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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 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 Articles of Amendment filed by Western New England University to offer the Doctor of Engineering in Engineering Management.**

Western New England University is an independent, New England Commission of Higher Education accredited institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts. The University was chartered in April 1951 and authorized to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration "with specification in the fields of Accounting, Management, and Engineering and Business, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws, together with honorary degrees usually conferred." In May 1956 the University was approved to offer the Bachelor of Science with specification in the fields of Industrial Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, as well as the Master of Business Administration. In May 1959 The Board approved the University to grant "degrees such as are usually conferred in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the fields of Business Administration, Science, Engineering, Education and Law, except at the doctorate level; together with honorary degrees such as are usually conferred by colleges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In February 1968, Western New England University was authorized to amend its purpose "to conduct a college for the teaching of subjects in the Arts and Sciences, in Business, Technical, and Scientific Curricula, and in Law; with authority to grant and confer degrees such as are usually conferred in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except at the Doctorate level." In April 1970 the Board approved the petition of the University "to conduct a college for the teaching of subjects in the Arts and Sciences, in Business, Technical, and Scientific Curricula, and in Law; with authority to grant and confer degrees such as are usually conferred in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except at the doctorate level, but including the first professional degree in Law." The Board approved Western New England University to award the LL.M. in Estate Planning and Elder Law in February 2007, the Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Behavior Analysis in January 2008, the Doctor of Pharmacy in December 2009, the Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Management in 2011, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy in 2016, and the Doctor of

Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Industrial Engineering and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mechanical Engineering in 2021. Western New England University is now seeking authorization to award the Doctor of Engineering in Engineering Management.

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by Western New England University to offer the Doctor of Engineering in Engineering Management begins on November 14, 2024, and will close three weeks thereafter, on December 5, 2024.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on December 5, 2024, by directing the same to the following:

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

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Western New England University DEng in Engineering Management" 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.