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October 6, 2026

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School #M070587
Withdrawal of Accreditation

Dear [redacted]:

At the August 2026 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC" or "the Commission") considered the history of the review for Cambridge Technical Institute located in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Based on this review, the Commission voted to withdraw the school's accreditation. The grounds for the Commission's decision are set forth below.

History of Review

Application for Renewal of Accreditation

As part of the renewal of accreditation process, Cambridge Technical Institute submitted an Application for Renewal of Accreditation on December 31, 2025. Within the Application for Renewal of Accreditation, the ACCSC Program Chart lists zero current students. Additionally, the application indicates that there are currently no faculty at the institution. Further, the application includes a state license with the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico valid from May 20, 2020 through May 19, 2025. As such, ACCSC sent a letter to the school on April 13, 2026 requesting additional information regarding these issues.

May 2026 and June 2026 Review

The Commission continued its review of this matter at meetings in May 2026 and June 2026. The Commission determined that additional information was necessary and in the July 13, 2026[1] letter directed the school to submit information in the following areas.

1. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation by maintaining continuous operation[2] as a school providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives and maintain its ability to meet its obligations to students on an ongoing basis with continuous licensure by the state granting approval to do so (*Section I (G)(2)(b), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

2. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation by demonstrating that the school has all necessary authorizations from the state in which it operates and is in compliance with all applicable local and state requirements (*Section I (D)(4)(b), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

[1] See the July 13, 2026 letter included as Appendix A.
[2] The term "continuous operation" means a school operating without cessation – with the exception of regularly scheduled breaks, vacation periods, or an approved change of location – providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives(s) (*Section I (A)(13) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

3. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school submits financial statements annually in accordance with established and prescribed timelines. Failure to submit complete and properly prepared financial statements by the due date may result in late fees and any Commission action outlined in *Section VII, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, including withdrawal of the school's accreditation (*Section V (C)(1&3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

August 2026 Review

At the August 2026 meeting, the Commission considered the July 13, 2026 Commission letter to Cambridge Technical Institute. The Commission noted that Staff attempted to deliver the letter electronically on July 13, 2026 and July 28, 2026, but received undeliverable notifications for [redacted], listed as an official correspondent; and [redacted], Chief Executive Officer. Staff also attempted to contact the school by telephone on July 28, 2026 and July 29, 2026. Calls to the school's telephone number reached a recording indicating that the number was disconnected. Staff also left a voice message at the owner's contact number on July 29, 2026, but received no response. Additionally, the Commission noted that the school did not submit a response to the July 13, 2026 Commission letter including the audited financial statements for fiscal year end December 31, 2025 and 2024 or the additional information processing fee by the July 23, 2026 deadline.

Given the foregoing, the Commission voted to withdraw Cambridge Technical Institute on the following grounds:

1. Cambridge Technical Institute failed to demonstrate that the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation, by maintaining continuous operation[3] as a school providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives and maintain its ability to meet its obligations to students on an ongoing basis with continuous licensure by the state granting approval to do so (*Section I (G)(2)(b), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). In response to the April 13, 2026 letter, the school stated that "[a]s of the date of this response, Cambridge Technical Institute does not have students currently in active instruction" (April 20, 2026 Cambridge Technical Institute Response, pg. 7). Additionally, the school explained that:

   - "[f]ormal classroom instruction for the institution's most recent cohort concluded on October 16, 2025" (*Id.*) and
   - *The institution had initially projected a start date of May 12, 2026 for its next academic session...[h]owever, following developments related to the institution's licensure process before the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions (JIP), CTI made the strategic decision to adjust its academic calendar...[and a]s a result, the institution has established a revised start date of August 11, 2026 to resume instructional activities* (*Id.*).

   The April 20, 2026 response to the April 13, 2026 ACCSC letter also indicates that following October 2025, Cambridge Technical Institute conducted graduation-related activities and provided students with licensure examination review sessions from October 20, 2025 through December 18, 2025 and then entered a regularly scheduled holiday recess. In January 2026, the response indicates that the school continued administrative operations such as admissions, recruitment, regulatory compliance, student records maintenance, and academic planning. While Cambridge Technical Institute stated that the school does not consider the fact that the school is not currently providing training to students to be a

[3] The term "continuous operation" means a school operating without cessation – with the exception of regularly scheduled breaks, vacation periods, or an approved change of location – providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives(s) (*Section I (A)(11) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

cessation of training, however, the Commission disagrees. Based on the circumstances, the Commission determined that:

a. The reasons for the current cessation in training (i.e., regulatory alignment, operational stability, and readiness to provide instruction consistent with its educational objectives) do not represent a "regularly scheduled break or vacation period" and

b. As such, the school has not maintained continuous operation training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives.

2. Cambridge Technical Institute failed to demonstrate that in order to maintain its eligibility for accreditation, the school complies on a continuous basis with accreditation standards and requirements; fulfills all process, reporting, and substantive change requirements (*Section I (G)(2)(c&e), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). The school did not respond to the July 13, 2026 letter despite multiple attempts to confirm receipt by Commission staff and did not submit the audited financial statements for fiscal year end December 31, 2025 and 2024 prepared in accordance with the ACCSC Instructions for the Preparation and Submission of Financial Statements and Related Information.

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Notification To Students

Within **seven days** of receipt of this letter, the school must:

a. Inform all currently enrolled and prospective students of the withdrawal decision and indicate where the action can be obtained from the Commission's website;

b. If the school chooses to appeal a withdrawal of accreditation decision, then the school must inform current and prospective students of the appeal and that the school is on Probation during the appeal process; and

c. Once a decision to withdraw accreditation is final, the school must within seven days inform current and prospective students that the withdrawal of accreditation action is final. A school must delete all references to and claims of ACCSC accreditation from the school's website, catalog, enrollment agreement, advertising, and promotional materials immediately after withdrawal of accreditation.

Within 10 days the school must upload a copy of the notice provided to students to ACCSC's College 360 Database.

Teach-Out Plan

Pursuant to the Commission's decision, Cambridge Technical Institute must provide an Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable a Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form (*Section IV (F)(2)(b) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). In its Teach-out Plan the school must demonstrate how it will ensure the opportunity for students to complete their program of study either by the school or through an agreement with another accredited institution(s) approved to offer a program comparative to the school's (in the latter instance, ensure to submit the Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form). The Teach-out Plan must contemplate the loss of accreditation and any concordant loss of state or federal funding. The school's Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form should be submitted **on or before October 16, 2026.**

Appeal and Reapplication Process and Procedure

Cambridge Technical Institute may opt to appeal the Commission's decision to withdraw accreditation or may elect to reapply for accreditation. Details regarding the reapplication and appeal procedures are outlined in the *ACCSC Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*.

- If Cambridge Technical Institute elects to appeal this decision, the school must sign and return the enclosed Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision, along with the Appeal Expense Fee of $8,000.00, **on or before October 16, 2026.**
- If Cambridge Technical Institute elects to appeal this decision, the school's Application for Appeal of a Commission Decision and Grounds for Appeal must be submitted **on or before November 5, 2026.**
- If Cambridge Technical Institute elects not to appeal this decision, the Commission's decision will become effective **October 16, 2026**. The school may submit comments by **October 16, 2026** in accordance with the enclosed Public Comment Disclosure Form. Comments submitted by the school will accompany any public disclosure of a final Commission action pursuant to *Section X (D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*.
- In accordance with *Section VII (N)(3) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the school may reapply no sooner than nine months from the date on which the withdrawal of accreditation becomes effective.

For additional information regarding the Commission's decision, please contact me directly at [redacted].

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Executive Director

Encls: Appendix A – July 13, 2026 Commission Letter
Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision
ACCSC Standing Appeals Committee Members
Public Comment Disclosure Form

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July 13, 2026

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School #M070587

Dear [redacted]:

In May 2026 and June 2026, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC" or "the Commission") reviewed submissions from Cambridge Technical Institute, located in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Upon review of the April 13, 2026 letter and the school's response, the Commission directs Cambridge Technical Institute to submit additional information regarding the school's current operating status, state licensure, and audited financial statements, as set forth below.

Application for Renewal of Accreditation

As part of the renewal of accreditation process, Cambridge Technical Institute submitted an Application for Renewal of Accreditation on December 31, 2025. Within the Application for Renewal of Accreditation, the ACCSC Program Chart lists zero current students. Additionally, the application indicates that there are currently no faculty at the institution. Further, the application includes a state license with the Council on Postsecondary Institutions of the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico valid from May 20, 2020 through May 19, 2025. As such, ACCSC sent a letter to the school on April 13, 2026 requesting additional information regarding these issues.

May 2026 and June 2026 Review

The Commission continued its review of this matter at meetings in May 2026 and June 2026. The Commission determined that the school must submit the following additional information:

4. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation by maintaining continuous operation[4] as a school providing education and training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives and maintain its ability to meet its obligations to students on an ongoing basis with continuous licensure by the state granting approval to do so (*Section I (G)(2)(b), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). In response to the April 13, 2026 letter, the school stated that "[a]s of the date of this response, Cambridge Technical Institute does not have students currently in active instruction" (April 20, 2026 Cambridge Technical Institute Response, pg. 7). Additionally, the school explained that "[f]ormal classroom instruction for the institution's most recent cohort concluded on October 16, 2025" (*Id.*) and that:

   The institution had initially projected a start date of May 12, 2026 for its next academic session. However, following developments related to the institution's licensure process before the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions (JIP), CTI made the strategic decision to adjust its academic calendar.

   As a result, the institution has established a revised start date of August 11, 2026 to resume instructional activities. This adjustment reflects the institution's commitment to ensuring

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> *regulatory alignment, operational stability, and readiness to provide instruction consistent with its educational objectives* (*Id.*).

The response also indicates that following October 2025, Cambridge Technical Institute conducted graduation-related activities and provided students with licensure examination review sessions from October 20, 2025 through December 18, 2025 and then entered a regularly scheduled holiday recess. In January 2026, the school continued administrative operations such as admissions, recruitment, regulatory compliance, student records maintenance, and academic planning. While Cambridge Technical Institute stated that the school does not consider the fact that the school is not currently providing training to students to be a cessation of training, the Commission, however, noted that the reasons for the current cessation in training (i.e., regulatory alignment, operational stability, and readiness to provide instruction consistent with its educational objectives) do not appear to represent a "regularly scheduled break or vacation period." As such, the Commission questioned whether the school has maintained continuous operation training to students in accordance with its primary educational objectives to maintain eligibility for ACCSC accreditation.

As such, the Commission directs Cambridge Technical Institute to submit the following:

a. The number of currently enrolled students as of the date of this letter;

b. As applicable, a list of all currently enrolled students using the following table (sample text):

Student Name	Program	Date of Enrollment	Date of Graduation
John Doe	Cosmetology (Diploma)	7/01/2024	10/01/2025

c. If there are no current students, the estimated date of the next class start; and

d. Any additional information that the school believes will be useful to the Commission in making a determination regarding the school's compliance with standards.

5. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation by demonstrating that the school has all necessary authorizations from the state in which it operates and is in compliance with all applicable local and state requirements (*Section I (D)(4)(b), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). With regard to the licensing approval from the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions, the April 20, 2026 response includes a translated copy of a March 11, 2026 letter that states that the Office of Registration and Licensing of Educational Institutions "denied the renewal license of Cambridge Technical Institute (V 76-05) to continue operating as a postsecondary educational institution in Puerto Rico" (*Id.*, pg. 16).

   Additionally, the response indicates that:

   > *Following a compliance visit conducted by the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions (JIP), the institution was required to submit a Corrective Action Report, which was completed and submitted in November 2025.*
   >
   > *On March 24, 2026, JIP uploaded to the institutional electronic platform a certification related to the determination of the renewal process. Upon review, the institution identified discrepancies in the document and promptly notified JIP, requesting clarification and correction.*
   >
   > *On April 7, 2026, JIP issued an amended formal communication regarding the determination and notified the institution of its right to file an appeal. The institution has proceeded with the corresponding appeal process and continues to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements while awaiting a final determination* (*Id.*, pg. 9).

The Commission noted that the school's license is listed as valid from May 20, 2020 through May 19, 2025. Based on the amended communication, Cambridge Technical Institute may not currently have the necessary authorization from the state in which it operates and may not be in compliance with all applicable state requirements.

As such, the Commission directs Cambridge Technical Institute to submit the following:

a. An update on the school's license with the Council on Postsecondary Institutions of the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico;

b. Confirmation from the Council on Postsecondary Institutions of the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico that the school is in fact in the appeal process and that the school is currently licensed to operate;

c. Copies of any communication with the Council on Postsecondary Institutions of the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico regarding the status of the school's license;

d. If the appeal of state licensure has not been resolved, whether the school plans to enroll students prior to resolution; and

e. Any additional information that the school believes will be useful to the Commission in making a determination regarding the school's compliance with standards.

6. Cambridge Technical Institute must demonstrate that the school submits financial statements annually in accordance with established and prescribed timelines. Failure to submit complete and properly prepared financial statements by the due date may result in late fees and any Commission action outlined in *Section VII, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, including withdrawal of the school's accreditation (*Section V (C)(1&3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). The Commission noted that the school's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31 are due by June 30 of the following calendar year. To date, the Commission has not received the required financial statements or any communication regarding the December 31, 2025 and 2024 statements that were due June 30, 2026. The Commission also noted that the translated copy of the March 11, 2026 letter states:

[redacted]

Therefore, the Commission considers review of the school's most recent financial statements to be a significant and immediate concern. As such, the Commission directs Cambridge Technical Institute to submit the following:

a. The school's audited financial statements for fiscal year end December 31, 2025 and 2024 prepared in accordance with the ACCSC Instructions for the Preparation and Submission of Financial Statements and Related Information;

b. The $750 late fee associated with the delinquent financial statements;

c. [redacted]

d. Any additional information that the school believes will be useful to the Commission in making a determination regarding the school's compliance with standards.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If Cambridge Technical Institute fails to demonstrate either of the following, the Commission may withdraw the school's accreditation:

- That the school has maintained eligibility for ACCSC accreditation by maintaining continuous operation or
- That the school is currently licensed by the Council on Postsecondary Institutions of the Department of State of the Government of Puerto Rico.

Given the seriousness of these matters, the Commission expects the school to fully inform all prospective students of the current status of its state licensure, including any loss or denial of licensure, the possibility that the school's accreditation may be withdrawn, and the potential implications for students.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS:

By applying for accreditation, a school accepts the obligation to demonstrate continuous compliance with the *Standards of Accreditation*. While the Commission employs its own methods to determine a school's compliance with accrediting standards, the burden rests with the school to establish that it is meeting the standards. The Commission's deliberations and decisions are made on the basis of the written record and thus a school must supply the Commission with complete documentation of the school's compliance with accrediting standards.

Cambridge Technical Institute must provide a response to the items listed in this letter that provides the information requested along with any additional information that the school believes supports a demonstration of compliance with accrediting standards.[5] If the school's response contains documentation that includes personal or confidential student or staff information that is not required for the Commission's review (e.g., social security numbers, dates of birth, etc.), please remove or redact that information.

Cambridge Technical Institute's response must be prepared in accordance with ACCSC's Instructions for Electronic Submission and must be uploaded directly to ACCSC's College 360 School Submission Portal. The school will receive e-mail confirmation that the file has been received within 24 hours of the submission.

The response must also include a signed certification attesting to the accuracy of the information and be received in the Commission's office **on or before July 23, 2026**. If a response, a $250 additional information processing fee, and the certificate attesting to the accuracy of the information is not received in the Commission's office **on or before July 23, 2026**, the Commission will consider further appropriate action.

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[5]ACCSC has resources for submitting a well-documented and organized response for Commission consideration. As a reminder *Section I (H)(1) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, states that all submissions and notifications must be organized as required by the ***ACCSC Instructions for Electronic Submission.*** More information is available on the ACCSC website under Resources and Forms and Reports

For further assistance or additional information, please contact [redacted].

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Executive Director

cc: [redacted]

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LETTER OF INTENT TO APPEAL A COMMISSION DECISION

To Be Submitted No Later Than October 16, 2026

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Executive Director
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Dear Dr. McComis:

This letter serves to provide notice that Cambridge Technical Institute located in Caguas, Puerto Rico intends to appeal the recent decision of the Commission to withdraw the school's accreditation and remove the school from the list of ACCSC-accredited institutions. Attached is a check in the amount of $8,000 as required by accreditation procedures. I understand that this fee is non-refundable.

I understand that an ACCSC Sitting Appeals Panel will meet to consider the appeal of the school and that I will receive final confirmation of the hearing at a later date. I have reviewed *Section VIII, Rules of Process and Procedure* of the *Standards of Accreditation* pertaining to appeals and noted that I am entitled to a transcript of the proceedings and to have representatives, including legal counsel, present with advance notification to ACCSC.

I understand that it is the right of a school to appeal an adverse accreditation decision taken by the Commission on the grounds that the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise in disregard of the criteria or procedures of the Commission, or not supported by substantial evidence in the record on which the Commission took the action (*Section VIII (B), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*). I understand that because the appeal must be based on evidence in the record at the time that the Commission took the adverse action, no new evidence may be submitted during the appeal process, except as allowed for under *Section VIII (C)(2)(c), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation.*

I understand that it is the right of a school intending to appeal a Commission decision to indicate whether there is good cause as to why any member of the Commission's Standing Appeal Panel should not hear the appeal. I have reviewed the list of Standing Appeal Panel members and have included with this notice any objections to any member of the Standing Appeal Panel with the reasons and cause why I believe that member should not hear the school's appeal. I understand the absence of a submission with this notice indicates my approval to allow any member of the Standing Appeal Panel to sit for the school's appeal.

I understand that the Application for Appeal of Commission Decision along with the school's Grounds for Appeal are due to ACCSC **on or before November 5, 2026**, and I agree to submit that material on or before that date. I understand that failure to submit these required documents by the due date could prevent consideration of the school's appeal.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Name/Title

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Standing Appeals Panel Members

Panel Member	Affiliation	Term Ending
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PUBLIC COMMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

To Be Submitted No Later Than October 16, 2026

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RE: Cambridge Technical Institute
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I understand and agree that the Commission, pursuant to *Section X (C)(4) &(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, will make public the reasons for the decision together with any comments submitted by the school. I further understand that the summary will be accompanied by the attached comments.

I understand and agree that the attached comments constitute Cambridge Technical Institute's public comments on the adverse accreditation action that are to be disseminated with the public notice of the Commission's adverse accreditation decision including, but not limited to, dissemination to appropriate federal, state and other accrediting agencies and posting to the ACCSC website (*Section X (C)(4)&(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

I understand and agree that the school is not obligated to submit public comments and acknowledge that the attached comments are provided voluntarily.

I understand and agree that the school's public comments must be in summary format, professional in tone, and free of profanity and calumnious statements and limited to two type written pages. I acknowledge that any comments which do not meet these requirements will not be disseminated or posted along with the summary of the reasons for the adverse accreditation decision.

I understand and agree that the Commission will release the adverse accreditation decision to the public pursuant to *Section X (D)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* and that the school's written comments will not be added to this disclosure if this form and the comments are not submitted in the required format **on or before October 16, 2026**.

I understand and agree that the Commission has no responsibility for how the school's comments may be used once put into the public domain.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Name/Title