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 Pine Manor College in the Commonwealth.

Pine Manor College ("PMC"), formerly located in Chestnut Hill, MA, was an independent institution of higher education, accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Pine Manor College was founded in 1911 and was authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts in programs in either the humanities or the social sciences, the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Biology, the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science, the Master of Education, and the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

In June 2020, the Department of Higher Education received confirmation from the College that it would cease academic operations on June 30, 2022, and would provide support and transitional services to students throughout a two-year teach-out period. In addition, the College provided reverse transfer opportunities and degree conferrals until December 2022.

The public comment period for the revocation of Pine Manor College’s authority in Massachusetts begins on December 21, 2022, and will close three weeks thereafter, on January 11, 2023.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on January 11, 2023, by directing the same to the following:

Email: kstone@dhe.mass.edu
Postal Mail:
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
One Ashburton Place  
Room 1401  
Boston, MA 02108  
Attn: Kristen Stone, Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Pine Manor 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.