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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 application of Boston Islamic Seminary to receive degree-granting authority for the degree, Masters of Islamic Religious Leadership (MIRL).

Boston Islamic Seminary (BIS) is a non-profit educational entity presently located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. BIS has completed an application to offer the MIRL degree, which it proposes to offer at a new facility in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Part of the process of new program approval is to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed program.

The public comment period begins on November 23, 2020 and will close three weeks thereafter, on December 14, 2020. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00 pm on December 14, 2020, by directing the same to the following:

Email:

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Postal Mail:

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Attn: Cynthia Brown, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory and Veterans Affairs

Note: Because the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is strongly recommended that comments be submitted via email as there are delays in processing and receiving mail.

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "BIS MIRL Degree" 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 Cynthia Brown.