NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 30 and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will open a comment period relative to the Articles of Amendment filed by The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology to rename the institution The Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology.

Founded in 1908, the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (“BFIT”) is an independent, New England Commission of Higher Education accredited institution located in Boston, Massachusetts. In March 2022, the Board of Higher Education received BFIT’s request to rename the institution The Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology in recognition of the philanthropic gift from the Bill and Joyce Cummings Foundation. The name change of the institution was approved by BFIT’s Board of Trustees on January 23, 2022.

The Board of Higher Education has determined that the requested name is not so similar to another institution’s as to cause confusion to the identity of each as required by 610 CMR 2.06(4)(b).

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology to rename the institution The Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology begins on March 21, 2022 and will close three weeks thereafter, on April 11, 2022.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on April 11, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

Email:
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Postal Mail:
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place
Room 1401
Boston, MA 02108
Attn: Kristen Stone, Assistant Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology Name Change" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone.