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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 that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (Department) will open a comment period relative to the amended Articles of Organization filed by CrossRoad Institute to offer the degree, Master of Arts in Applied Community Engagement in the Commonwealth.

CrossRoad Institute (CRI) is requesting initial authorization to amend its Articles of Organization in Massachusetts and offer the **Master of Arts in Applied Community Engagement**. CrossRoad Institute is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The mission of CrossRoad is to inspire and educate young people—and those who raise and mentor them—to lead lives of purpose, serve and grow Orthodox Christian parishes and institutions, and become engaged leaders in their communities and the world. CRI seeks to fulfill this mission through formal programs of instruction; initiatives focused on youth, young adults, families, and parishes; and by creating resources that cultivate theological grounding, spiritual formation, and practical skills for ministry.

The Master of Arts in Applied Community Engagement aims to form a new kind of lay leader for Orthodox Christian parishes by cultivating community engagement practices that will not only benefit their congregations but also develop leadership skills that can be applied in diverse organizational settings.

Department Staff have determined that institution's proposal has reached a stage of readiness for public comment such that notice must be posted for public comment before a recommendation is made to the Board. See 610 CMR 2.06(3).

The public comment period for the amended Articles of Organization filed by CrossRoad Institute to offer the Master of Arts in Applied Community Engagement begins on November 13, 2026, and will close 21 days thereafter, on December 3, 2026. At the end of the comment period, Department staff will review and take into consideration any and all comments received.

Submission of Comments

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00 pm on Dember 3, 2026, directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
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Attn: Aileen O'Rourke, MA, Associate Director for Academic & Regulatory Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "CrossRoad Institute Public Comment" 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 Department Staff at PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu.