

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: BHE 21-50

BOARD DATE: June 22, 2021

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOVED: That the Board of Higher Education approve the schedule of regular board meetings for Fiscal Year 2022, as presented by the Commissioner.

VOTED: Motion adopted by BHE 6/22/2021.

Authority: G.L. c. 15A, § 4(f); *By-Laws of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education*, Articles II and III.

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FY2022 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

M.G.L. c. 15A, §4(f) requires the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to meet no fewer than six times per year, and at least once every two months, omitting meetings in the months of July and August. Additional meetings, as well as Special meetings, may be called by the Chair of the Board, at other times.

For state fiscal year 2022 (academic year 2021-2022), the following BHE regular¹ board meeting schedule is proposed:

- **Tuesday, October 19**
- **Tuesday, December 14**
- **Tuesday, February 1**
- **Tuesday, March 22**
- **Tuesday, May 3**
- **Tuesday, June 21**

The BHE's By-Laws delegate to the Chair of the BHE, in consultation with the Commissioner, the authority to fix the time and place of BHE regular board meetings. *By-Laws of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Article II, Section 1.* All BHE regular Board meetings will begin at 10:00 am, unless otherwise designated by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board Chair. The location of each meeting shall be determined by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board Chair.

In addition, the BHE is committed to holding a retreat this fiscal year in the Fall, before the Board's first regular board meeting of the academic year. The date and time of the BHE's retreat shall be established by the Chair, in consultation with the Commissioner, after polling of BHE members for the availability of a quorum. The location of the retreat shall be determined by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board Chair.

¹ Please note that under state law a BHE member forfeits their seat on the board and ceases to be a member if absent from four regularly scheduled meetings during an academic year. See M.G.L. c. 15A, §4(d).