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 revocation of the degree-granting authority of Becker College in the Commonwealth.

Becker College, formerly located in Worcester and Leicester, MA, was an independent institution of higher education, accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Becker College was incorporated originally by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature on December 4, 1940, and was approved by the Board of Higher Education to offer the Associate in Science in Liberal Arts, Associate in Science in Business, Associate in Science in Secretarial Science, Associate in Science in Education, Associate in Science in Health and Animal Studies, Associate in Science in Technical Studies, Associate in Science in Retailing and Human Services, Associate in Science in Environmental Studies, Associate in Science in Law and Criminal Justice, Associate in Science in Communications, Associate in Science in Sports and Recreation, Associate in Science in Travel and Tourism, Associate in Science in Hospitality, Bachelor of Arts in Design, Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood and Youth Education, Bachelor of Arts in Global Citizenship, Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Graphic Design and Media, Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Design, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Community Health and Wellness Education, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Data Science, Bachelor of Science in Emerging Media and Content Creation, Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies, Bachelor of Science in Esports Management, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science, Bachelor of Science in Health Science, Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies, Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies, Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses, Bachelor of Science in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Bachelor of Science in Sports Management, Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of
Arts in Mental Health Counseling, Master of Fine Arts in Interactive Media, Master of Science in Nursing, and the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

In March 2021, the Department of Higher Education received confirmation from the Becker College Board of Trustees that the College would cease academic operations on June 30, 2021, and would provide support and transitional services to students through August 31, 2021. In addition, the College provided reverse transfer opportunities and degree conferrals until December 2021.

The public comment period for the revocation of Becker College’s degree-granting authority in Massachusetts begins on July 11, 2022, and will close three weeks thereafter, on August 1, 2022.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on August 1, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

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kstone@dhe.mass.edu

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 “Becker College Revocation” 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.