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Dear President Brown:

Under the authority of the certification law (M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38G), the Commissioner “may approve programs devoted to the preparation of teachers and other education personnel.” In support of this, Berklee College of Music underwent a formal review during the 2014-2015 academic year in accordance with the regulations outlined in [603 CMR 7.00](#) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (Department) [Guidelines for Program Approval](#). As a result of the formal review, Berklee College of Music was granted Approval with Conditions.

Based on the Evidence of Impact submission received May 31, 2018, I have determined that conditional approval has been removed and Berklee College of Music is granted **full approval**. A Sponsoring Organization that has been granted full approval is recognized by the state to have met all standards for preparing effective educators in Massachusetts. Candidates are well-served by this organization or program and receive a high-quality preparation experience. Attainment of full approval under the 2012 Program Approval Standards is a significant achievement. I extend my congratulations to you and the Berklee College of Music community for achieving full approval of your educator preparation programs.

Given the status of approved your organization is authorized to endorse candidates for licensure through August 31, 2022 with an anticipated review in the 2021-2022 academic year.

In the event that your Sponsoring Organization ceases to meet the requirements set forth in [603 CMR 7.03 \(2\) through \(4\)](#) or the Department finds insufficient evidence of your ability to continue to meet standards at either the program or organization level, the Department may conduct an interim review on an as-needed basis at any interval during the seven-year review cycle.

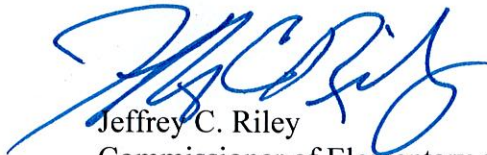
During your period of approval, candidates must be endorsed electronically through the Department’s Early ID system by the individual you have identified as responsible for

completing an audit of each candidate's successful completion of all approved program requirements prior to endorsement. Transcripts of Berklee College of Music's candidates for licensure must include the following endorsement statement:

(This candidate) has completed a Massachusetts State approved program for licensure in (indicate field, level and type, e.g., Mathematics, 5-8, Initial) and is endorsed for licensure in this field under terms pursuant to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.

On behalf of the Commonwealth, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Berklee College of Music for its demonstrated commitment to effectively preparing educators for Massachusetts' schools. I am grateful for your efforts and the resulting impact you have in supporting the success and achievement of our students.

Sincerely,



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