



## The RIT Charter

The Institute's charter is issued by the State of New York. It consists of the original "ACT to incorporate the Rochester Athenaeum" passed February 12, 1830, along with all amendments since the original document. A brief overview of those amendments below.

All questions regarding the Charter should be directed to the Secretary of the Institute.

- May 22, 1891: constituted the "The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute"
- May 12, 1892: established a quorum of the board of directors as "nine members thereof, or such other number, not less than seven, as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the corporation."
- July 21, 1944: changing the "name of the corporation to Rochester Institute of Technology and by changing the designation of its governing board from board of directors to board of trustees."
- May 18 19, 1950: "authorizing the institute to confer the degree of associate in applied science (AAS)"
- June 26, 1953: "authorizing the institute to conduct courses leading to the bachelor of science (B.S.) such provisional amendment valid for a term of three years to be made absolute and the institute authorized to confer upon its graduates the degree of bachelor of science (B.S.) subject to the restrictions and requirements of the University."
- May 25, 1956: made two modifications/additions
  - Removed the provisional nature of the amendment to create bachelor of science (B.S.) degrees
  - "authorizing the corporation to confer the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)"
- December 19, 1958:
  - expanded degree offerings as such: "the degrees of associate in applied science (A.A.S.), bachelor of science (B.S.), bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A.), master of fine arts (M.F.A.), in course, and the honorary degrees of doctor of commercial science (D.C.S.), doctor of fine arts (D.F.A.), doctor of laws (LL.D.), and doctor of science (Sc.D.)."
  - Also established location: "The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the city of Rochester, County of Monroe and State of New York."
- April 26, 1963: "authorizing the institute to confer the degree of master of science (M.S.)"
- June 28, 1963: regarding location of the corporation, deleting the words "city of Rochester" and inserting "county of Monroe"
- January 29, 1969: "authorizing the institution to confer the degrees of master of business administration (M.B.A.), master of science for teachers (M.S.T.), associate of arts (A.A.), and associate in science (A.S.)"
- January 27, 1971: "authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of bachelor of technology (B.Tech.)"
- October 29, 1971: "increasing the number of trustees which the corporation shall hereafter be authorized to have from 35 to 43."
- November 16, 1973: "authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of master of engineering (M.E.)"
- October 19, 1979:
  - expanded degree offerings by "authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of bachelor of arts (B.A.)"
  - Also expanded location: "authorizing the corporation to maintain a branch campus in the county of Seneca, New York."
- April 26, 1985:
  - deleting the last authorizations: "amended by deleting the authority of the corporation to maintain a campus in Seneca County and to offer the bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree"
  - and approving: "and to authorize the corporation to operate and maintain a licensed day care center"

- December 15, 1989: “to authorize the corporation to grant the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree.”
- September 20, 1996: “to increase the maximum authorized number of trustees from forty-three to sixty.”
- April 21, 1998: “decrease the proportion of trustees required to constitute a quorum from one-half to one-third.”
- February 8, 2011: expands degree offerings, now “including the degree of Master of Architecture (M.Arch.).”



**ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
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 February 8, 2011,

An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of the Rochester Institute of Technology, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, that the absolute charter in the first instance of the Rochester Institute of Technology, located in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe, state of New York, which corporation was incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Laws of 1830 under the corporate name "Rochester Athenaeum" on February 12, 1830; which absolute charter was amended pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 on May 22, 1891 to change the corporate name to "The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute" and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Laws of 1892 on May 12, 1892; which absolute charter was further amended by action of the Board of Regents on July 21, 1944 to change the corporate name to "Rochester Institute of Technology" and to designate that the corporation's governing board would be known as trustees rather than directors, May 19, 1950, June 26, 1953, May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958 to restate the charter in its entirety, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, January 27, 1971, October 29, 1971, November 15, 1973, October 19, 1979, April 26, 1985, December 15, 1989 and September 20, 1996 be, and the same hereby is, amended to authorize the corporation to operate postsecondary degree programs registered by the State Education Department and to confer degrees approved and authorized by the Board of Regents in connection with such programs, including the degree of Master of Architecture (M.Arch.).



Granted, February 8, 2011, 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 25,314.

Chancellor

President of the University and  
Commissioner of Education

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

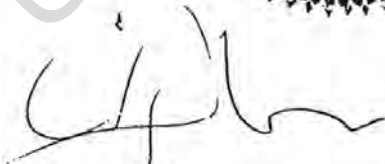
This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York at their meeting of April 21, 1998,


An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of the Rochester Institute of Technology, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, that the absolute charter in the first instance of the Rochester Institute of Technology, located in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe, state of New York, which corporation was incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Laws of 1830 under the corporate name "Rochester Athenaeum" on February 12, 1830; which absolute charter was amended pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 on May 22, 1891 to change the corporate name to "The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute" and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Laws of 1892 on May 12, 1892; which absolute charter was further amended by action of the Board of Regents on July 21, 1944 to change the corporate name to "Rochester Institute of Technology" and to designate that the corporation's governing board would be known as trustees rather than directors, May 19, 1950, June 26, 1953, May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958 to restate the charter in its entirety, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, January 27, 1971, October 29, 1971, November 15, 1973, October 19, 1979, April 26, 1985, December 15, 1989 and September 20, 1996 be, and the same hereby is, amended to decrease the proportion of trustees required to constitute a quorum from one-half to one-third.



Granted, April 21, 1998, 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 22,476.

  
Chancellor

  
President of the University and  
Commissioner of Education



## ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### 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 September 20, 1996,


An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of the Rochester Institute of Technology, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, that the absolute charter in the first instance of the Rochester Institute of Technology, located in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe, state of New York, which corporation was incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Laws of 1830 under the corporate name "Rochester Athenaeum" on February 12, 1830; which absolute charter was amended pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 on May 22, 1891 to change the corporate name to "The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute" and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 500 of the Laws of 1892 on May 12, 1892; which absolute charter was further amended by action of the Board of Regents on July 21, 1944 to change the corporate name to "Rochester Institute of Technology" and to designate that the corporation's governing board would be known as trustees rather than directors, May 19, 1950, June 26, 1953, May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958 to restate the charter in its entirety, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, January 27, 1971, October 29, 1971, November 15, 1973, October 19, 1979, April 26, 1985 and December 15, 1989 be, and the same hereby is, amended to increase the maximum authorized number of trustees from forty-three to sixty.



Granted, September 20, 1996, 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 22,180.

  
Chancellor

  
President of The University and  
Commissioner of Education



The University of the State of New York  
Education Department



Amendment to Charter

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York, have amended the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, located in Rochester, county of Monroe, state of New York, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by Chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including an amendment to change the name of the corporation to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by Chapter 337 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 31, 1944, and which charter was last amended by action of the Regents on April 26, 1985, be and the same hereby is further amended to authorize the corporation to grant the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree.

Granted December 15, 1989, 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 20,566.



*Martin B. Gault*  
Chancellor

*Thomas M. ...*  
President of The University  
and Commissioner of Education



Amendment to Charter  
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have amended the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, located in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including an amendment to change the name of the corporation to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, and which charter was last amended by the Regents on October 19, 1979, is further amended by deleting the authority of the corporation to maintain a campus in Seneca County and to offer the bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree and to authorize the corporation to operate and maintain a licensed day care center in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Department of Social Services.



*Marion Ball*  
Chancellor

Granted April 26, 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 Number 18,839.

*John Hall*  
President of The University  
and Commissioner of Education

The University of the State of New York  
Education Department



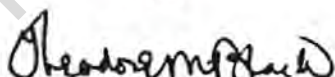
Amendment to Charter


ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have amended the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, Monroe County, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the Institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 337 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 19, 1950, June 26, 1953, May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, January 27, 1971, October 29, 1971 and last amended on November 15, 1973, by authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of bachelor of arts (B.A.) in conformity with the Rules of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of the program leading to such degree; and by authorizing the corporation to operate and maintain a branch campus in the county of Seneca, State of New York.



Granted October 19, 1979 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York and executed under the seal of said University. Number 16,990.

  
Chancellor

  
President of The University  
and Commissioner of Education





Amendment to Charter

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have amended the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, Monroe County, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the Institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944 which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, January 27, 1971, and last amended on October 29, 1971, by authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of master of engineering (M.E.), in conformity with the Rules of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of the program leading to such degree.

Granted November 16, 1973  
by the Board of Regents of  
The University of the State  
of New York and executed  
under the seal of said Uni-  
versity and recorded as  
Number 12,011.



*Joseph W. McLaughlin*  
Chancellor

*Edmund J. Byrne*  
President of the University  
and Commissioner of Education



# The University of the State of New York

Education Department  
Amendment to Charter

## ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have amended the charter of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, Monroe County, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the Institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, an a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 25, 1956, December 19, 1958, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, January 29, 1969, and last amended on January 27, 1971, by increasing the number of trustees which the corporation shall hereafter be authorized to have from 35 to 43.

Granted October 29, 1971 by the  
Board of Regents of The University  
of the State of New York and ex-  
ecuted under the seal of said  
University and recorded as  
Number 1,642.



*Joseph W. McCann*  
Chancellor

*Rudolph W. Nyquist*  
President of the University  
and Commissioner of Education

The

University of the  
City of New York  
Department of Education

State of New York  
Department of Education

## Amendment to Charter of Rochester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesseth, That the Board of Regents, for and on behalf of the Education

Department of the State of New York, has amended the

Charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1829, by Chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1829, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the Institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by Chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 24, 1944, which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 28, 1950, December 19, 1958, April 26, 1963, June 28, 1963, and last amended on January 27, 1969, by authorizing the institution to confer the additional degree of Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.), in conformity with the Rules of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education.



Granted January 28, 1971 by the Board of Regents  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department.

executed under the seal of said Department  
and recorded therein, Volume 19438

David W. Myer  
Chairman

For the State of New York  
and its institutions of higher education  
Secretary of Education

The



University of the  
State of New York  
Department of Education

Amendment to Charter of  
Rochester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesses: That the Board of Regents, for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York, has amended the

charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, located in Rochester, Monroe County, State of New York, -- which was incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by Chapter 35 of the Laws of New York, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute by chapter 587 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 25, 1953, December 13, 1955, April 26, 1965, and last amended on June 28, 1963, -- by authorizing the institution to confer the additional degrees of master of business administration (M.B.A.), master of science, for teachers (M.S.T.), associate of arts (A.A.) and associate in science (A.S.), in conformity with the Rules of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education.



Granted January 29, 1969, by the Board of Regents  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department,  
executed under the seal of said Department  
and recorded therein Number 2863

Joseph W. Miller  
Governor

James G. Miller  
President of the University



University of the  
City of New York

The



State of New York  
Department

## Amendment to Charter of

## Rochester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesseth, That the Board of Regents, for and on behalf of the Education

Department of the State of New York, has amended the

charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, -- which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, which charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 25, 1956, on December 18, 1958, and last amended on April 28, 1963, -- by deleting from paragraphs 1 and 5 the words "city of Rochester" with reference to the location of the corporation and substituting therefor the words "county of Monroe."



Granted June 28, 1963, by the Board of Regents,  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department,  
executed under the seal of said Department  
and recorded therein, Volume 8437

Edgar M. Copley  
Attorney General

James E. Hillman  
for and on behalf of the  
University of the City of New York



The



University of the  
City of New York

State of New York  
Department  
of Education

## Amendment to Charter of Rochester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesseth, That the Board of Regents, for and on behalf of the Education  
Department of the State of New York, has amended the

Charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, which was originally incorporated under the name  
of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such  
Charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature  
of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the  
Institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1881, and a  
further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944,  
which Charter was further amended by action of the Regents on May 25, 1956, and last amended on  
December 12, 1958, -- by authorizing the Institution to confer the degree of master of science (M.S.) in  
addition to the degrees which it has heretofore been authorized to confer in conformity with the rules  
of the Board of Regents, and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of  
institutions of higher education.



Granted April 25, 1963 by the Board of Regents  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department

executed under the seal of said Department  
and recorded therein. Order 8390

Zelma N. Corbin  
Secretary

*[Signature]*  
President of the University  
and Commissioner of Education



## *The University of the State of New York*

Education Department

Amendment to Charter of

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has amended the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, Monroe County, -- which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of New York, 1830, such charter having been subsequently amended from time to time and in various respects by acts of the Legislature of the State of New York and by action of the Board of Regents, including change of corporate name of the institute to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891, and a further change of name to Rochester Institute of Technology by action of the Regents on July 21, 1944, which charter was last amended, by action of the Regents, on May 25, 1956, -- by restating it to read as follows:

1. All persons who are now or hereafter may become members of Rochester Institute of Technology are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name "Rochester Institute of Technology" for the purposes of maintaining a higher educational institution in order to cultivate and promote literature, science, technology, and the arts, to be located principally in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe and State of New York, and to these ends, said corporation may:

a. Take, receive and hold by bequest, grant, devise, gift, purchase, lease and otherwise, either absolutely or in trust, any property, real or personal, without limitation as to kind or nature or amount; use, administer, apply, expend and dispose of any such property; carry out the directions and exercise the powers contained in any will, deed of trust, contract or other instrument under which any such property is acquired; sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, invest, reinvest and dispose of any such property.

2. The members of the corporation shall constitute its board of trustees, and they shall be 35 in number. Alexander M. Beebe, Ethel B. Beebe, Lynn N. Bitner, John P. Boylan, Theodore C. Briggs, Herbert W. Chamberlain, Albert K. Chapman, Brackett H. Clark, M. Herbert Eisenhart, Mark Ellingson, Charles K. Flint, Maurice R. Forman, James E. Gleason, Fred H. Gordon, Jr., Ezra A. Hale, Carl S. Hallauer, P. Richard Jameson, Byron A. Johnson, Jr., Verner C. Kreuter, Sr., Russell C. McCarthy, Gilbert J. C. McCurdy, Paul Miller, Arthur J. O'Brien, Raymond E. Olson, John D. Pike, Edward J. Ries, F. Ritter Shumway, Arthur L. Stern, Lewis B. Swift, Robert C. Tait, Raymond L. Thompson, Walter L. Todd, Aileen O. Webb, Gaylord C. Whitaker and Wallace E. Wilson, shall be and shall continue as members of the corporation until their successors shall be chosen in conformity with the bylaws of the corporation, as they are now established or as they may hereafter be altered or amended.

3. The corporation shall be a nonstock corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and no part of its earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no officer, member or employee of the corporation shall receive or be entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.

4. The corporation shall be authorized to confer, in conformity with the rules of the Regents and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education, the degrees of associate in applied science (A.A.S.), bachelor of science (B.S.), bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A.), master of fine arts (M.F.A.), in course, and the honorary degrees of doctor of commercial science (D.C.S.), doctor of fine arts (D.F.A.), doctor of laws (LL.D.), and doctor of science (Sc.D.).

5. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the city of Rochester, county of Monroe and State of New York.

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



Chancellor

GRANTED December 19, 1958, by the  
Board of Regents for and on behalf  
of the State Education Department,  
executed under the seal of said  
Department and recorded therein.  
Number 9368.

President of the University  
and Commissioner of Education





The

University of the  
City of New York  
Department of Education

State of New York  
Department of Education

# Amendment to Charter of Rochester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has amended provisionally the charter of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, Monroe county, -- which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of 1830, such charter having been thereafter amended by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 by changing the name of the institution to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute and by increasing the number of directors of the corporation, and again amended by chapter 500 of the Laws of 1892 with respect to the number of directors constituting a quorum, and having been further amended by action of the Board of Regents on July 21, 1944, by changing the name of the corporation to Rochester Institute of Technology, and by changing the designation of its governing board from Board of Directors to Board of Trustees, and again amended by the Regents on May 19, 1950, by authorizing the institute to confer the degree of associate in applied science (B.S.), in conformity with the rules of the Regents and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education, -- by authorizing the institute to conduct courses leading to the degree of bachelor of science (B.S.), such provisional amendment, valid for a term of three years, to be made absolute and the institute authorized to confer upon its graduates the degree of bachelor of science (B.S.), subject to the restrictions and requirements of the University, if within three years the institute shall be maintaining courses of study leading to such degree satisfactory to the Regents. Until such provisional amendment has been made absolute, such degree will be conferred by the University of the State of New York upon graduates of the institute who, in the judgment of the Regents, shall have duly earned the same.



Granted June 26, 1953 by the Board of Regents  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department  
as amended under the seal of said Department at  
and recorded therein. Number 6744

W. H. H. H.

Carroll A. Johnson  
for School of Education  
and Training, State of New York



The

University of the  
Education



State of New York  
Department

## Amendment to Charter of

# Rockester Institute of Technology

This instrument witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has amended the charter of Rockester Institute of Technology, Rochester, which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rockester Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 33 of the Laws of 1830, such charter having been thereafter amended by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 by changing the name of the institution to The Rockester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute and by increasing the number of directors of the corporation, and further amended by chapter 500 of the Laws of 1892 with respect to the number of directors constituting a quorum, and again amended by action of the Board of Regents on July 21, 1914, by changing the name of the corporation to Rockester Institute of Technology and by changing the designation of its governing board from board of directors to board of trustees by authorizing the institute to confer the degree of associate in applied science (AAS) in conformity with the rules of the Regents of the University and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the registration of institutions of higher education.



William J. Green,  
Attorney

Granted May 18, 1950 by the Board of Regents  
for and on behalf of the State Education Department

executed under the seal of said Department

and recorded therein, Number 5891

Carroll A. Wise  
Acting President of the University

The



# University of the State of New York

## Amendment to charter of

## The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute

This instrument witnesseseth That the Regents of the University of the State of New York

have amended the charter of The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute, located at Rochester,

Monroe county, — which was originally incorporated under the name of The Rochester

Athenaeum on February 12, 1830, by chapter 93 of the Laws of 1830, such charter having

been thereafter amended by chapter 387 of the Laws of 1891 by changing the name of the

institution to The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics' Institute and by increasing the

number of directors of the corporation, and further amended by chapter 500 of the Laws of

1892 with respect to the number of directors constituting a quorum, — by changing the name

of the corporation to Rochester Institute of Technology and by changing the designation

of its governing board from board of directors to board of trustees.



Granted July 21, 1944 By the Regents  
of the University of the State of New York  
recorded under their seal and recorded in their  
office, number 5090

*Wm. H. Hall*  
Secretary

*Alfred D. Stoddard*  
President of the University  
and  
Commissioner of Education

## CHAP. 500.

AN ACT to amend chapter thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rochester Athenæum."

APPROVED by the Governor May 12, 1892. Passed, three-fifths being present.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rochester Athenæum," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, to be known as section six:

§ 6. A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of nine members thereof, or such other number, not less than seven, as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the corporation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

## CHAP. 387.

AN ACT to amend chapter thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rochester Athenæum."

APPROVED by the Governor May 22, 1891. Passed, three-fifths being present.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rochester Athenæum" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Corporators.

§ 1. All persons who now are members of the Rochester Athenæum and such persons as they may associate with them in pursuance of the constitution thereof as now established, or as it may hereafter be



altered or amended, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Rochester Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute," for the purposes of cultivating and promoting literature, science and the arts, with the right and power to take, hold and convey real estate to an amount not exceeding in value, exclusive of improvements thereon, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and also any goods, chattels, personal property, library, cabinets, philosophical and other apparatus that may be necessary for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the said corporation; which said real and personal estate, however invested, shall be deemed personal property and be transferable as such.

Corporate name and purposes.

Real and personal estate.

§ 2. Section two of said chapter thirty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirty, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2. Jonas Jones, Marcus Michaels, Jacob Howe, Solomon Wile, Darrell D. Sully, Abram E. Wolf, Alonzo L. Mabbett, Henry Wray, Jr., William J. Wilcox, Charles B. Rebasz, J. Harry Stedman, E. Frank Brewster, William H. Gorsline, Thomas Smith, Charles E. Morris, Byron D. McAlpine and Frank M. Goff, shall be and continue the directors of the said corporation until the next annual election and until their successors in office shall be chosen. At the next election of directors there shall be elected thirty-five directors; and from and after such election the management of the concerns and the control and disposal of the funds and the real and personal estate of said corporation shall be vested in a board of thirty-five directors, chosen in conformity with the constitution and by-laws of the said corporation, as they are now established, or may hereafter be altered or amended; and all real and personal estate now held by the said directors, or any of them, or any other person or persons in trust for the said corporation or for the use and benefit of the same, including choses in action, which by the terms thereof, are payable to said corporation or to the said directors or to any other person or persons in trust for the said corporation shall by virtue and operation of this act vest in, become the property of and may be sued for and recovered in the name of the said corporation.

Directors.

Election thereof.

Control of funds, etc., vested in board.

Real and personal estate now held by the said directors, or any of them, or any other person or persons in trust for the said corporation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAP. 33.

### AN ACT to incorporate the Rochester Athenæum.

Passed February 12, 1830.

*The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

§ 1. All persons who now are or hereafter may become members of the Rochester Athenæum, in pursuance of the constitution thereof as now established, or as it may hereafter be altered and amended, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The Rochester Athenæum," for the purpose of cultivating and promoting literature, science and the arts, with the right and power to take, hold and convey real estate, to an amount not exceeding in value, exclusive of improvements thereon, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and also any goods, chattels, personal property, library, cabinets, philosophical or other apparatus, that may be necessary for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the said incorporation: which said real and personal estate, however invested, shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable as such.

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§ 2. The management of the concerns and the control and disposal of the funds and the real and personal estate of the said corporation shall be vested in a board of seventeen directors, chosen in conformity with the constitution and by-laws of the said institution as they are now established, or may hereafter be altered or amended: and Nathaniel Rochester, Charles Perkins, Simeon Ford, William James, Jonathan Childs, James Seymour, Nathaniel T. Rochester, Levi A. Ward, Levi Ward, junior, Joseph Penney, Everard

Directors to manage corporation.

Elisha Johnson, Rufus Beach, Abelard Reynolds, William Atkinson, Henry I. Whitehouse and Harvey Ely, who are now directors of the said corporation, shall continue to be directors thereof until the next annual election, and until others shall be chosen in their places: and all real and personal estate now held by the said directors or any of them, or any other person or persons in trust for the said institution, or for the use and benefit of the same, including choses in action, which by the terms thereof are payable to the said directors or to any other person or persons in trust for the said institution, shall, by virtue and operation of this act, vest in, become the property of, and may be sued for and recovered in the name of the said corporation.

Property and  
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applied.

§ 3. The estate, property and funds of the said corporation shall be held for, and devoted solely to purposes of literature, science and the arts, and while so held and devoted shall be exempt and free from all state, county, town or village taxes and assessments whatsoever.

Public act.

§ 4. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall in all courts and places be construed benignly and favorably for every beneficial purpose therein intended; and no misnomer or misdescription of the said corporation, in any will, deed, gift, grant, demise or other instrument of contract or conveyance shall vitiate or defeat the same; but every such will, deed, gift, grant, demise or other instrument of contract or conveyance, shall take effect in like manner as if the said corporation were rightly named therein, provided it be sufficiently described to ascertain the intent of the parties.

General  
powers.

§ 5. The said corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the liabilities and provisions contained in title third of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

Act when to  
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§ 6. This act shall commence and take effect from the passage thereof.