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January 11, 2021

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Dear Professor Allen:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the Alternative Review Process Board. The Alternative Review Process Board, at its January 2021 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed an Action Report describing this action in detail. This Report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Alternative Review Process Board.

This action is taken based upon a review of the Music Therapy curricula of Berklee College of Music according to the NASM accreditation standards in effect in January 2021.

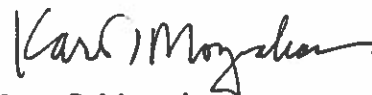
The Alternative Review Process Board and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASM standards and guidelines. Further, the Alternative Review Process Board and the Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of music and higher education.

Please contact the NASM National Office staff if you have questions or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Karen P. Moynahan  
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Enclosure

cc: Roger Brown, President  
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## **ALTERNATIVE REVIEW PROCESS BOARD ACTION REPORT**

This document provides the official action of the Alternative Review Process Board as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

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**Department of Music Therapy**

### **Action:**

**Action 1 of 1: Application for renewal of a Statement of Affirmation – Response**

In response to the Alternative Review Process Board Action Report dated April 10, 2020, the NASM Alternative Review Process Board reviewed materials submitted by the institution dated October 1, 2020 and December 7, 2020. Based upon the information submitted, the Alternative Review Board voted to accept the Response and grant a Statement of Affirmation with the degree listing indicated below.

### **NASM Degree Listing:**

Bachelor of Music Therapy.

### **Next Full Review for Renewal of Statement of Affirmation:**

2028-2029 Academic Year

### **Note:**

The Alternative Review Process Board notes that the institution has fully suspended its graduate Music Therapy degree programs, specifically the Master of Arts in Music Therapy (Conventional and Integrative Medicine, Research) and Master of Arts in Music Therapy (Conventional and Integrative Medicine, Research) (Distance Learning). NASM will update its records and the institution's degree and program information found in the NASM Directory List. If the institution wishes to reactivate these degrees, applications for Plan Approval will be required. Instructions for submitting Plan Approval applications are found in the NASM documents *Policies and Procedures for Reviews of New Curricula* and *Instructions for Preparing Curricular Tables in the NASM Format*, which may be downloaded from the NASM website at <https://nasm.arts-accredit.org> (see "Accreditation," beneath that "Accreditation Materials," beneath that "Procedures," and beneath that "New Curricula").

### **Commendation:**

The Alternative Review Process Board commends the institution for its comprehensive Response and its

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thoughtful and robust efforts to promote the health and wellness of students, faculty, staff, and administrators participating in the Department of Music Therapy's music initiatives.

**Completion of Process:**

The acceptance of this Response brings to a close the evaluation process that began in 2019. NASM appreciates the institution's extraordinary efforts clearly evident in its application. To assist with future planning, the institution may wish to note that its next review for a Statement of Affirmation is scheduled to be conducted during the 2028-2029 academic year.

*Karen P. Moynahan / amb*

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