

Resolution of the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Council (SUNY Downstate Council) Approving and Supporting the Proposed Renaming of University Hospital of Brooklyn to University Hospital at Downstate

Adopted September 9, 2026

To: Members of the SUNY Downstate Council

From: Wayne J. Riley, M.D., President, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Re: Proposed Change in Name of University Hospital of Brooklyn

I recommend that the SUNY Downstate Council adopt the following resolution approving and supporting the proposed change in the name of University Hospital of Brooklyn to University Hospital at Downstate, Downstate Health Sciences University, The State University of New York (SUNY) and doing business as University Hospital at Downstate:

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2026, the State University of New York (“SUNY”) Downstate Health Sciences University Council ("Council") met to consider, including but not limited to, matters concerning the operations and affairs of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University (“SUNY-DHSU”) and its University Hospital of Brooklyn (“Hospital”), including the President’s recommendation that the formal name of the Hospital be changed to University Hospital at Downstate, Downstate Health Sciences University, The State University of New York (SUNY) and doing business as University Hospital at Downstate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 355(2)(m) of the New York State Education Law, the State University of New York Board of Trustees, at its meeting on June 20, 2019, approved the change in the name of the state-operated institution from SUNY Downstate Medical Center to the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University; and

WHEREAS, following the action of the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY-DHSU undertook a comprehensive rebranding initiative establishing the unified identity of Downstate Health, including the development of a new logo, website, and institutional branding strategy, with the hospital serving as an integral component of SUNY-DHSU; and

WHEREAS, as part of that rebranding initiative, the Hospital has been publicly branded and identified in recent years under the name University Hospital at Downstate, while certain governmental and regulatory records continue to reflect the historical name University Hospital of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, the operating certificate issued by the New York State Department of Health reflects the name University Hospital of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, the University's IMPACT 2030 initiative and strategic planning efforts emphasize a unified institutional identity that aligns the hospital with the educational, research, clinical, and community service missions of SUNY-DHSU; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to policies adopted by the SUNY Board of Trustees governing the University Hospitals, the University Hospitals operate as parts of their respective medical centers under the supervision of the presidents of those institutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 356 of the New York State Education Law, the Council exercises local supervisory authority with respect to operations and affairs of SUNY-DHSU, and subject to the general management, supervision, control and approval of the SUNY Board of Trustees and rules established by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the President's proposed change in the formal name of the Hospital from "University Hospital of Brooklyn" to "University Hospital at Downstate" will better reflect the institution's identity, mission, strategic direction, and longstanding public branding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the President of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, the SUNY Downstate Council hereby approves and supports the proposed change in the formal name of the Hospital currently known as University Hospital of Brooklyn to:

University Hospital at Downstate
Downstate Health Sciences University
The State University of New York (SUNY)

and doing business as University Hospital at Downstate, subject to completion of all SUNY and governmental or regulatory actions required to effectuate the name change;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of SUNY-DHSU, or the President's designee, is authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement and effectuate such name change, including but not limited to:

- Obtaining any approval, concurrence, confirmation, or other action required under applicable SUNY policies, procedures, or governing authorities;
- Filing, amending, or updating applications, certificates, registrations, permits, licenses, provider enrollments, operating authorities, and other regulatory records with the New York State Department of Health and any other applicable regulatory agencies;

- Making any necessary amendments or notifications to the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, and other federal, state, or local governmental entities;
- Updating institutional policies, signage, branding, websites, marketing materials, correspondence, and other official records to reflect the new Hospital name, and updating references in contracts, agreements, provider enrollments, payer records and other legal or operational documents where necessary or appropriate; and
- Taking such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the proposed name change consistent with this Resolution;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, provided, however, that the formal change in the Hospital's name to University Hospital at Downstate shall be implemented only upon completion of any SUNY and governmental or regulatory actions required to effectuate the name change.

ATTESTATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Council at a meeting held on September 9, 2026, and that such resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded and remains in full force and effect.

Reverend Dr. Kirkpatrick Cohall, *Chair*
Chair, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Council
Dated: September 9, 2026