

**THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
HERBERT H. LEHMAN COLLEGE  
COLLEGE SENATE**

**Resolution: Posthumous Degree for Ms. Shereka Matthews-Bond**

**WHEREAS**, Herbert H. Lehman College of The City University of New York shares with the family and friends in the profound loss and memory of Shereka Matthews-Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Shereka Matthews-Bond was a Sociology major at Lehman College in good academic standing, having completed 146 credits; having met all but one course requirement for the Sociology major and all other requirements for graduation; and only needing 3 credits of required classes to graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, Shereka Matthews-Bond remained focused on her career and personal goals, never allowing life's challenges to prevent her from pursuing a productive and fulfilling life after her expected graduation from Lehman College; and

**WHEREAS**, Shereka Matthews-Bond was a caring and valued member of her community in Charlotte, North Carolina; a dedicated parent to her son Xavier; and a loving partner to her spouse Leslie Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Shereka Matthews-Bond battled health issues for many years, and on December 28, 2025, at age 42, succumbed to an aggressive form of blood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty of the Department of Sociology unanimously passed a resolution requesting that Shereka Matthews-Bond be awarded a posthumous degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chair of the Department of Sociology and the Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences have recommended that Shereka Matthews-Bond be awarded a posthumous degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the Provost has reviewed the recommendation and supports the granting of a posthumous degree to Shereka Matthews-Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Admissions, Evaluation, and Academic Standards has reviewed the recommendations and supports awarding a posthumous degree to Shereka Matthews-Bond; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Herbert H. Lehman College Senate, comprised of faculty, students, and administrators, hereby recommends that President Dr. Fernando Delgado confer a posthumous Bachelor of Arts degree upon Ms. Shereka Matthews-Bond.

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**Signatures**

Susan A. Dumais

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Chair, Sociology Department

Date: 3/9/26

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Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences

Date: 3/12/26

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Chair, College Senate

Date: March 12, 2026

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Herbert H. Lehman College

Date: \_\_\_\_\_