

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: BHE 20-33

BOARD DATE: June 23, 2020

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOVED: That the Board of Higher Education approve the schedule of regular board meetings for Fiscal Year 2021, as presented by the Commissioner.

VOTED: Motion adopted by BHE 6/23/2020.

Authority: G.L. c. 15A, § 4(f); *By-Laws of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education*, Articles II and III.

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FY2021 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

M.G.L. c. 15A, §4(f) requires the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to meet no fewer than six times per year, and at least once every two months, omitting meetings in the months of July and August. Additional meetings, as well as Special meetings, may be called by the Chair of the Board, at other times.

For state fiscal year 2021 (academic year 2020-2021), the following BHE regular¹ board meeting schedule is proposed:

- **Tuesday, October 20** (with Committee meetings on October 13)
- **Tuesday, December 15** (with Committee meetings on December 8)
- **Tuesday, February 2** (with Committee meetings on January 26)
- **Tuesday, March 23** (with Committee meetings on March 16)
- **Tuesday, May 4** (with Committee meetings on April 27)
- **Tuesday, June 22** (with Committee meetings on June 15)

The BHE's By-Laws delegate to the Chair of the BHE, in consultation with the Commissioner, the authority to fix the time and place of BHE regular board meetings. *By-Laws of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Article II, Section 1.* All BHE regular Board meetings will begin at 10:00 am, unless otherwise designated by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board Chair. The location of each meeting shall be determined by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board Chair.

Pursuant to the BHE's By-Laws, Committee meetings may be held at any time and place designated by the chair of the committee, the Chair of the Board, the Commissioner or three members of the committee, after consultation with the Commissioner (*By-Laws of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Article III, Section 5*). The BHE's practice is to hold standing Committee meetings the week before a regularly scheduled board meeting. Tentative dates for the standing Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy (FAAP) Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meetings are referenced above, but are subject to change at the call of the Commissioner, in consultation with the chair of the committee and the Chair of the Board and with proper notice.

¹ Please note that under state law a BHE member forfeits their seat on the board and ceases to be a member if absent from four regularly scheduled meetings during an academic year. See M.G.L. c. 15A, §4(d).