting –The commission identifies priority areas, “Big Questions” and recommendation framework. Assign sub-groups for priority areas.
- **January – March 2020** – Sub-groups meet.
- **April 2020** – Sub-groups report to the commission on proposed recommendations.
- **Summer 2020** – The commission finalizes recommendations and report is prepared with a focus on the impact to current requirements.
- **Fall 2020** – The commission's final report is presented to the Board of Regents for its consideration.

# ATTACHMENT II



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July 15, 2019

Dear Chancellor Rosa and Honorable Members of the Board of Regents:

I am writing to notify you that I will resign from my post as Commissioner for the New York State Education Department (NYSED) on August 31, 2019. It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve the students and teachers of New York over the last four years as we work to advance equity and excellence in our education system.

Together with the Governor, State Legislature and distinguished Board of Regents, I am proud of our department's work to reform school accountability and improvement programs; offer improved professional development for our dedicated team of educators; and build an inclusive and responsive education system that is reflective of our diverse and vibrant student population.

During my tenure, we were guided by our goal to close the opportunity gap in all districts across the state, most recently with the development and implementation of the \$1.6 billion Every Student Succeeds State plan in January 2018. This vital and comprehensive set of reforms helped to boost educational equity and put in place a new, more dynamic school improvement process that requires staff, parent and student involvement. New York was also the first state to accept the landmark My Brother's Keeper initiative into law, in an effort to ensure all boys and young men of color in school are on a track for success.

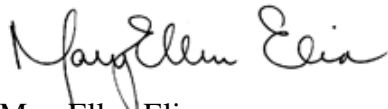
In line with this agenda, we took targeted steps to help address the individual needs of unique and vulnerable student populations, from children with learning difficulties to students experiencing homelessness to English Language Learners and immigrant communities. By promoting a culturally-responsive and well-rounded education with additional support systems, we made academic and social-emotional development for every child a top priority.

We also identified the State's most challenging schools and districts—its urban centers—and developed case by case solutions. In Rochester, for example, we deployed a Distinguished Educator to assess why the district had been failing students for years and used that report as a basis for the development of the District's plan to support students to success. Similarly, in New York City, we established a comprehensive Corrective Action Plan that set forth system-wide reforms specifically targeted at improving services for students with disabilities, English Language Learners and their families.

NYSED championed efforts to improve educational opportunities outside of the traditional classroom setting by working closely with colleagues in the State Departments of Health, Children Services, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. We also partnered with higher education institutions, with a focus on strengthening access to colleges and universities for all students and preparing them for life after high school. Our approach centered on addressing teacher shortages, strengthening student teaching requirements, and creating a pilot principal preparation program.

As a former teacher, administrator, and superintendent, I have devoted my entire 45-year career to putting children on a path to success both in school and beyond, and I am enormously grateful for the opportunity to lead the school system here in New York State. Going forward, I hope to translate the experiences I've gained from one of the largest, most complex education systems in the country into lessons to help improve classrooms, schools, and districts for students in every state.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MaryEllen Elia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "E".

MaryEllen Elia  
Commissioner  
New York State Education Department