

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

NO.: BHE 22-22

BOARD DATE: December 14, 2021

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education (BHE) approves the Board Chair's recommended appointment of BHE Member Paul Mattera as member of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC).

VOTED:

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 4; BHE By-Laws Article I, Section 3(d) and Article III, Section 2(a) (as amended, June 22, 2021).

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Background

The Board of Higher Education (BHE) By-Laws establish the BHE's governance and procedural structure, and form the foundation of how the BHE functions, to the extent that such matters are not otherwise addressed in the Massachusetts General Laws.

The BHE's [BHE By-Laws, as amended on June 22, 2021](#), provide that Advisory Council membership shall be recommended by the Chairperson of the BHE, with the approval of the BHE. BHE By-Laws Article I, Section 3(d) and Article III, Section 2(a). The By-Laws further specify that the "membership, charge and duration of the advisory councils shall be recommended by the Chair in consultation with the Commissioner, and subject to Board approval." BHE By-Laws Article III, Section 2(a) and 2(b)

During its September 22, 2021 Annual Meeting, the BHE approved the charges and preliminary membership for the four new Advisory Councils which are intended to help support and inform the Board's work. [BHE 22-02](#). The BHE's vote further indicated that additional members to each Council would be added at an appropriate pace and as needed from time-to-time, with the assistance of the Executive Committee (EC) which, pursuant to its organizational and governance role, would help screen applicants/ nominees and formulate recommendations for BHE vote and appointment. On December 6, 2021 the Executive Committee met and considered the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC) to formally add BHE member Paul Mattera as a member of SPAC. The Executive Committee and the Commissioner concurred with this recommendation.

Based upon the recommendation of the SPAC Advisory Council, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee and the Commissioner, the Board Chair recommends the appointment of BHE Member Paul Mattera as a member of the SPAC.