

The University of the State of New York
Education Department



Amendment to Charter

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have amended the charter of The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, New York, which was formed by the consolidation of The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, and the New York Free Circulating Library by the filing of an agreement of consolidation in the office of the Secretary of State of New York on February 23, 1901, be and the same hereby is amended and restated to read, in its entirety, as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations.
2. The corporation initially resulted from the consolidation of three New York corporations (the Trustees of the Astor Library, the Trustees of the Lenox Library and The Tilden Trust), each of which had been formed by a special act of the New York State Legislature. The first consolidation was effected in 1895 after the New York State Legislature passed an act permitting the consolidation of library companies in the city of New York. In 1901, a second consolidation was effected between the corporation and The New York Free Circulating Library, a corporation which had also been formed by a special act of the New York State Legislature. Both consolidations were effected through Agreements of Consolidation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of New York. In 1902, the New York State Legislature passed a special act which fixed the number of trustees of the Library at 25 and provided that 11 trustees would constitute a quorum.

The charter of the corporation presently consists of: (a) the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Astor Library (L. 1849, ch. 1; L. 1881, ch. 653; L. 1891, ch. 96); (b) the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Lenox Library (L. 1870, ch. 2; L. 1892, ch. 166); (c) the Act to Incorporate The Tilden Trust (L. 1887, ch. 85); (d) the Act to Permit the Consolidation of Library Companies in the City of New York (L. 1892, ch. 541; L. 1895, ch. 209); (e) the Agreement to Consolidate the Trustees of the Astor Library, the Trustees of the Lenox Library, and The Tilden Trust, into The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations (dated May 23, 1895 and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of New York on May 24, 1895); (f) the Act to Incorporate The New York Free Circulating Library (L. 1884, ch. 166); (g) the Agreement to Consolidate The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, and The New York Free Circulating Library, into The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations (dated January 11, 1901 and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of New York on February 23, 1901; and (h) the Act in Relation to the Composition of the Board of Trustees of The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations (L. 1902, ch. 21).

The aforementioned special acts of the New York State Legislature and Agreements of Consolidation are being amended and restated in their entirety in this restated charter.

3. The corporation was not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income or profit of the corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of, its directors or officers except to the extent permitted under applicable law.

4. The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to establish, operate and maintain a free public library and reading room in the city of New York, and such other libraries and reading rooms in such form or forms as the corporation's board of trustees shall from time to time determine in its discretion, and to undertake such other and further functions and activities as are consistent with the foregoing. Such libraries and reading rooms shall be at such locations, and accessible to the public at such times and under such conditions, as the corporation's board of trustees shall from time to time determine in its discretion.

5. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of trustees of not less than 25 and not more than 35 trustees. The number of trustees shall be fixed from time to time by the board of trustees. The Mayor of the city of New York ex officio, the Comptroller of the city of New York ex officio, and the President of the City Council of the city of New York, ex officio shall at all times, by virtue of their respective offices, be members of the board of trustees. The other members of the board of trustees shall be elected in such

manner and for such terms of office as may be provided from time to time in the by-laws of the corporation. The board of trustees shall have the power to adopt, amend and repeal such by-laws, and adopt, amend and repeal such rules and regulations with respect to the use of the corporation's facilities, as, in the judgment of the board of trustees, may be necessary or convenient in conducting the affairs of the corporation.

6. If the number of trustees is 25, 11 trustees shall continue to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. If the number of trustees in office is greater than 25, 12 trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

7. Trustees shall not receive any compensation from the corporation for their services as such, but may be reimbursed for their travel and other expenses in attending meetings of the board of trustees. Trustees who also serve the corporation in another capacity, including service as officers (such as chairman of the board, president or director), may receive reasonable compensation from the corporation for such services as fixed by the board of trustees.

8. The corporation shall not have any members.

9. The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the city, county and State of New York.

10. The territory in which the corporation's activities are principally to be conducted shall be the city of New York. As provided in the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Astor Library (L. 1849, ch. 1; L. 1881, ch. 653; L. 1891, ch. 96) and the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Lenox Library (L. 1870, ch. 2; L. 1892, ch. 166), the property, real and personal, of the corporation shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner as that of the other incorporated public libraries of the State of New York.

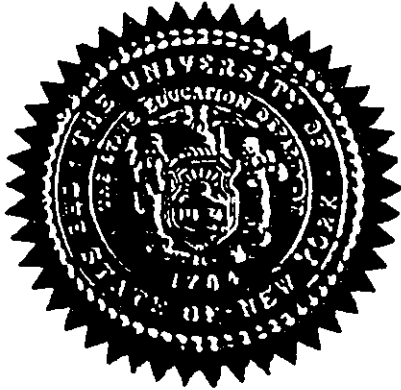
11. The corporation shall be a member of The University of the State of New York.

12. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any notice to the corporation required by law to:

The New York Public Library,
Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations
Fifth Avenue and 42 Street
New York, New York 10018
Attention: President

13. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the agent of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.

Granted June 27, 1975 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York and executed under the seal of said University and recorded as Number 15,051.



Richard M. Gaud
Chancellor

Ernest Blaylock
President of The University and
Commissioner of Education

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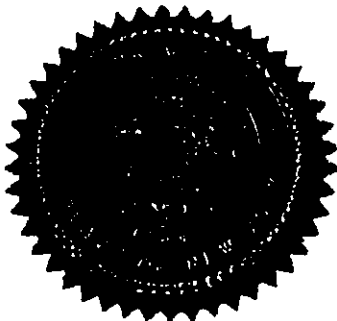


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Granted June 21, 1985, by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, and executed under the seal of said University, and recorded as 18,895.



Martin R. Berra
Chancellor

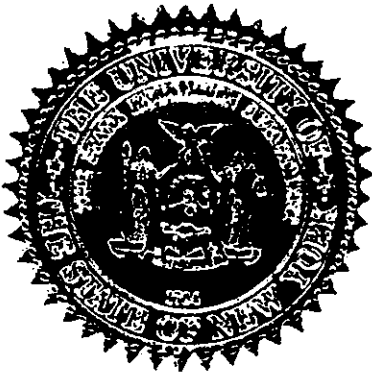
John W. Cull
President of The University
and Commissioner of Education

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ASTOR,
LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

Amendment of Charter

This Instrument Witnesseth That An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, that the restated charter of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, located in the city, county and state of New York, which was granted by action of the Board of Regents on June 27, 1975; which absolute charter was amended by Regents action on June 21, 1985, be, and the same hereby is amended to increase the maximum number of trustees from forty-two to forty-eight.



Granted, January 22, 1992, by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, and executed under the seal of said University and recorded as Number 21,111.

Martin Chavell
Chancellor

Thomas S. Dool
President of The University and
Commissioner of Education

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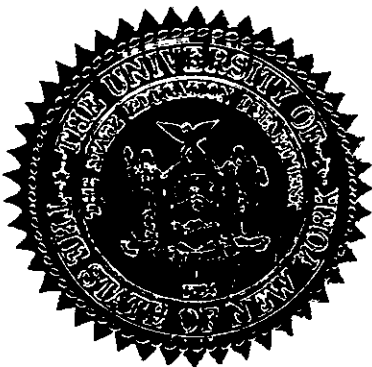
THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ASTOR, LENOX, AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York at their meeting of June 25, 1993,

An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, that the restated absolute charter of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations, located in the city, county, and state of New York, which was granted by action of the Board of Regents on June 27, 1975; which absolute charter was amended by Regents action on June 21, 1985 and January 22, 1992 be, and the same hereby is, amended to authorize the library to add as an ex officio trustee the Speaker of the Council of the City of New York.



Granted, June 25, 1993, by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, and executed under the seal of said University and recorded as Number 21,436.


Chancellor


President of The University and
Commissioner of Education

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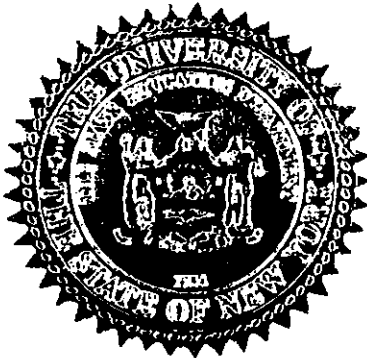
AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York at their meeting of December 17, 1993,

An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations, for an amendment of its charter, it was

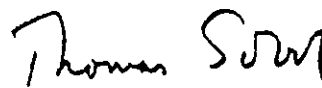
Voted, that the restated absolute charter of The New York Public Library Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations, located in the city, county, and state of New York, which was granted by action of the Board of Regents on June 27, 1975; which absolute charter was amended by Regents action on June 21, 1985, January 22, 1992 and June 25, 1993 be, and the same hereby is, amended effective January 1, 1994 to delete as an ex-officio trustee the president of the City Council of New York and to add the following language:

The mayor of the City of New York *ex officio*, the comptroller of the City of New York *ex officio*, and the speaker of the Council of the City of New York *ex officio* shall at all times, by virtue of their respective offices, be members of the board of trustees.



Granted, December 17, 1993, by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, and executed under the seal of said University and recorded as Number 21,557.


Chancellor


President of The University and
Commissioner of Education