

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: March 2019

Pursuant to §602.26 of Title 34 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, this report abstracts substantive changes only from all final actions taken recently by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (COAATS). Canadian schools are not included in this report. References correspond to the [compendium of accrediting documents](#). Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our [member school list](#).

At its semiannual meeting February 7-8, 2019, in Pittsburgh, PA, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of **March 17, 2019**, unless otherwise noted.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO PERIODS OF ACCREDITATION

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond – Richmond, VA

To accept the school's petition for permanent closure and the accompanying teach-out plan, along with the school's *withdrawal* from membership in the Commission, effective June 30, 2019. (*Officers Committee of the COAATS Board voted via teleconference on March 5, 2019.*)

ACTION(S) RELATED TO THE IMPOSITION OF NOTATION

A [notation](#) is a warning, i.e., negative action, to denote that a school partially meets a given Standard, which it must fully meet within two years or face withdrawal of accreditation, i.e., adverse action. See Policies and Procedures, section VII.E.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - Brookline, MA

To impose the following three notations for a period of 24 months, with a report due by November 1, 2020, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notations:

N1.b, "*The institution's planning processes are insufficient or ineffective.*"

N7.a, "*The institution does not adequately or appropriately define, exercise, or implement the roles, responsibilities, and structures of authority and governance.*"

N8.b, "*The institution's financial resources are not adequate for long-term institutional vitality and there is no credible plan to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.*"

Payne Theological Seminary - Wilberforce, OH - Brookline, MA

To extend Notation N8.c for an additional year for good cause, in light of deficiencies in the reporting systems and/or internal controls of the institution that have yet to be resolved (*Policy Manual*, section II.C.8). Evidence for removal of the below notation should reach the Board of Commissioners no later than November 1, 2019:

N8.c, "*Significant deficiencies have been noted in the institution's internal financial and reporting systems and/or internal controls, and the institution's response to the deficiencies does not appear to be sufficient effective or appropriately timely.*"

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