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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) 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 revocation of the degree-granting authority of Northpoint Bible College in the Commonwealth.**

Northpoint Bible College, located in Haverhill, Massachusetts, was an independent institution of higher education accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Northpoint Bible College was established as the Zion Bible Institute in 1924 in East Providence, Rhode Island to “conduct and maintain a ministerial training institute,” and was incorporated in 1941. In 1994, the institution changed its name to Zion Bible College and was approved by the Board of Governors for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island as a four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting college. The College relocated from Barrington, Rhode Island, to Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 2008 and adopted the name Northpoint Bible College in 2013. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education authorized the College to offer the Associate of Arts in Bible and Theology, the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, the Master of Arts in Practical Theology, and a one-year Certificate in Biblical Studies.

In April 2026, the Department of Higher Education received confirmation from the College that it would cease academic operations as a degree-granting institution of higher education on August 31, 2026, and would provide support and transitional services to students through the conclusion of the 2025-2026 academic year.

The public comment period for **the revocation of Northpoint Bible College's degree-granting authority** begins on July 2, 2026, and will close 21 days thereafter, on July 23, 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 July 23, 2026, directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Ed.D., Director for Academic & Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Northpoint Bible College 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.