

April 5, 2023

Dr. Cheryl Lesser
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Dear President Lesser:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on March 3, 2023, the New England Commission of Higher Education considered the interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Great Bay Community College and voted to take the following action:

that the interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Great Bay Community College (GBCC) be accepted;



that the comprehensive evaluation scheduled for Fall 2027 be confirmed;

that, in addition to the information included in all self-studies, the self-study prepared in advance of the Fall 2027 evaluation give emphasis to the institution's success in:

- 1) achieving enrollment and financial goals for the GBCC Rochester Campus;
- 2) implementing its plans to gather and analyze student success data related to the institution's Math and English corequisite initiative;
- 3) developing and implementing ancillary plans in support of the goals specified in the institution's strategic plan.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

The interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Great Bay Community College was accepted because it responded to the concerns raised by the Commission in its letters of December 3, 2018, February 8, 2021, and February 4, 2022, and addressed each of the nine standards, including a reflective essay for Standard 8: *Educational Effectiveness* on student learning and success.

The Commission commends  

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Finally, we appreciate learning that although strategic initiatives (e.g., improved financial planning and analysis, intentional year-round course planning, and targeted marketing) are in place at both the CCSNH and GBCC levels to address the College's enrollment challenges, Great Bay