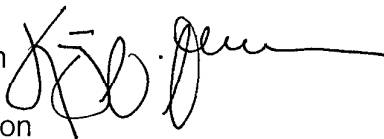




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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Kathy A. Ahearn 

COMMITTEE: Cultural Education
Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education
Higher and Professional Education


TITLE OF ITEM: Summary recommendations with respect to charter applications

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SUMMARY:

Attached are summary recommendations with respect to charter applications. A total of 38 charter actions are recommended involving 38 institutions, including 6 libraries, 8 museums, 7 historical societies, 12 nonpublic schools, 3 chartered postsecondary institutions and 2 education corporations.

I recommend that the Regents approve each application in accordance with the recommendations contained in the respective summaries.



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Committee on Higher and Professional Education

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I. CULTURAL EDUCATION

ABSOLUTE CHARTER

No. 1

TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chester, Warren County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 19, 1997 to operate a public library serving the town of Chester. Such provisional charter was amended on March 19, 2002 to change the number of trustees from seven to not less than five nor more than eleven. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be made absolute.

AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

No. 2

GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Glen Cove, Nassau County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on December 12, 1894 to operate a city school district public library to serve the Glen Cove City School District No. 5 of the town of Oyster Bay. Such provisional charter was made absolute by Regents action on March 18, 1897. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to require that all trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library be elected by the voters of the Glen Cove City School District No. 5, for staggered terms of five years each, and to add the language necessary to maintain tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3). Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 3

THE JOHN A. NOBLE COLLECTION

Staten Island, Richmond County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 21, 1986 to preserve, maintain and locate art of all types, particularly art of a maritime nature and more particularly the art and writings of John A. Noble; to provide for the restoration and preservation of such material and for its accessibility as far as possible to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with local officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the materials; to disseminate information and arouse interest in such art work by publishing material in newspapers and magazines and other media publications, by making presentations at public meetings and lectures and related activities; to restore and maintain John A. Noble's Floating Houseboat Studio and to operate the same as an exhibit area for art work and to raise funds to accomplish this aim; to promote public interest in and appreciation of art, to encourage cooperation and an exchange of ideas among artists, art teachers, art students, craftsmen, publishers and others engaged in artistic activities and to provide a registry for artists; and to hold seminars, classes, workshops, competitions and private and public exhibitions and to generally promote the study and improvements of the arts. Such provisional charter was extended on March 26, 1993. Such provisional charter was made absolute by Regents action on July 17, 1998. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the corporate name to "The Noble Maritime Collection." Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 4

JORDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jordan, Onondaga County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on April 23, 1971 to record, collect and preserve materials of historical value to the community; to provide information and material of historical interest to members and to the public at large; to establish and maintain a museum facility for exhibition of historical materials; to encourage members in the preparation of papers on subjects of local historical interest; to assist in locating and placing markers or other acknowledgment at places of historical interest; to encourage the interest of the youth of the community in its local heritage; and to cooperate with other historical societies or groups in the promotion of historical projects and dissemination of local historical information. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to amend and restate its corporate purposes and to add the language necessary to maintain tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) and, as so amended, for an extension of the provisional charter. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, be extended for a period of five years to provide the corporation an opportunity to begin the process of accessioning and cataloging its collection; to continue to clean and reorganize the museum displays; to deaccession unwanted and unnecessary items; to increase its income and membership and to allow the corporation additional time to demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 5

MILLBROOK FREE LIBRARY

Millbrook, Dutchess County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on December 19, 1901 to operate an association library to serve the village of Millbrook. Such provisional charter was made absolute by Regents action on June 27, 1904. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the chartered service area from the village of Millbrook to the town of Washington; to change the number of trustees from seven to not less than nine nor more than fifteen; to change the trustees' terms from five years to three years; to add the language necessary to maintain tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) and to designate the Commissioner of Education as the agent of the corporation for the purpose of service of process. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 6

SHENENDEHOWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Clifton Park, Saratoga County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on December 13, 1985 to operate a special district public library to serve the town of Clifton Park as defined in the special district legislation establishing the district, Chapter 519 of the Laws of 1985. Such provisional charter was made absolute by Regents action on December 18, 1992, The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the chartered service area from the town of Clifton Park to now include that portion of the town of Halfmoon located outside of the limits of the Mechanicville and Waterford public school districts. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 7

SPEEDSKATING HALL OF FAME

Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 12, 2002 to establish and maintain a hall of fame and museum on the origin, history and development of speedskating and to collect, own, hold and maintain a collection of appropriate artifacts. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the corporate name to "The National Speedskating Museum and Hall of Fame." Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

No. 8

BROOKLYN WOODEN BOATBUILDING MUSEUM

Brooklyn, Kings County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to establish and maintain a history museum relating to the building, restoration and preservation of wooden boats; to collect, own, hold, maintain, preserve, and make

available appropriate historical objects and artifacts; to arrange, create, maintain and promote appropriate historical exhibits and displays; and to promote and support historical research and scholarship, issue publications in all formats, and organize historical and cultural activities, programs and events for the public. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 9

BUTLER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Butler, Wayne County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to promote the Town of Butler history and encourage historical research; to collect, hold, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs and other records and materials relating to the history of the Town of Butler, Wayne County, New York; to encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest in the Town of Butler; to seek to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise the title to, or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and to preserve and maintain such sites and structures; to bring together people of all ages interested in history and provide programs, events, exhibits, and publications in all formats that will enhance the knowledge of future generations; and to cooperate with county and state officials and historical organizations to collect and preserve materials of countywide and statewide significance. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 10

CAPITAL DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Latham, Albany County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to establish and operate a museum in support of athletes and athletics of the Capital District Region of the State of New York, to benefit and educate the public. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 11

CASA CULTURAL PUERTORRIQUENA

Bronx, Bronx County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to establish and maintain a museum depicting in every genre, the history, cultural, collective experience and contributions to America made by the Puerto Rican people in the United States and Puerto Rico; to collect, own, hold, maintain, preserve, and make available appropriate objects and artifacts; to arrange, create, maintain and promote appropriate exhibits; to establish and maintain a research library and archives; and to promote and support research and scholarship, issue publications in all formats, and organize activities, programs and events for the public. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 12

EAST GENOA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Genoa, Cayuga County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to acquire, restore and preserve the East Genoa Church building and its property for community use; to operate a community center to promote and encourage community spirit; to gather, collect, own, hold, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs and other records and materials relating to the history of the hamlet of East Genoa in the Town of Genoa and vicinity; to gather and record local history and promote history and original historical research of the hamlet of East Genoa in the Town of Genoa and vicinity and to publish and distribute, or cause to be published and distributed, information and materials consistent with the above purposes. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 13

THE EAST QUOGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

East Quogue, Suffolk County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to promote and encourage original historical research and genealogy; to recognize the

existence and contributions of those who have contributed to the settlement and growth of the community; to disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of East Quogue, its environs, and its inhabitants; to gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history and people of East Quogue and the surrounding area; to encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest and cooperate with other societies; to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and preserve and maintain such sites and structures; to otherwise further the spirit of educational lore, especially of Long Island and particularly of East Quogue; and to cooperate with other organizations or groups in neighboring villages or hamlets on matters of common interest. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 14

THE FLORAL PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hempstead, Nassau County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to increase knowledge of and promote interest in all subjects dealing with Floral Park history; to promote historical research and educate Village residents as to the history of Floral Park; to preserve for posterity places, buildings, landmarks and objects of historical interest in Floral Park; to collect and preserve records, relics and other items of historical interest regarding Floral Park; to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise articles of historic interest regarding Floral Park; and to acquire or mark, by purchase, gift or otherwise, historic places of interest regarding Floral Park and assist in the maintaining of these historic places. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 15

ITHACA CLOCK MUSEUM

Ithaca, Tompkins County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to develop and maintain a museum open to the general public to display clocks made by Ithaca clock manufacturers and other clocks of historic and educational interest; and to procure, maintain and display clocks and artifacts related to historic clocks in a museum which shall be open to the general public. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and

the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 16

OBJECTS FOUNDATION

New York City, New York County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to promote the study, understanding and appreciation of modern design by students, scholars, designers and the general public; to collect, own, hold, maintain and preserve mid-twentieth century to contemporary industrial-design and decorative-arts objects, such as, but not limited to, furniture, housewares, lighting, vessels, jewelry, electronics, textiles and printed materials (collectively, the "Assemblage"); to arrange, create and maintain a permanent display and special exhibits of objects from the Assemblage and other design objects; to use the Assemblage as an educational resource to expose children, particularly underserved children, to design as a tool that can change their lives; to establish and maintain a research database, reference library, and slide and/or digital image collection relating to the Assemblage and modern design in general; to develop, organize and conduct educational programs, such as, but not limited to, lectures, seminars, tours, panel discussions and workshops, concerning modern design and related topics; to prepare, publish and disseminate publications in all formats and media concerning the Assemblage and modern design; and to engage in any and all lawful pursuits incidental to and in pursuit of the foregoing purposes. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 17

PLATTEKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Modena, Ulster County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a public library to serve the residents of the Plattekill Library Special District as constituted pursuant to Chapter 155 of the Laws of 2002, which district is described as the town of Plattekill, except those parts served by the Highland Central School District and the Marlborough Central School District. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 18

STEVENS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Attica, Wyoming County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a public library to provide library services to the residents of the Attica Central School District. Janet M. Welch and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 19

TAYLOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cincinnatus, Cortland County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to promote and encourage original historical research; to gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history of the state of New York and particularly the Town of Taylor and the surrounding areas; to encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest; and to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures and preserve and maintain such sites and structures. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

No. 20

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY PROJECT OF THE CAPITAL REGION

Albany, Albany County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to disseminate, promote and encourage original historical research on the history of the Underground Railroad, especially in Albany and the Capital Region of New York; to gather, preserve, display, and make available for study appropriate artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials; to encourage the suitable marking of appropriate places of historic interest; and to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of appropriate historic sites and structures, and to preserve and maintain such sites and structures. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of five years.

EXTENSION OF CHARTER

No. 21

NORTH SHORE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Glen Cove, Nassau County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 17, 1998 to collect, preserve, display and interpret objects relative to the history of the North Shore of Long Island and in particular, Glen Cove; and to research, document, and disseminate information on the same. The board of trustees has applied for an extension of their provisional charter. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of five years to allow the corporation additional time to continue to raise funds and to begin the restoration and adaptive reuse of the former Glen Cove Court House; to begin to acquire artifacts and arrange for their cataloging and secure storage; to continue to offer public programs; to increase membership and expand financial support and to otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 22

NEW YORK DIGITAL SALON

New York City, New York County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to present international exhibitions and art events to educate the public about digital art; to sponsor performances for the public, including educational and other public programs; to provide a web site and webcasts accessible to the public; and to produce publications and other media publicly showcasing digital and contemporary art. Clifford A. Siegfried, David W. Palmquist and the Office of Cultural Education recommend that a certificate of incorporation be issued.

CHARTERS

CULTURAL EDUCATION

ABSOLUTE CHARTER

1. Town of Chester Public Library, Chester

AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

2. Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove
3. The John A. Noble Collection, Staten Island
4. Jordan Historical Society, Jordan
5. Millbrook Free Library, Millbrook
6. Shenendehowa Public Library, Clifton Park
7. Speedskating Hall of Fame, Saratoga Springs

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

8. Brooklyn Wooden Boatbuilding Museum, Brooklyn
9. Butler Historical Preservation Society, Butler
10. Capital District Sports Hall of Fame, Latham
11. Casa Cultural Puerторriquena, Bronx
12. East Genoa Historical Society, Genoa
13. The East Quogue Historical Society, East Quogue
14. The Floral Park Historical Society, Hempstead
15. Ithaca Clock Museum, Ithaca
16. Objects Foundation, New York City
17. Plattekill Public Library, Modena
18. Stevens Memorial Community Library, Attica
19. Taylor Historical Society, Cincinnatus
20. Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Albany

EXTENSION OF CHARTER

21. North Shore Historical Museum, Glen Cove

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

22. New York Digital Salon, New York City

II. ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

ABSOLUTE CHARTER

No.1

THE NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL

Yaphank, Suffolk County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 4, 1997 to operate a center-based and home-based preschool for children with disabilities from birth to five years of age; a nursery school for nondisabled preschool children from birth to five years of age; and a day care center. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to add authority for the corporation to also operate an early intervention program from birth to three years of age and to operate a universal pre-kindergarten program and, as so amended, for an absolute charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, be made absolute.

AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

No. 2

THE HORIZONS SCHOOL OF ITHACA

Ithaca, Tompkins County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on June 26, 1992 to operate and maintain a nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one through five elementary school. Such provisional charter was extended by Regents action on March 17, 1995 and on April 21, 1998. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment of the provisional charter to change the corporate address to 602 Hudson Street, Ithaca, New York 14850 and to include an intergenerational program with the Oak Hill Manor Nursing Home and, as so amended, for an extension of the provisional charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as amended, extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to continue developing its programs and to otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 3

THE HUDSON VALLEY CIRCLE OF LEARNING SCHOOL

Washingtonville, Orange County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 10, 1998 to operate a nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one through three elementary school. Such provisional charter was amended by Regents action on April 27, 1999 to add authority for the school to also operate a grade four through six program and, as amended, extended. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to change the corporate address to 9 Vance Road, Rock Tavern, New York 12575 and, as so amended, for an extension of the provisional charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, extended for a period of three years to provide an opportunity for the Education Department to monitor the School's development of its new programs and to otherwise allow the corporation time to demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 4

ISLAMIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Richmond Hill, Queens County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on October 13, 1989 to operate a grade one through eight elementary school. Such provisional charter was amended by Regents action on March 26, 1993 to indicate that the School had relocated from the borough and county of Bronx to 104-14 127th Street, Richmond Hill, Queens County, New York 11419 and, as so amended, extended. Such provisional charter was amended and extended by Regents action on March 26, 1993 and September 18, 1998. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to change the corporate name to "Al-Ihsan Academy" and to add authority for the corporation to also operate a grade nine through twelve secondary school and, as so amended, for a further extension of the provisional charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, extended for a period of three years to provide the Education Department an opportunity to monitor the School's development at its new site and to allow the corporation additional time to demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 5

LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Garden City, Nassau County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 25, 1970 under the corporate name "Little Village Nursery School" to establish, conduct, operate and maintain a private school for children of preschool age who are neurologically impaired, emotionally disturbed, or mentally retarded; and to provide a special learning experience for such children with the aim of successfully adjusting them to their total environment by enabling them to enter into a therapeutic classroom setting in their early years. Such provisional charter was made absolute on September 21, 1973. Such absolute charter was amended by Regents action on February 20, 1975 to change the corporate name to "Little Village School," to delete reference to children of preschool age from its corporate purposes and to provisionally authorize the school to accept children up to the age of 10 until June 30, 1978; September 22, 1978 to make absolute the authority provisionally granted on February 20, 1975 to accept children ages eight through ten; and September 21, 1979 to change the location of the corporation and that of its principal office. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to change the corporate address to 750 Hicksville Road, Seaford, New York 11783 and to change the corporate name to "The Hagedorn and Little Village School." Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 6

NEW YORK STATE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Ithaca, Tompkins County

An absolute charter in the first instance was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on May 21, 1964 under the corporate name "New York State Industrial Arts Association" to establish within New York State an organization dedicated specifically to the interests of industrial arts education, and to the interests of individuals associated with this field of education; to foster all policies and programs contributing to the improvement and expansion of those services to the school children of the State of New York implied in the definition and objectives of the industrial arts program; to provide the means through which problems of industrial arts education can be approached, studied and presented on a unified, statewide level; to encourage the development of leadership among the industrial arts teachers by providing a means through which individuals' contributions in research, service and leadership may be both recognized and rewarded; to encourage, stimulate, coordinate and disseminate both research and experimentation in industrial arts education; to serve as a clearinghouse through which contributions of both individuals and groups may be stimulated,

sponsored and made available for the improvement of industrial arts education throughout the state; to originate, assimilate and dispense information (within the educational field and to the general public) relative to the scope, aims, objectives, procedures, activities and accomplishments of industrial arts education as it is provided in the schools of New York State; to recognize and reward the achievements of both professionals and pupils within the fields of industrial arts education; and to coordinate the activities of the various Regional Industrial Arts Teacher Clubs, and to assist the various clubs when so requested. Such absolute charter was amended by Regents action on September 20, 1985 to change the corporate name to "New York State Technology Education Association." The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to authorize the corporation to change the location of the principal office to the City of Albany, Albany County, New York; to specify the address to which process against the corporation served upon the Commissioner of Education to be mailed to the corporation as "c/o Anne Reynolds Copps, Esq., 126 State Street, 6th Floor, Albany, New York 12207 and to change the reference from "regional clubs" to "regional associations." Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 7

PATHWAYS SCHOOL

Scarsdale, Westchester County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 3, 1999 to operate a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one through six elementary school for children with disabilities. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to change the corporate address to 291-293 Main Street, Eastchester, New York 10709 and as so amended, extended. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to develop its programs and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

No. 8

SOLOMON SCHECHTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN

New York City, New York County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 20, 1996 to operate a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one

through six elementary school. The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the provisional charter to also operate at 13-15 West 86th Street, New York, New York 10025; to also operate grades seven and eight; and to change the corporate name to "Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan" and, as so amended, be extended. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be amended accordingly and, as so amended, extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to develop its programs and otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

No. 9

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Brockport, Monroe County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to maintain, promote and operate a Christian kindergarten, grade one through eight elementary school and grade nine through twelve secondary school. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of three years.

No. 10

GLORY TO GOD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monticello, Sullivan County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to operate a grade nine through twelve secondary school. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of one year.

No. 11

SEVENTH AVENUE CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

New York City, New York County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to operate a Head Start program (including Early Head Start), a nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a universal pre-kindergarten for four-year-olds and a center-based preschool for children with disabilities from birth to five years of age and to establish and operate day care centers in Manhattan County and Bronx County. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office on Nonpublic School Services recommend that a provisional charter be granted for a period of three years.

EXTENSION OF CHARTER

No. 12

THE HAYGROUND SCHOOL

Bridgehampton, Suffolk County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on September 20, 1996 to operate a nursery school for preschool children from three to five years of age, a kindergarten for five-year-olds and a grade one through eight elementary school. Such corporation was consolidated by Regents action on November 14, 1997 with The Hayground School Foundation, Inc., a domestic not-for-profit corporation incorporated under §402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL) on March 8, 1996, pursuant to consent of the Commissioner of Education dated February 26, 1996, with the surviving corporation being The Hayground School. Such consolidated corporation was extended by Regents action on September 17, 1999. The board of trustees has applied for an extension of the provisional charter. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that the provisional charter be extended for a period of three years to allow the corporation additional time to continue developing its programs and to otherwise demonstrate that it can meet the requirements for an absolute charter.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 13

THE ADIRONDACK CURRICULUM PROJECT

Newcomb, Essex County

The board of trustees has petitioned the Board of Regents to form a corporation to foster better public understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the Adirondack region's natural and cultural resources by providing education resources and training opportunities for educators. Thomas E. Hogan and the Office of Nonpublic School Services recommend that a certificate of incorporation be issued.

CHARTERS

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

ABSOLUTE CHARTER

1. The New Interdisciplinary School, Yaphank

AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

2. The Horizons School of Ithaca, Ithaca
3. The Hudson Valley Circle of Learning School, Washingtonville
4. Islamic Elementary School, Richmond Hill
5. Little Village School, Garden City
6. New York State Technology Education Association, Ithaca
7. Pathways School, Scarsdale
8. Solomon Schechter Elementary School of Manhattan, New York City

PROVISIONAL CHARTERS

9. Cornerstone Christian Academy, Brockport
10. Glory to God Christian High School, Monticello
11. Seventh Avenue Center for Family Services, New York City

EXTENSION OF CHARTER

12. The Hayground School, Bridgehampton

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

13. The Adirondack Curriculum Project, Newcomb

III. HIGHER AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

No. 1

MEDAILLE COLLEGE

Buffalo, Erie County

An absolute charter in the first instance was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on October 25, 1968 to establish and conduct a college with authority to confer the earned degrees of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed.), Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.) and the honorary degrees of Doctor of Pedagogy (Pd.D.), Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) and Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.); to conduct a demonstration school; and to offer adult education courses. Such absolute charter was amended by Regents action on June 27, 1975 to add authority for the College to confer the degrees of Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.); April 29, 1976 to add authority for the College to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science (B.S.); June 14, 1996 to add authority for the College to confer the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.); July 18, 1997 to add authority for the College to confer the degree of Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.); September 18, 1998 to add authority to establish a branch campus at Amherst, Erie County and to confer thereat all of those degrees which the College has authority to confer at its main branch; and July 19, 2001 to authorize the corporation to establish a branch campus at Brighton, Monroe County and to confer thereat the degrees of Associate in Science (A.S.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to: (1) add authority for the corporation to confer, at its main campus and its branch campus at Amherst, the honorary degrees of Doctor of Science (Sc.D.), and Doctor of Laws (LL.D.); (2) add authority to confer, at its branch campus at Brighton, the honorary degrees of Doctor of Pedagogy (Pd.D.), Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), Doctor of Science (Sc.D.), and Doctor of Laws (LL.D.); and (3) add authority for the College to establish a branch campus in the Greater Toronto Area, GTA, Ontario, Canada and to confer thereat the degrees of Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), and the honorary degrees of Doctor of Pedagogy (Pd.D.), Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)

and Doctor of Laws (L.L.D.). Johanna Duncan-Poitier and the Office of Higher Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No. 2

NORTHEASTERN SEMINARY

Rochester, Monroe County

A provisional charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on July 17, 1998 to operate a seminary offering courses leading to the degrees of Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.). The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to add authority for the College to confer the degree of Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.). Johanna Duncan-Poitier and the Office of Higher Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

No.3

RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New York City, New York County

An absolute charter was granted to this corporation by action of the Board of Regents on February 27, 1970 to continue, maintain and conduct a seminary to prepare students for the rabbinate and to issue the traditional Certificate of Ordination; to confer the degrees of Master of Hebrew Literature (M.H.L.), Doctor of Hebrew Literature (D.H.L.), Master of Religious Education (M.R.Ed.), and Doctor of Religious Education (D.R.Ed.). The board of trustees has applied for an amendment to the absolute charter to increase the maximum number of trustees from 25 to 50. Johanna Duncan-Poitier and the Office of Higher Education recommend that the absolute charter be amended accordingly.

Regents Meeting
February 10 and 11, 2003

CHARTERS

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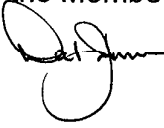
AMENDMENT OF CHARTERS

1. Medaille College, Buffalo
2. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester
3. Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, New York City



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: David Johnson 

COMMITTEE: Full Board


TITLE OF ITEM: Summary of the January Meeting

DATE OF SUBMISSION: January 23, 2003

PROPOSED HANDLING: Approval

RATIONALE FOR ITEM: Enable public distribution of the summary of the monthly meeting

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal #4

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY:

Attached for approval is the Summary of the January Meeting of the Board of Regents.

I recommend that the Regents take the following action:

VOTED, that the Summary of the January 2003 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

The University of the State of New York
Education  Department

**SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Held in Rockland County, New York

January 14 and 15, 2003

*David Johnson, 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, Wednesday, January 15, at 1:00 p.m., pursuant to a call duly sent to each Regent.

MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD, Wednesday, January 15

Board Members in Attendance:

Robert M. Bennett, Chancellor
Adelaide L. Sanford, Vice Chancellor
Diane McGivern
Saul B. Cohen
James C. Dawson
Robert M. Johnson
Merryl H. Tisch
Geraldine D. Chapey
Harry Phillips, 3rd
Joseph E. Bowman, Jr.
James R. Tallon, Jr.
Milton L. Cofield

Also present were the President of The University and Commissioner of Education, Richard P. Mills, the Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Kathy A. Ahearn, and the Secretary, Board of Regents, David Johnson. Regents Anthony S. Bottar, Arnold B. Gardner, Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez and Judith O. Rubin were absent and excused.

Chancellor Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of Charter School Charter Agreements
BR (A) 1 and Addendum to BR (A) 1**

On December 12, 2002 the Board of Regents voted to approve the charter school applications of the Pinnacle Charter School, Buffalo, the Syracuse Academy of Science Charter School and the Bronx Charter School for Children, pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law.

The law further requires the Board of Regents, as the charter entity, to enter into agreements allowing the applicants to organize and operate charter schools. Upon final approval of the charter agreements the charters are formally issued. Simultaneously, the Board of Regents incorporates the charter schools as education corporations by issuing provisional charters pursuant to Education Law sections 216 and 217.

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the charter agreements and issue charters pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law for the Pinnacle Charter School, Buffalo, and the Syracuse Academy of Science Charter School, and incorporate these schools by granting each a provisional charter for a period of five years.

Motion by: Regent James C. Dawson
Seconded by: Regent Diane McGivern
Action: Motion carried unanimously

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the charter agreement and issue a charter pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law for the Bronx Charter School for Children, and incorporate the school by granting it a provisional charter for a period of five years.

Motion by: Regent Saul B. Cohen
Seconded by: Regent Robert M. Johnson
Action: Motion carried unanimously

Summary of the December Meeting BR (A) 2

MOVED, that the Summary of the December 2002 Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be approved.

Motion by: Regent Robert M. Johnson
Seconded by: Regent Milton L. Cofield
Action: Motion carried unanimously

State Education Department December 2002 Fiscal Report BR (A) 3

The Board received for review and action the December 2002 Fiscal Report. General Fund and Federal accounts are in structural balance. All revenue accounts are in balance, allowing for normal reimbursement delays and the planned use of prior year balances.

MOVED, that the Board of Regents approve the December 2002 State Education Department Fiscal Report.

Motion by: Regent Saul B. Cohen
Seconded by: Regent James R. Tallon, Jr.
Action: Motion carried unanimously

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's written report focused on eight subject areas: Regents school accountability plan approved by USDOE; Governor's 2003-2004 budget message; District Superintendent salary cap bill vetoed by the Governor; challenges to the Regents Exams; USNY is a strategic advantage to New York; communicating about the gap; Education Week gives New York an A for accountability and assessment; and, District Superintendents offer perspective on middle grades.

Commissioner Richard P. Mills presented an overview of administrative actions and proposed policy actions supporting reform of the New York City public school system presented earlier in the day by the Mayor, the Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg. Board members requested a memorandum specifying the issues of law within the recommendations of the Mayor.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Review of Report of Subcommittee on Communication, Advocacy and Support/Statewide GAP Implementation Advisory Committee BR (I) 1.1 and Attachment

In January 2002, the Statewide Gap Implementation Advisory Committee was established with two subcommittees, charged to develop recommendations to implement the Regents strategies to close the gaps in student performance: one focusing on strengthening instruction and the second focusing on communication, advocacy and support.

Mr. William Baker and Mr. Monte Trammer, Chair and Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Communication, Advocacy and Support, led a discussion of the recommendations of their Subcommittee in developing an approach to the creation of public awareness of the gaps in student academic performance. The message must

encompass four principles: all children can learn; there are gaps in student academic performance, particularly for minority and high-poverty students, which are intolerable; the gaps can be closed, as demonstrated in a number of schools throughout the State; and, closing the gaps is everyone's business.

In discussion, Board members offered additional recommendations: encourage conversations with the National Ad Council; focus on the economic impact of the gap; and, consider strategies for identifying funding support.

Update on No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)

James A. Kadamus, Deputy Commissioner for Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education and Shelia Evans-Tranumn, Associate Commissioner for New York City School and Community Services, provided an overview of the progress achieved on the State's submission of its NCLB accountability plan to the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

On January 8, 2003 the USDOE approved the basic elements of New York's accountability plan, stating that the plan addresses all accountability elements in accordance with the requirements in section IIII of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act. New York is one of five states with approved plans.

BOARD ACTIVITIES AND VISITATIONS

The Board convened its monthly meeting at the Jesse J. Kaplan School on the campus of the Rockland BOCES. Upon their arrival, Board members received a brief presentation on the schools' programs followed by a luncheon hosted and prepared by students in the culinary arts program. During this time, entertainment was provided by a student string quartet from Clarkstown North High School. In the early afternoon, Board members enjoyed concurrent program visits to the Jesse J. Kaplan and Hilltop schools, the Holocaust Museum at the Finkelstein Library, the Lower Hudson Challenger Center, and Chestnut Ridge Middle School.

Board members met with area school leaders and local, county and State interagency partners to discuss collaborations in effect in Rockland County that address the needs of students and their families in times of crisis.

In the evening the Board hosted a community forum, attended by more than 125 persons, at MacArthur Barr Middle School, Nanuet. Following a brief opening presentation, attendees joined members of the Board and senior Department staff in a series of classroom discussions on education issues of interest to those in attendance.

On the morning of January 15 Board members visited four pairs of schools: Suffern High School and Valley Cottage Elementary School; MacArthur Barr Middle School and South Orangetown Middle School; Gerald F. Neary Elementary School, Haverstraw, and Clarkstown South High School; and, Pearl River Middle School and Elmwood Elementary School, Monsey.

The monthly meeting concluded with a luncheon and meeting of the Full Board at St. Thomas Aquinas College.