

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President
SUBJECT: February 13, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting

Enclosed, please find the materials for the February 13, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting. The schedule of events for Thursday and Friday is listed below.

Thursday, February 12, 2026

11:00 a.m.	Workshop	Legacy Ballroom, Auburn Hotel 241 S. College Street, Auburn, AL 36830
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Friday, February 13, 2026

All Friday events will take place at the Taylor Center on the Auburn University at Montgomery campus (**7400 E. Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117**). Parking will be available in front of the building, and students and staff will be available to assist with directions.

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Available	Rooms 221-223
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Remarks	Rooms 221-223
9:05 a.m.	Committee Meetings	Rooms 221-223
10:00 a.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Rooms 221-223
10:05 a.m.	Proposed Executive Session	Chancellor's Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Reconvened Board Meeting	Rooms 221-223
11:15 a.m.	Recess Meeting	Rooms 221-223
Upon Conclusion	Luncheon	Room 230

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees (w/encl.)
President's Cabinet (w/encl.)

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY CAMPUS
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks | 9:00 a.m.
- II. Committee Meetings | 9:05 a.m.
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson Zeke Smith | 9:05 a.m.

Project Approvals:

- 1. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Art Appel)
- 2. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Mario Eden)
- 3. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Architect Selection (Jim Carroll/Vini Nathan)

Real Estate Approvals:

- 4. Authority to Sublease Property at the Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory in Huntsville, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)
- 5. Authority to Advertise Property for Lease on Wire Road in Auburn, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)
- 6. Authority to Execute Extension of Milstead Lease at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)
- 7. Authority to Execute a New AT&T Cell Tower Site License Agreement in Auburn, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)
- 8. Authority to Purchase Land on Cox Road in Auburn, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)

Informational Report:

- 9. Status Update – *For Information Only* (Jim Carroll)
 - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$5,000,000 and Greater
- B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson B.T. Roberts | 9:30 a.m.
 - 1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (Carl Stockton)

2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only* (Vini Nathan)
- C. Audit & Compliance Committee | Chairperson Billy Ainsworth | 9:35 a.m.
 1. Review of Audited Financial Report – *For Information Only* (Kelli Shomaker)
- D. Executive Committee | Chairperson Quentin Riggins | 9:45 a.m.
 1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering to Jacob Douglas Hurst (Vini Nathan)
 2. Proposed 2026-2027 Meeting Dates (Quentin Riggins)
 3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Quentin Riggins)
 4. Proposed Adoption of Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy (Quentin Riggins)
 5. Appointment of Trustees to the Presidential Assessment Working Group – *For Information Only* (Jimmy Sanford)
- E. Trustee Reports | 9:50 a.m.
- III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees | 10:00 a.m.
- IV. Proposed Executive Session | 10:05 a.m.
- V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees | 11:00 a.m.
 1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2025 Board Meeting
 2. AUM Chancellor's Report
 3. President's Report
 4. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee
 1. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings, Final Approval
 2. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory, Final Approval
 3. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Architect Selection

4. Authority to Sublease Property at the Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory in Huntsville, Alabama
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B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management

C. Executive Committee

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering to Jacob Douglas Hurst
2. Proposed 2026-2027 Meeting Dates
3. Proposed Awards and Namings
4. Proposed Adoption of Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy

VI. Recess Meeting | 11:15 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY CAMPUS
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings, Final Approval

Project Summary: The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) proposed the construction of new support buildings providing laboratories and office space at their outlying units in multiple locations across the state. The original proposed locations included the EV Smith Research Center, Brewton Agricultural Research Unit, and the recently purchased property in Autaugaville. Following the original project approval, the AAES has proposed also including the Chilton Research and Extension Center, increasing the number of locations to four. The AAES – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is planned to construct a new, approximately 2,500-square-foot facility at each of the proposed locations.

The estimated total project cost of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is \$6.0 million, to be financed by AAES funds.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project.

Previous Approvals: At its meeting on April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation and the selection of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project.

2. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory, Final Approval

Project Summary: The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering proposed the renovation of the remaining square feet of unfinished area within the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center. The project will renovate 16,000 square feet of unfinished space into laboratory space for electronics manufacturing, material analytics, and advanced manufacturing. A new terraced entrance will be constructed off the Ginn Concourse to enhance access to the laboratory and bring natural light into space. Program requirements also include collaboration space and service space to support the laboratory.

The estimated total project cost of the project is \$14.5 million, to be financed by funds specifically designated for this project within the State of Alabama FY23 supplemental appropriations.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval for the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project.

Previous Approvals: At its meeting on June 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the project initiation, and at its previous meeting on September 6, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of Caldwell Architects of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as the project architect.

3. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Architect Selection

Project Summary: The Office of the Provost proposed a comprehensive evaluation of the Haley Center. The Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation will yield a recommendation as to whether the existing facility will be renovated, altered or replaced, leading to a capital program aligning with said recommendations. The existing Haley Center requires all major building systems to be replaced and all instructional academic areas to be aligned with other major Auburn University academic buildings.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the selection of the firm Davis Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, teamed with Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) of New York, New York, as the project architect.

Previous Approvals: At its previous meeting on November 21, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process.

4. Authority to Sublease Property at the Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory in Huntsville, Alabama

Project Summary: In 2024, Auburn University Board of Trustees approved the project to construct a new Applied Research Laboratory in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park. This investment in a third building in what is now the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus is allowing Auburn to grow its collaborative programs with the defense, aerospace, and biotechnology sectors in the Huntsville-Redstone Arsenal community. To allow continued growth in Auburn's research programs, it is imperative to expand opportunities to develop new research partnerships with the government and industry sector partners in the Huntsville area by allowing selected partners to co-locate on Auburn's Huntsville campus when these partnerships are in alignment with our strategic goals and help advance our overall research programs. Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University authorize the President to enter into selected partner leases and agreements at the new Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory. The range of subleases and agreements would cover research and office

space within the new facility, as well as ground subleases for new facilities on the current 14-acre site and any additional buildings added in the future.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to take such action as is necessary to sublease office space and ground at the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus to enhance the operation of, and is in the best interest of the University, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to lease office space and ground with all documents consummating the lease reviewed as to form by the General Counsel.

Previous Approvals: None.

5. Authority to Advertise Property for Lease on Wire Road in Auburn, Alabama

Project Summary: This proposal involves a 2.6-acre parcel owned by Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. The parcel was a speculative purchase by the University in 1962. This parcel is not contiguous to campus and the adjoining parcels that have been purchased recently, so thus not likely to be acquired by AU. Staff have determined that it is not plausible to use this small, currently unused parcel for any future need. Given that the real estate office has fielded a number of requests to acquire the property, staff seek approval to solicit responses to an RFP to lease the property from the University.

Requested Action: It is recommended that the President be authorized to accept offers to lease the 2.6 acres on Wire Road and execute a 50-year lease agreement with the successful bidder. If you concur, it is requested that you recommend this proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property & Facilities Committee for action. The Request for Proposal documents will be reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's office. Any future lease will be brought to the Board for final approval.

Previous Approvals: None.

6. Authority to Execute Extension of Milstead Lease at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter, Alabama

Project Summary: On April 3, 1998, the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorized execution of a ground lease of ten acres of University property located at the E.V. Smith Research Center for the construction of a cotton gin. In September 1998, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the Milstead lease to increase the acreage to 25 acres. In April 2019, the AU BOT approved a modification to the location of a portion of the acreage to accommodate a new grain storage facility. The current ground lease has a 50-year term and is in effect until April 2, 2048.

The University has benefited from the relationship with Milstead and has no higher-priority plans to use this leased parcel. The proposed lease amendment will enhance the

cooperative partnership between the University and Milstead and will not interfere with any other planned use of the adjoining property by the University.

This request was initiated by Milstead through the Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES), Dr. Greg Pate. The Director of the AAES indicates this request has been reviewed by the Director of E.V. Smith Research Center, the Provost, and the Director of Real Estate. All groups recommend that the Milstead Lease Modification request be supported by the University.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to take such action as is necessary to execute the lease amendment described and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an amendment to the Milstead ground lease with such amendment to be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

Previous Approvals: None.

7. Authority to Execute a New AT&T Cell Tower Site License Agreement in Auburn, Alabama

Project Summary: The ability of cellular telephone service providers to adequately serve Auburn University and its constituents in the future depends on the location of cellular antennas on and around the university campus. The shift to 5G wireless services by cellular carriers has raised the demand for cellular infrastructure to meet the growing needs of students, staff, and visitors. AU has worked closely over the years with the three major carriers to make sure the AU student, staff, visitor and gameday experience was one of the best in the country.

AU granted AT&T a small mobile cellular site on South College around the AU Hotel since 2003. The site was relocated to the Cambridge Residence Hall in 2018. Due to the demolition of the Cambridge Residence Hall and the construction of the new East Thach Residence Hall, there is a need to relocate the small tower site to a new location. AT&T has asked for the ability to build a larger tower because of the current usage demand and traffic load requires a tower in order to handle the current demand along the East side of campus. Other carriers experience similar coverage challenges at this location and will have the opportunity to access a multi-carrier tower.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to authorize and empower Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other personas as may be acting as President, to negotiate and execute, in the best interest of Auburn University, a five-year site license agreement with up to 5 five-year extensions for a multi-carrier telecommunications tower on the property adjacent to the AUHCC and South College parking deck with all documents consummating the agreement reviewed as to form by legal counsel of Auburn University.

Previous Approvals: None.

8. Authority to Purchase Land on Cox Road in Auburn, Alabama

Project Summary: The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) was established in 1986 as a partnership between Auburn University and the National Asphalt Pavement Association Research and Education Foundation to provide practical research and development to meet the needs of maintaining America's highway infrastructure. NCAT was created to ensure this industry's ability to provide pavements that are durable, sustainable, quiet, safe, and economical. NCAT has continued to experience strong growth in its research and training programs since relocating to its current location in 2000, recording expenditures exceeding \$18 million for the last two fiscal years. Its office spaces, training spaces, and laboratories are at capacity and, to support continued growth, an expansion of its main facility is required in the near future.

This proposal involves the purchase of a 10.8-acre commercial parcel from Land Acquisition Partners in Auburn, Alabama, for One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000 or \$3.93/SF). The parcel is located at 456 Lee Road 10 (Cox Road), is close to the intersection of Cox Road and I-85 and is adjacent to the NCAT office in the Auburn Industrial Park. The combined 19.5-acre site would allow NCAT to expand the office complex, training center and research capabilities of the main office location.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the offer to purchase the property at 456 Lee Road 10 (Cox Road), Auburn, Alabama, for \$1,850,000 and authorize and empower Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, to purchase the parcel described consistent with Alabama law provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

Previous Approvals: None.

9. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$5,000,000 and Greater

These items are provided *for information only* and do not require a vote.

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management

The College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery proposes a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (BSHM). The new undergraduate degree advances the missions of AUM and the College of Business by preparing graduates for entry-level leadership and operations roles across hospitals, ambulatory and post-acute settings, physician enterprises, and payer/partner organizations. Designed for adult learners and

delivered 100% online, the BSHM widens access to high-demand healthcare management careers while supporting Alabama employers.

2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

New Graduate Certificate (1):

- *Graduate Certificate in Marketing*, Harbert College of Business

New Graduate Degree Option (1):

- *Master of Science in Architecture – Mass Timber Design Option*, College of Architecture, Design and Construction

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

C. Audit and Compliance Committee

1. Review of Audited Financial Report – *For Information Only*

Time will be allotted for a review of the audited financial report for Auburn University. Representatives from PricewaterhouseCoopers will be present to address the Board and answer questions.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

D. Executive Committee

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering to Jacob Douglas Hurst

Time will be allotted for discussion of the Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering to Jacob Douglas Hurst.

2. Proposed 2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Time will be allotted for discussion of the proposed board meeting dates listed below.

September 11, 2026
November 20, 2026
February 5, 2027 (AUM Campus)
April 9, 2027
June 4, 2027 (Annual Meeting)

3. Proposed Awards and Namings

Time will be allotted for discussion of a list of proposed awards and namings.

4. Proposed Adoption of Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy

This item seeks Board approval of a new Governance and Authority Policy to clearly align the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff by defining a hierarchy of all University Policies and addressing inconsistencies and ambiguities in the current substance and application of certain University policies. This item also seeks formal adoption by the Board of the Auburn University Code of Conduct and Ethics, which previously was approved by the Board at the September 4, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**5. Appointment of Trustees to the Presidential Assessment Working Group –
*For Information Only***

Time will be allotted for the appointment of trustees to serve on the Presidential Assessment Working Group.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA
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9. Status Update – For Information Only (Jim Carroll)
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Committee Chairperson: Mr. Zeke Smith

Faculty Representative: Dr. Lauren Redden, Auburn University (ex-officio, non-voting)

Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
OUTLYING UNITS SUPPORT BUILDINGS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) proposed the construction of new support buildings providing laboratories and office space for four outlying units; and

WHEREAS, the AAES-Outlying Units Support Buildings project will construct a new, approximately 2,500-square-foot building at the EV Smith Research Center, Brewton Agricultural Research Unit, Autauga Research Center and the Chilton Research and Extension Center; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project and approved the recommendation of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is \$6.0 million to be financed by AAES funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project in the amount of \$6.0 million to be financed by AAES funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2026 14:32:47 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Stomaker*

FROM: JIM CARROLL, Vice President, Facilities Management *J.C.*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION – OUTLYING UNITS
SUPPORT BUILDINGS: FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that provides final approval of the project. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct Auburn University Facilities Management to complete the project design, solicit bids, and award a construction contract.

Review and Consultation:

The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) has proposed the construction of new support buildings providing laboratories and office space at their outlying units in multiple locations across the state. The AAES – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is planned to construct a new, approximately 2,500-square-foot facility at each of the proposed locations.

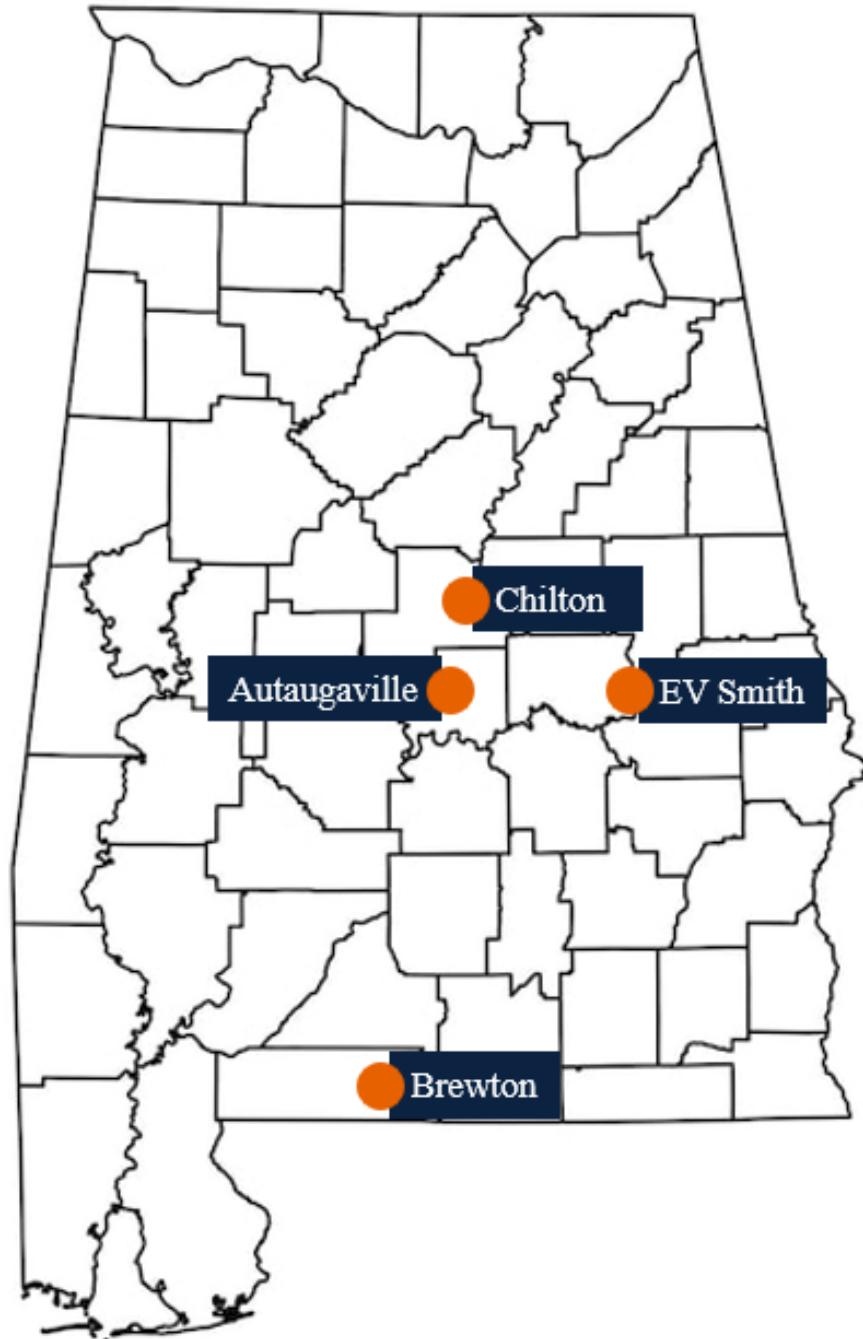
At its previous meeting on April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Building project and approved the recommendation of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project. The original proposed locations included the EV Smith Research Center, Brewton Agricultural Research Unit, and the recently purchased property in Autaugaville. Following the original project approval, the AAES has proposed also including the Chilton Research and Extension Center, increasing the number of locations to four.

The project team has worked to complete the design for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project at each of the locations. The proposed project details are provided below:

- Project Location: The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project will be located at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Tallassee, Alabama; the Brewton Agricultural Research Unit in Brewton, Alabama; the Autauga Research Center in Autaugaville, Alabama; and the Chilton Research and Extension Center in Clanton, Alabama. See Attachment 1 for the site map of the project location.
- Program Requirements: The project will construct an approximately 2,500-square-foot building which will provide office and meeting space along with a flexible shop and laboratory at each site. See Attachment 2 for the renderings of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings.
- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project is \$6.0 million, to be financed by AAES funds.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution providing final approval of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Attachment 1
Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings
Site Map



Attachment 2
Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings
Architectural Rendering



Exterior rendering of support building

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER ANALYTICAL, INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING LABORATORY

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering proposed the renovation of the remaining unfinished area within the plinth of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate 16,000 square feet into laboratory space for electronics manufacturing, material analytics and advanced manufacturing with a new terraced entrance off the Ginn Concourse to enhance access to the laboratory and bring natural light into the space; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project and at its meeting on September 6, 2024, approved the recommendation of Caldwell Architects of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project is \$14.5 million, to be financed by funds specifically designated for this project within the State of Alabama FY23 supplemental appropriations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project at \$14.5 million, to be financed by funds specifically designated for this project within the State of Alabama FY23 supplemental appropriations; and

2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2025 14:35:47 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

FROM: JIM CARROLL, Vice President, Facilities Management *J. Carroll*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER –
ANALYTICAL, INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING LABORATORY: FINAL
PROJECT APPROVAL**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that provides final approval of the project. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct Auburn University Facilities Management to complete the project design, solicit bids, and award a construction contract.

Review and Consultation:

The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering proposed the renovation of the remaining 16,000 square feet of unfinished area within the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center to create a cutting-edge facility that will foster interdisciplinary collaboration, creativity, and industry-relevant innovation, particularly focused on advanced manufacturing. The project will include laboratories concentrated on manufacturing and the analysis and testing of materials. Additionally, this project will provide collaboration and innovation spaces designed to facilitate idea generation and project development, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and technological advancement.

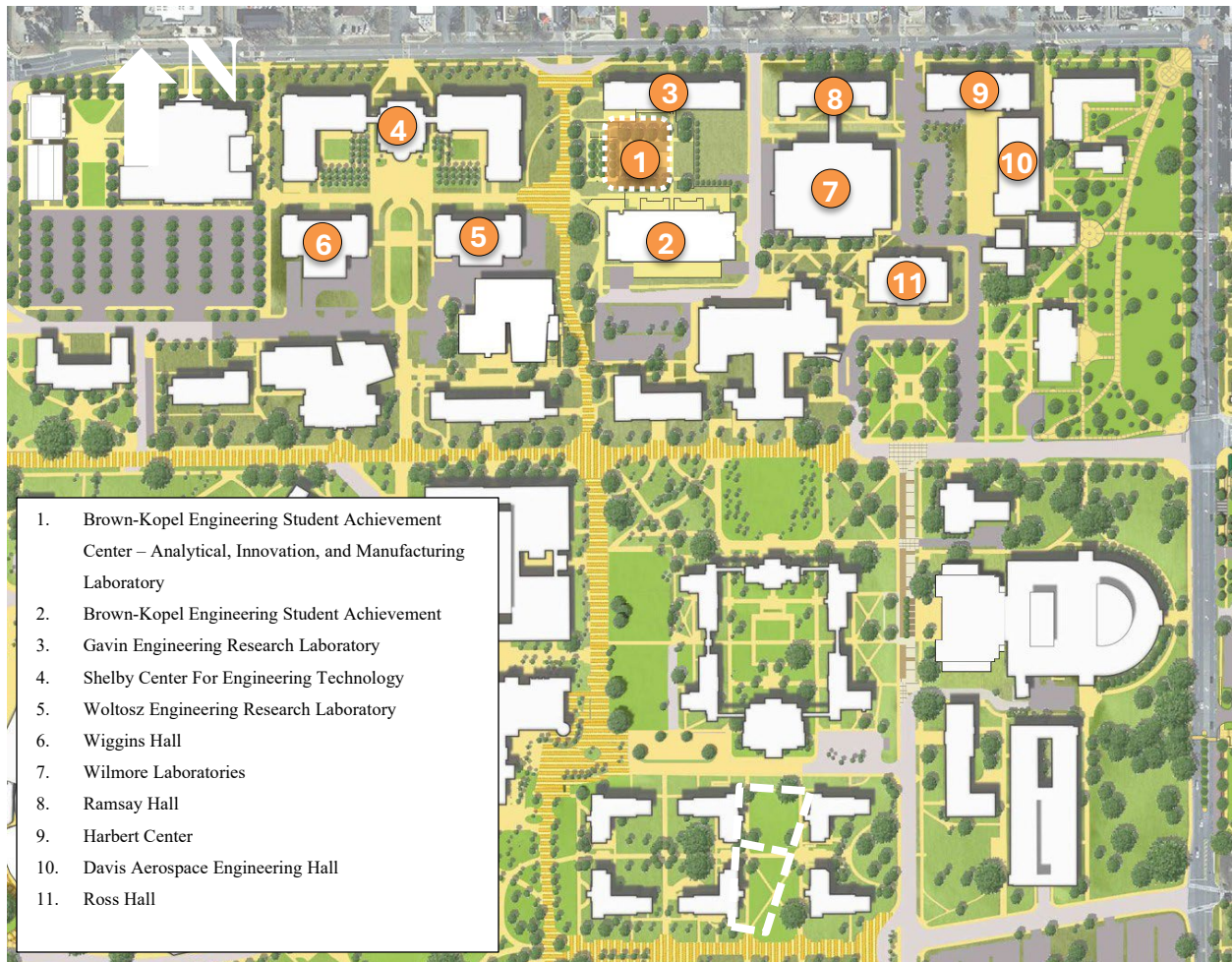
At its previous meeting on June 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project, and its meeting in September 6, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to approve the recommendation of Caldwell Architects of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as the project architect for the overall project.

Since that time, the project team has worked to complete the design for the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project. The proposed project details are provided below:

- Project Location: The Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project will be located within the existing plinth of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center, directly beneath the green space located between Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center and Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory. See Attachment 1 for the site map of the project location.
- Program Requirements: The project will renovate 16,000 square feet of unfinished space into laboratory space for electronics manufacturing, material analytics, and advanced manufacturing. A new terraced entrance will be constructed off the Ginn Concourse to enhance access to the laboratory and bring natural light into space. Program requirements also include collaboration space and service space to support the laboratory. See Attachment 2 for the renderings of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory.
- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project is \$14.5 million, to be financed by funds specifically designated for this project within the State of Alabama FY23 supplemental appropriations.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution providing final approval of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Attachment 1
Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center –
Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory
Site Map



Attachment 2
Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center –
Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory
Architectural Renderings



View of laboratory entrance from above the Ginn Concourse



View of laboratory entrance from within exterior gathering space



View of exterior from within lobby



View of interior from lobby



View of laboratory space from corridor

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

HALEY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 21, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation will yield a recommendation as to whether the existing facility will be renovated, altered or replaced, leading to a capital program aligning with said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with nine (9) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Davis Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, teamed with Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) of New York, New York, are best qualified to provide design services on this evaluation and subsequent project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage the firm Davis Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, teamed with RAMSA of New York, New York, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility evaluation, program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2026 14:35:47 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

FROM: JIM CARROLL, Vice President, Facilities Management *JCAR*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

HALEY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that approves the selection of the project architect.

Review and Consultation:

During its meeting on November 21, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process.

The Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation will yield a recommendation as to whether the existing facility will be renovated, altered or replaced, leading to a capital program aligning with said recommendations.

Since that time, a Request for Qualifications was published for design services. Fifteen (15) architectural firms submitted their qualifications, and nine (9) were interviewed by the Architect Selection Committee. The committee determined that the firm Davis Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, teamed with Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) of New York, New York, was best qualified to provide design services on this evaluation and subsequent project. The University Architect concurs with this recommendation.

It is, therefore, appropriate that a resolution be presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration to approve the selection of Davis Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, teamed with Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) of New York, New York, as the project architect for the project. If you concur, it is recommended the resolution be presented to the Board of Trustees,

Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) of New York, New York, as the project architect for the project. If you concur, it is recommended the resolution be presented to the Board of Trustees, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for appropriate review and action at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO SUBLEASE PROPERTY AT THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY APPLIED RESEARCH LABORATORY
IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, In December of 2021 the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a two-building campus located in the Cummings Research Park at 345 Voyager Way Huntsville, Alabama now known as the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus (“Campus”); and

WHEREAS, the university purchased the Campus to create a significant presence in the Huntsville community and to grow the university’s research portfolio; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2024 the Board of Trustees approved a project to build additional research space in the Applied Research Laboratory located in the Cummings Research Park at 905 Mark C. Smith Drive in Huntsville, Alabama now; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2023, the Board of Trustees approved leasing available space in the Voyager Way property when such a lease aligns with Auburn University’s strategic research priorities and facilitates the development of new partnerships with the defense, aerospace, and biotechnology sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development seeks approval to lease available office space and ground leases at the 905 Mark C. Smith Drive property for the same reason; and

WHEREAS, revenue generated by such leases will be used to defray the costs of the facilities and support the operation of the Applied Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees’ policy D-8 requires approval from the board to lease university property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has previously approved similar development approvals for leasing property at the Original Huntsville location, Auburn University Airport, and the Thomas Walter MRI Building at Auburn University Research Park; and

WHEREAS, authorization for the President to execute such leases is consistent with the desire to expand university research and its commitment to serve the defense, aerospace, and biotechnology sectors of our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that leasing office space and ground at the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus enhances the operation of, and is in the best interest of, the university, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President or such person as may be acting as President is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to lease office space and ground at the Campus. All documents consummating the lease of office space or ground at the Campus shall be reviewed, as to form, by the General Counsel.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2026 14:34:45 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior V.P. Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

THROUGH: JIM CARROLL, V.P. Facilities Management *Jim Carroll*

FROM: STEVEN TAYLOR, Senior V.P. Research and Economic Development *Stev Taylor*

MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate *Mark Stirling*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**AUTHORITY TO SUBLEASE PROPERTY AT THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY APPLIED RESEARCH LABORATORY IN
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

I am writing to request that the following item be added to the Board of Trustees' agenda for consideration at the February 13, 2026 meeting.

Proposal:

In 2024, Auburn University Board of Trustees approved the project to construct a new Applied Research Laboratory in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park. This investment in a third building in what is now the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus is allowing Auburn to grow its collaborative programs with the defense, aerospace, and biotechnology sectors in the Huntsville-Redstone Arsenal community. To allow continued growth in Auburn's research programs, it is imperative to expand opportunities to develop new research partnerships with the government and industry sector partners in the Huntsville area by allowing selected partners to co-locate on Auburn's Huntsville campus when these partnerships are in alignment with our strategic goals and help advance our overall research programs. Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University authorize the President to enter into selected partner subleases and agreements at the new Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory. The range of subleases and agreements would cover research and office space within the new facility, as well as ground subleases for new facilities on the current 14-acre site and any additional buildings added in the future.

Rationale and Recommendation:

Similar to the operation of the AU Huntsville Voyager Way building, AU Regional Airport and the Auburn University Research Park, it is necessary to be able to move quickly in a robust and active commercial real estate market. The Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory has available office space, laboratory space and land that is ideal for attracting new research partners. This proposal is made with extensive consultation and agreement between the President, Senior

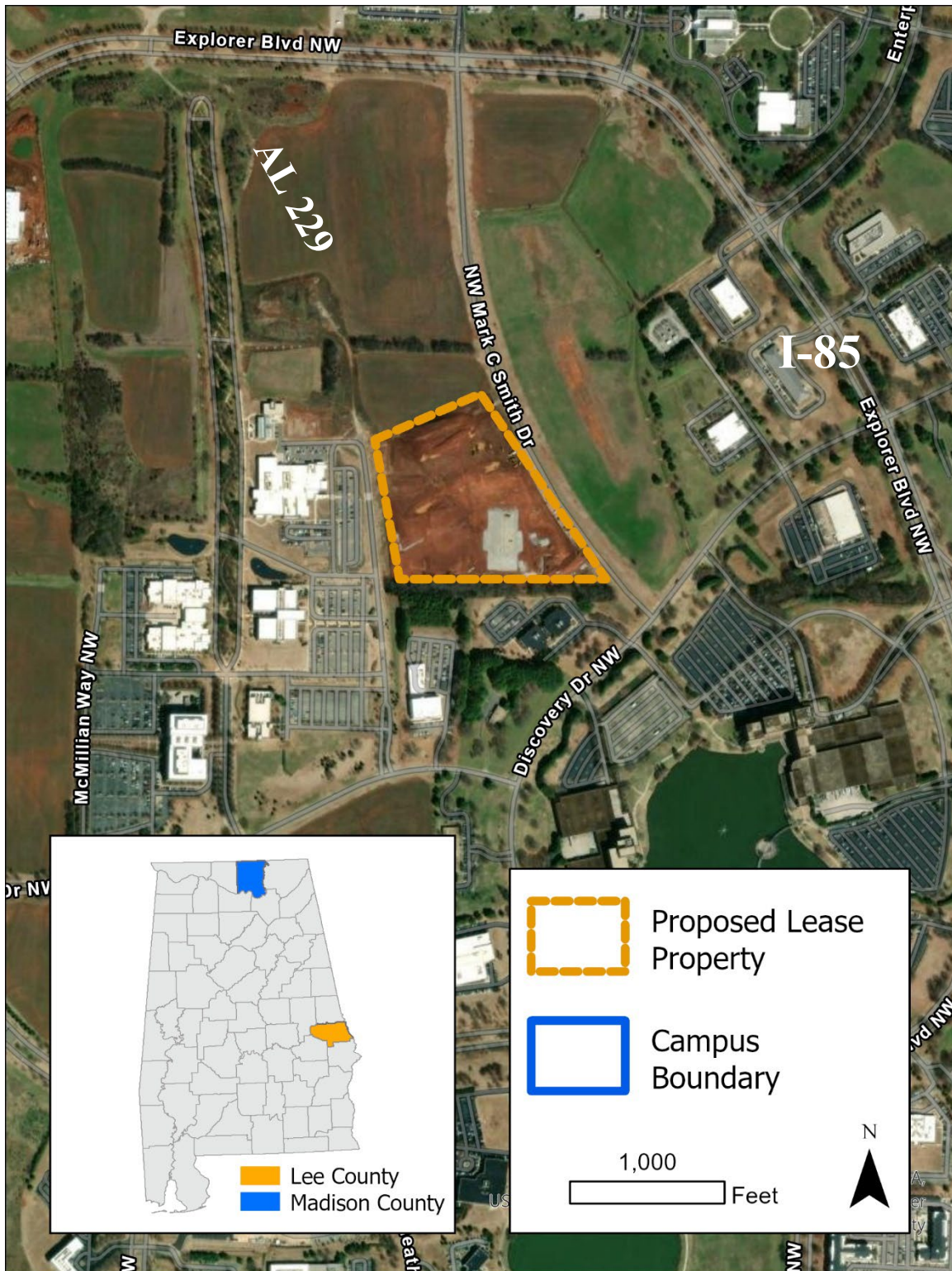
Vice Presidents, Director of Real Estate, and outside professional Real Estate consultants. Rates will be established consistent with market rates.

The local private and public research market is strong and growing. Demand for leases for available office space and ground lease agreements have been confirmed. The revenue generated from these subleases and agreements will assist AU operations in Huntsville to become self-supporting and provide necessary funding to maintain and further develop the Huntsville campus.

Therefore, it is recommended that the President be authorized to execute subleases to private and public entities that engage in research that will partner with AU or from which AU will benefit. If you concur, it is requested that you recommend this proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property & Facilities Committee for action.

Exhibit 1

Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory, Huntsville, AL



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE PROPERTY FOR LEASE ON WIRE ROAD IN

AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns a small amount of real property in Alabama that is not used for its core mission; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn, AL real estate holdings include a 2.6-acre parcel of property at Wire Road that was purchased by the university in 1962 to hold for the potential to expand the campus to the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University does not currently utilize this parcel nor intend to do so in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, Leasing the parcel would generate revenue and other benefits that could support Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Alabama law permits the University to offer real property for lease by listing it in a request for proposal (RFP) to solicit qualified responses; and

WHEREAS, the University would offer to lease the parcel for up to 50 years to the highest bidder with an acceptable use; and

WHEREAS, any proposed lease transactions resulting from the RFP shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its review and approval prior to completing the leases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, given the unique location of the property and possible commercial and retail opportunities there, it is economically justified and in the best interest of the University to offer the property described above for lease through a request for proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to solicit lease offers for the property described above, consistent with Board policy and Alabama law, provided that any proposed lease transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to closing.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts@auburn.edu (904) 255-1705 (17 C51)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, V.P. and C.F. O. *Kelli Shomaker*

THROUGH: JIM CARROLL, V.P. Facilities Management *Jim Carroll*

FROM: MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate *Mark Stirling*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE PROPERTY FOR LEASE ON WIRE ROAD IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum is to request that the following item be presented to the Board of Trustees, through the Property and Facilities Committee, and be included on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

It is proposed that the Board of Trustees authorize the President to solicit offers to lease property on Wire Road, Auburn, AL.

Review and Consultation:

This proposal involves a 2.6-acre parcel owned by Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. The parcel was a speculative purchase by the University in 1962 (See Exhibit 1). This parcel is not contiguous to campus and the adjoining parcels that have been purchased recently, so thus not likely to be acquired by AU. Staff have determined that it is not plausible to use this small, currently unused parcel for any future need. Given that the real estate office has fielded a number of requests to acquire the property, staff seek approval to solicit responses to an RFP to lease the property from the university.

Board of Trustee Policy D-7 allows for consideration of the lease of University property when use of such property is no longer required to carry out the mission of the University. Auburn University has determined that this parcel will not be used for any strategic purpose and, accordingly, it has recommended the lease of this parcel. The proceeds from the lease will be held and used in accordance with Board policy.

Therefore, it is recommended that the President be authorized to accept offers to lease the 2.6 acres on Wire Rd and execute up to a 50-year lease agreement with the successful bidder. If you concur, it is requested that you recommend this proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property & Facilities Committee for action. The Request for Proposal documents will be reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's office. Any future lease will be brought to the Board for final approval.



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE EXTENSION OF MILSTEAD LEASE AT THE E. V. SMITH
RESEARCH CENTER IN SHORTER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, in April 1998, the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorized a fifty-year ground lease of ten acres at the E.V. Smith Research Center to Milstead Farm Group, Inc. ("Milstead"), for the construction of a cotton gin and related uses; and

WHEREAS, in September 1998, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to increase the leased acreage to twenty-five acres; and

WHEREAS, April 2019, the Board of Trustees approved a modification to the Milstead leased area, an approximately 2.5-acre parcel, that was too wet to be used for cotton module storage as well as a term extension to April 2, 2048; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2023, a tornado ripped through Macon County and destroyed the Milstead gin. Milstead completely renovated the gin and returned it to full operation; and

WHEREAS, Milstead has requested a 30-year extension (effective end date April 2, 2078) to allow them to finance the extensive renovations caused by the tornado; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease amendment will enhance the cooperative partnership between the University and Milstead and will not interfere with any other planned use of the adjoining property by the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the lease amendment described above is in the best interest of Auburn University, in furtherance of its academic mission, and is undertaken for institution-related purposes designed to enhance the operation of Auburn University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an amendment to the Milstead ground lease, as described above, with such amendment to be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2025 14:32:24 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior V.P. Business and Administration and CFO *Kelli Shomaker*

THROUGH: JIM CARROLL, V.P. Facilities Management *JC*

FROM: ARTHUR APPEL, Dean College of Agriculture *Arthur G. Appel*
Arthur G. Appel (Feb 5, 2026 20:09:11 CST)

MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate *Mark Stirling*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE EXTENSION OF MILSTEAD LEASE AT
THE E.V. SMITH RESEARCH CENTER IN SHORTER, ALABAMA**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Milstead Farm Group, Inc. Lease Modification be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for appropriate action that will approve a lease amendment to extend the lease until 2078.

Review and Consultation:

On April 3, 1998, the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorized execution of a ground lease of ten acres of University property located at the E.V. Smith Research Center for the construction of a cotton gin. In September 1998, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the Milstead lease to increase the acreage to 25 acres. In April 2019, the AU BOT approved a modification to the location of a portion of the acreage to accommodate a new grain storage facility. Milstead completely rebuilt the facility after a devastating tornado on March 27, 2023. The current ground lease has a 50-year term and is in effect until April 2, 2048.

The Milstead Farm Group built and has operated the cotton gin for the past 28 years. They have proven to be both a good operator and partner to the University and its educational mission. Cotton industry personnel from around the world have toured and trained at Milstead's facility. In 2008, West African cotton ginneries received on-site training as part of World Trade Organization programming and USAID funding. The Milstead site also serves as a tour location for multiple Alabama Cooperative Extension System events annually.

Milstead has requested a 30-year extension of the ground lease to assist in financing the renovation costs required by the renovations. The University has benefitted from the relationship with Milstead and have no higher-priority plans to use this leased parcel, given its location and soil composition resulting from the previous owner's mining operation. The proposed lease amendment will enhance the cooperative partnership between the University and Milstead and will not interfere with any other planned use of the adjoining property by the University. Attachment 1 depicts the overall site.

This request was initiated by Milstead through the Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES), Dr. Greg Pate. The Director of the AAES indicates this request has been reviewed by the Director of E.V. Smith Research Center, the Provost, and the Director of Real Estate. All groups recommend that the Milstead Lease Modification request be supported by the University.

Rationale for Recommendation:

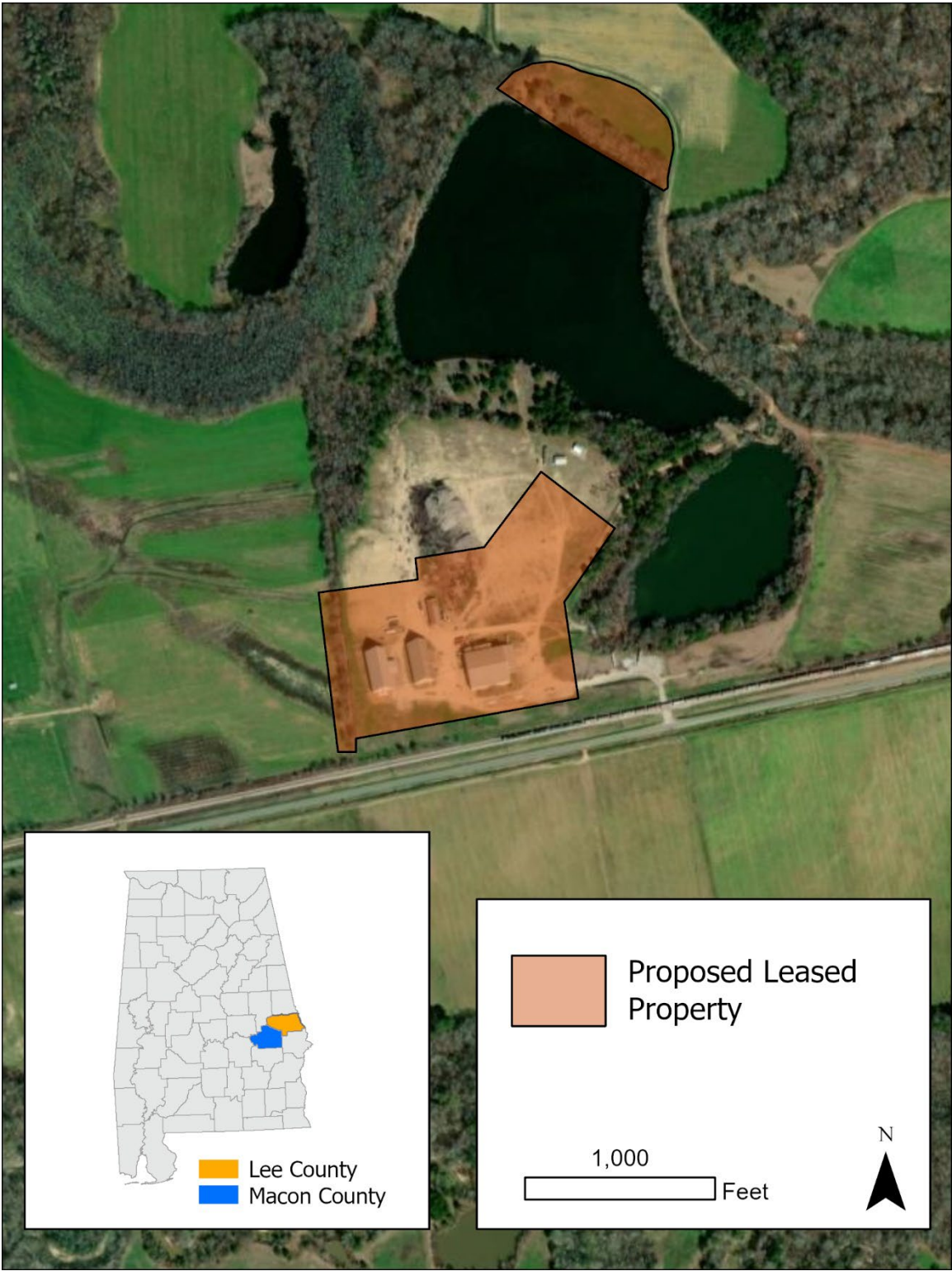
Modification of this lease will allow for an extension of the Milstead ground lease for 30 additional years, with an effective lease termination date of April 2, 2078.

It is therefore appropriate that the proposed lease revisions be presented to the Property and Facilities Committee and, upon receiving endorsement by the Committee, be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for consideration of a resolution that authorizes the President to execute the lease with provisions deemed to be in the best interest of Auburn University. All such lease documents shall be reviewed as to form by the General Counsel of Auburn University.

Attachment 1

E.V. Smith Research Center

Milstead Farm Group Lease Parcel Site Diagram



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A NEW AT&T CELL TOWER SITE

LICENSE AGREEMENT IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Office of Information Technology is committed to providing the telecommunication services necessary in support of Auburn University's mission, as well as staff, student and visitor expectations, with wireless services considered essential to future operations, and the current level of cellular telephone services on campus is inadequate and needs to be upgraded; and

WHEREAS, the cellular service providers have determined that existing university coverage is poor along the South College Street side of campus and requires cellular telephone service upgrades, and that these upgrades would be best accomplished with construction of a new tower; and

WHEREAS, AT&T has provided service to this side of campus since 2003 by virtue of a small cell site license agreement adjacent to the South College Street parking deck near the AU Hotel and Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, This site was relocated to the Cambridge Residence Hall because of the construction of the hotel parking deck; and

WHEREAS, the demolition of the Cambridge Residence Hall requires the site to be relocated again; and

WHEREAS, allowing AT&T to construct a tower adjacent to the South College Street parking deck will allow all carriers to co-locate on the site, thus resolving the coverage issue for all cellular providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate and execute, in the best interest of Auburn University, a five-year site license agreement with up to 5 five-year extensions for a multi-carrier telecommunications tower on the property adjacent to the AU Hotel and South College Street parking deck. All documents consummating the agreement shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel of Auburn University.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2026 14:33:02 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior V.P. Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

THROUGH: JIM CARROLL, V.P. Facilities Management *Jim Carroll*

FROM: JIM O'CONNOR, V.P. OIT *James McO'Connor*

MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate *Mark Stirling*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A NEW AT&T CELL TOWER SITE LICENSE
AGREEMENT IN AUBURN, ALABAMA**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This is to request that the following item be submitted to the Property and Facilities Committee for review; and upon receiving the approval of the committee, be included on the Board of Trustees agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

The Office of Information Technology (AU OIT) is dedicated to supporting Auburn University's mission by providing essential telecommunication services, especially wireless. AU OIT works with cellular providers to continually improve service on campus for students, staff, and visitors. In 2003, AU issued a site license agreement to AT&T at the AU Hotel & Dixon Conference Center parking lot. Staff continues to receive inquiries from other providers to install antennas and equipment along South College Street due to poor coverage. AT&T wishes to install a tower to improve signal coverage and increase capacity to meet high demand on this side of campus.

Review and Consultation:

Cellular communication and mobile electronics have increasingly become a necessity of modern campus life. The ability of cellular telephone service providers to adequately serve Auburn University and its constituents in the future depends on the location of cellular antennas on and around the university campus. The shift to 5G wireless services by cellular carriers has raised the demand for cellular infrastructure to meet the growing needs of students, staff, and visitors. AU has worked closely over the years with the three major carriers to make sure the AU student, staff, visitor and gameday experience was one of the best in the country. These projects have included the roof top licenses, temporary site licenses for events, W. Samford tower site in 2004, Jordan-Hare Distributed Antenna System, academic building Distributed Antenna System, being one of the first 5G campuses in the US, and Small Cell and Pico Cell locations to improve the data transfer. All making sure that the cellular infrastructure did not diminish the image and character of the AU campus.

AU granted AT&T a small mobile cellular site on South College around the AU Hotel since 2003. The site was relocated to the Cambridge Residence Hall in 2018. Due to the demolition of the Cambridge Residence Hall and the construction of the new East Thach Residence Hall, there is a need to relocate the small tower site to a new location. AT&T has asked for the ability to build a larger tower because of the current usage demand and traffic load requires a tower in order to handle the current demand along the East side of campus. Other carriers experience similar coverage challenges at this location and will have the opportunity to access a multi-carrier tower.

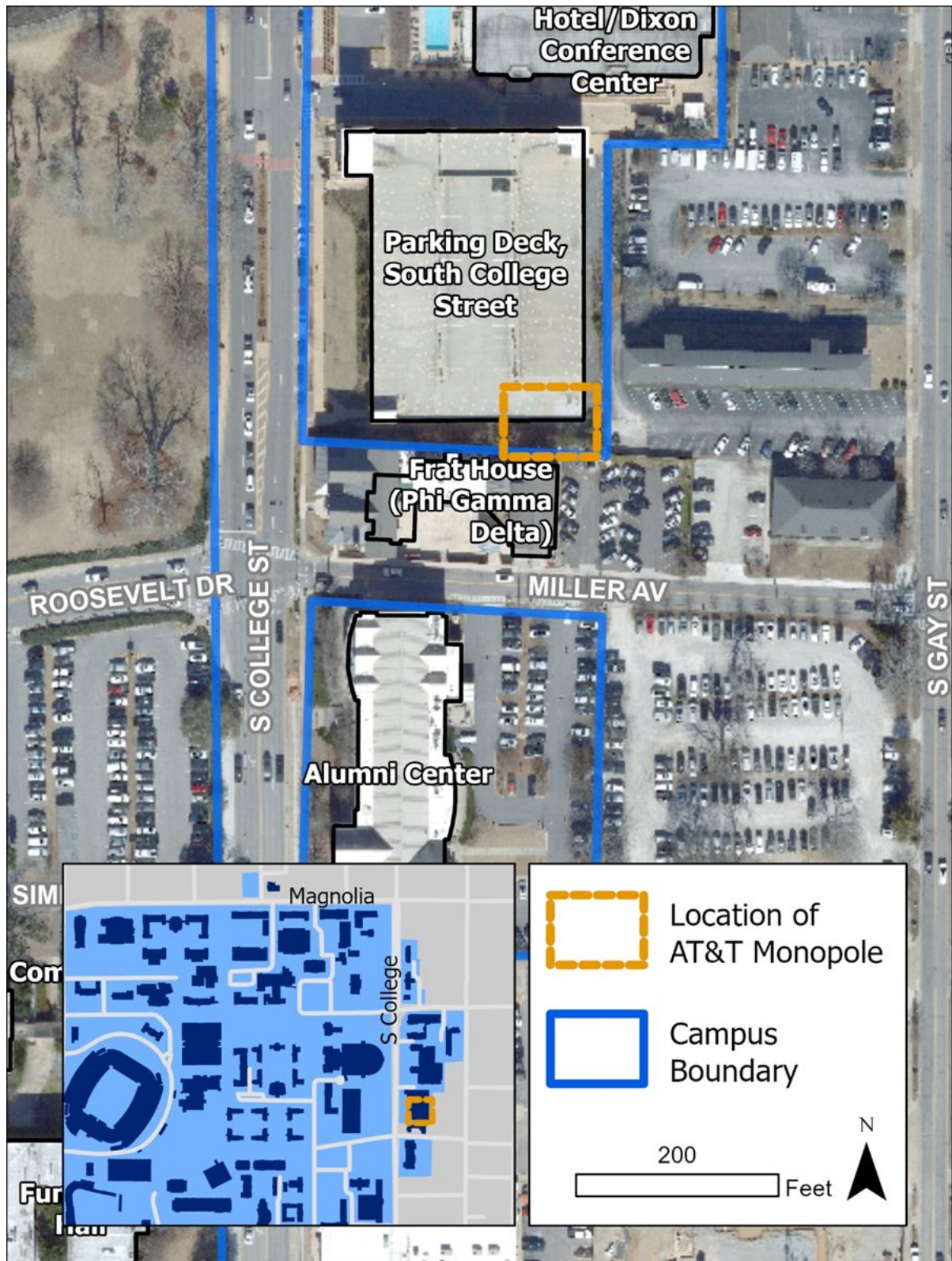
The proposed new tower will allow for wireless service providers to locate permanent cellular telephone antennas on the Auburn University main campus and provide the university with much needed additional tower resources for current and future wireless communications. AT&T plans to build a tower and facility beside the South Parking Garage at the AU Hotel and Conference Center (see Appendix). The new tower is a stealth design to minimize the visual impact of exposed antenna. The proposed tower can host all three carriers at one site. It is recommended initial term is 5 years with up to 5 five-year renewals.

Rationale for Recommendation:

To support wireless carriers in their efforts to deliver robust cellular telephone services to Auburn University and its community and to provide enhanced resources for future wireless networking and communication needs at the university, it is recommended that the proposed tower on South College be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees for its consideration and approval. The new tower is specifically intended to improve coverage for the northeast section of campus. Furthermore, the design of the tower will accommodate multiple carriers, offering opportunities for various service providers to install their equipment and thereby strengthen overall cellular service in this critical campus area.

PROJECT SITE

NEW TOWER LOCATION



PROJECT SITE

NEW TOWER IMAGES



View from College Street looking East



View from College Street looking East over Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity House

PROJECT SITE

NEW TOWER IMAGES



View from Gay Street looking West

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND ON COX ROAD IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University is interested in acquiring property in Auburn, Alabama, for the benefit of Auburn University and its National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT); and

WHEREAS, the property consists of 10.8 acres located at 456 Lee Road 10 (Cox Road), Auburn, AL; and

WHEREAS, this parcel is located close to the intersection of Cox Road and I-85 and is adjacent to the NCAT main office property in Auburn Technology Park; and

WHEREAS, the additional property will allow NCAT to expand the office and research ability of the main office location; and

WHEREAS, the property will be transferred by general warranty deed; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price does not exceed the MAI appraisals of the property; and

WHEREAS, the University has acquired an option to purchase the property, subject to AU Board of Trustees approval

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that AU approve the offer to purchase the property at 456 Lee Road 10 (Cox Road), Auburn, Alabama for One Million eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the parcel described above, consistent with Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2026 14:33:42 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior V.P. Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

THROUGH: JIM CARROLL, V.P. Facilities Management *Jim Carroll*

FROM: MARIO EDEN, DEAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING *Mario Eden*
MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate *Mark Stirling*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND ON COX ROAD IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This memorandum is to request that the following item be presented to the Board of Trustees, through the Property and Facilities Committee, and be included on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

It is proposed that the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorize the President or designee to purchase certain property in Auburn, Alabama.

Review and Consultation:

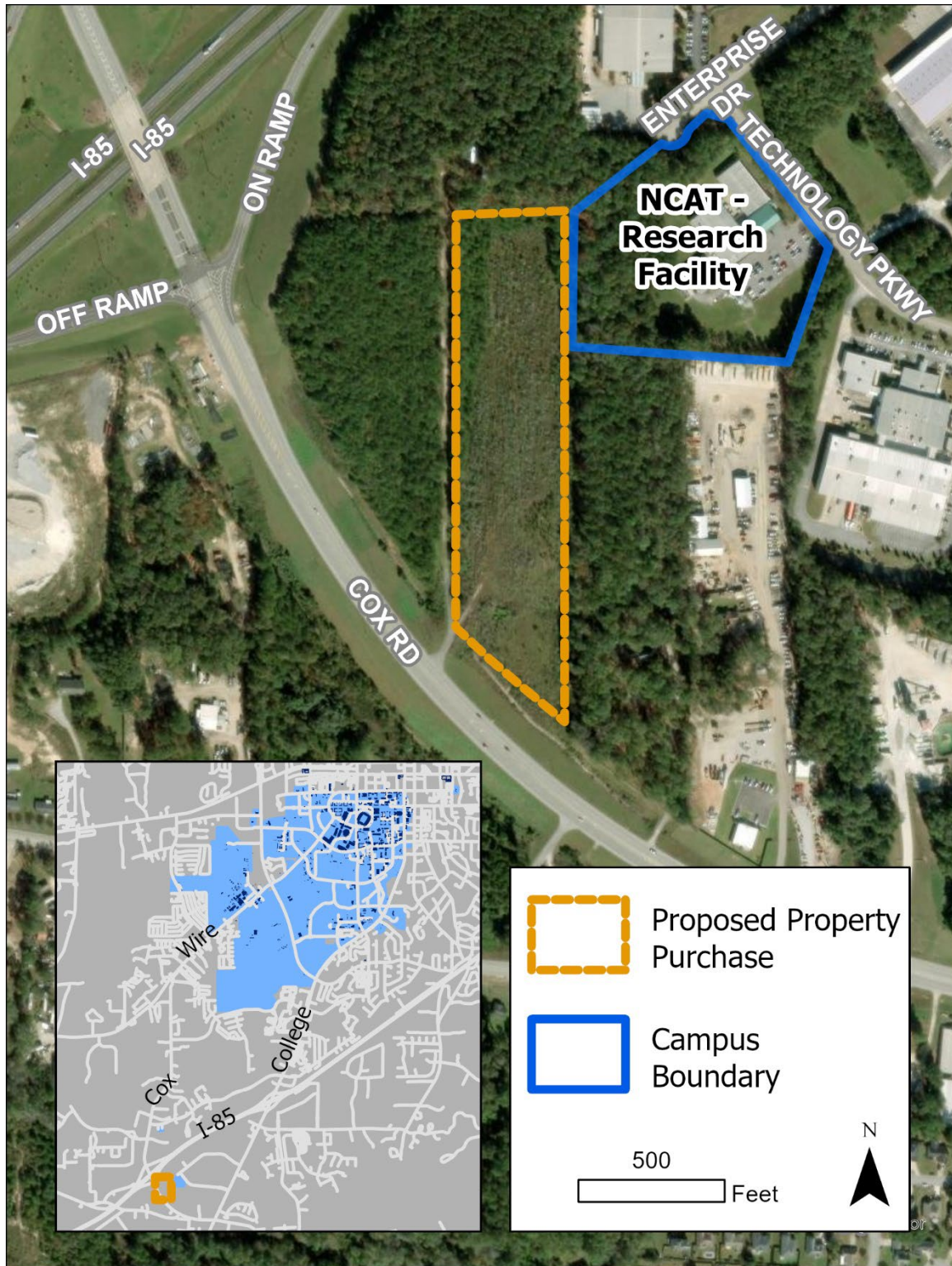
The National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) was established in 1986 as a partnership between Auburn University and the National Asphalt Pavement Association Research and Education Foundation to provide practical research and development to meet the needs of maintaining America's highway infrastructure. NCAT was created to ensure this industry's ability to provide pavements that are durable, sustainable, quiet, safe, and economical. NCAT has continued to experience strong growth in its research and training programs since relocating to its current location in 2000, recording expenditures exceeding \$18 million for the last two fiscal years. Its office spaces, training spaces, and laboratories are at capacity and, to support continued growth, an expansion of its main facility is required in the near future.

This proposal involves the purchase of a 10.8-acre commercial parcel from Land Acquisition Partners in Auburn, Alabama for One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000 or \$3.93/SF). The parcel is located at 456 Lee Road 10 (Cox Road), is close to the intersection of Cox Road and I-85 (see Exhibit 1) and is adjacent to the NCAT office in the Auburn Industrial Park. The combined 19.5-acre site would allow NCAT to expand the office complex, training center and research capabilities of the main office location.

The purchase will be funded by NCAT reserves and College of Engineering funds. In accordance with Board of Trustees Policy D-10, the purchase price will not exceed the MAI appraisals. Acquisition of the property will be by general warranty deed. This acquisition was recommended and approved by the Director and Board of NCAT, Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Director of Real Estate, Vice President of Facilities Management, Senior Vice President of Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer, and President.

Therefore, it is recommended that the President be authorized to purchase the property described herein. All documents for acquisition will be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing. If you concur, it is requested that you recommend this proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property & Facilities Committee for action.

EXHIBIT 1



STATUS UPDATE

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Time will be allotted for the following status update:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$5,000,000 and Greater



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *Christopher B. Roberts*
Christopher B. Roberts (Feb 4, 2025 14:35:47 CST)

THROUGH: KELLI SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *Kelli Shomaker*

FROM: JIM CARROLL, Vice President, Facilities Management *JAC*

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**CURRENT STATUS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITH BUDGETS OF \$5,000,000 AND GREATER
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026

This is to request that the following proposal be submitted to the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

Consistent with standing practice, it is proposed that the current status report of new construction/renovation/infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$5,000,000 be submitted, *for information only*, to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

Review and Consultation:

The Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 4, 2001, requested that it receive a regular update on the financial status of Board approved projects. The attached list includes projects at Auburn University and outlying units.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Consistent with the request of the Board of Trustees for a current status report of new construction/renovation/infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$5,000,000, the attached listing is provided, *for information only*, to the Board through the Property and Facilities Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Data as of 12/03/2025

Auburn University Facilities Management
Current Capital Projects
 (Spending across Multiple Years)
Summary of Cash Flow by Project Phase

<i>Project Phase</i>	<i>Previous Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>Current Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)</i>	<i>Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2026</i>	<i>Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2027 & Forward</i>
Substantial Completion	185,150,000	214,150,000	189,384,973	13,070,066	1,600,000 *
Construction	483,850,000	458,750,000	334,021,994	105,162,172	10,755,000 *
Design	12,020,500	149,874,327	8,953,977	63,957,300	76,963,050
Planning	12,447,612	5,565,612	664,767	4,737,790	163,055
Totals	693,468,112	828,339,939	533,025,711	186,927,328	89,481,105 *
Other Open Projects	44,514,591	96,840,417	50,626,801	12,837,116	33,376,500
Grand Totals	737,982,703	925,180,356	583,652,512	199,764,444	122,857,605 *

* On the lines with asterisks, the sum of the spending columns does not equal the current approved budget figure due to projects being executed under budget. See individual project lines on following pages for details.

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SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION PHASE												
Kreher Preserve & Nature Center - Environmental Education Building 20-429	Substantial Completion	1,950,000	3,900,000	3,900,000			3,862,214	27,786	0	1,512	36,274	* See note below
North AU Equine Facility - New Office Building 21-108	Substantial Completion	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000			6,471,098	149,731	0	149,835	379,067	* See note below
Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services 23-072	Substantial Completion	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000			2,329,000	14,968	0	14,968	856,032	* See note below
Plainsman Park Improvements 21-378	Substantial Completion	30,000,000	30,000,000	3,653,506	26,346,494		29,624,067	375,933	0	274,939	100,994	
College of Education Building - New Facility 18-538	Substantial Completion	77,000,000	77,000,000	6,000,000	34,585,165	36,414,835	72,033,339	4,166,661	0	1,225,114	3,741,547	* See note below
Quad Residence Halls Renovation Phase 2: Teague & Little Halls 21-358	Substantial Completion	22,500,000	22,500,000	22,500,000			21,383,368	479,397	0	66,700	1,049,932	* See note below
Lowder Hall - Academic Advising Suite Renovation 22- 007	Substantial Completion	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000			2,985,977	1,500,000	0	244,457	2,269,566	* See note below
Jordan-Hare Stadium - Provide A New Score & Video Board System 24-015	Substantial Completion	25,700,000	25,700,000	15,700,000	10,000,000		17,482,862	2,342,138	0	397,904	7,819,234	* See note below
Draughton Village Laundry - Convert Laundry Facility Into Restrooms 23-158	Substantial Completion	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000			1,691,906	5,094	0	0	8,094	* See note below

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Athletics Complex Renovations for Sports Medicine - Summary	Substantial Completion	8,650,000	8,650,000	6,226,736	2,423,264	0	6,316,583	733,417	1,600,000	236,642	2,096,775	
Gogue Performing Arts Center - Outdoor Pavilion & Exterior Improvements 22-213	Substantial completion	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000			13,113,104	1,866,396	0	1,561,338	325,558	* See note below
Garden Pavillion - University Events Center 23-466	Substantial completion	14,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000			12,091,455	1,408,545	0	1,014,530	894,015	* See note below
Total Substantial Completion			214,150,000	104,380,242	73,354,923	36,414,835	189,384,973	13,070,066	1,600,000	5,187,939	19,577,088	

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CONSTRUCTION PHASE													
Academic Classroom & Laboratory Complex - Summary	Substantial Completion/Design	83,000,000	83,000,000	0	82,071,760	928,240	70,763,287	3,000,000	1,000,000	2,000	12,234,713	* See note below	
STEM & Agricultural Sciences Complex - New Facility 20-378	Construction	200,000,000	224,000,000	36,000,000	138,000,000	50,000,000	187,137,979	36,362,021	500,000	31,770,648	5,091,373		
University Student Housing Phase I 19-442	Construction	80,000,000	80,000,000	7,166,298	72,833,702		56,250,881	23,749,119	0	15,601,397	8,147,722		
Neville Arena - New Practice Gym & Team Support Space Renovations - Summary	Construction	8,650,000	8,650,000	8,448,065	201,935	0	6,644,651	2,005,349	0	1,431,556	573,793		
Transformation Gardens - Garden Implementation (Phase I) 21-445	Construction	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000			700,930	1,099,070	0	760,913	738,157	* See note below	
Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station - New Building 22-258	Construction	14,000,000	14,000,000			14,000,000	2,479,674	11,520,326	0	10,260,806	1,259,520		
Comer Hall - Comprehensive Renovation 24-477	Construction	40,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	15,000,000		8,606,763	22,293,237	9,100,000	17,117,411	14,275,826		
Melton Student Center - Patio Renovation 24-347	Construction	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000			1,233,332	1,716,668	0	1,201,604	565,064	* See note below	
Auburn University Regional Airport New Corporate Hangar at East Ramp 24-574	Construction	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,400,000		500,000	204,497	3,416,382	155,000	3,234,933	460,570	* See note below	
Total Construction			458,750,000	85,214,363	308,107,397	65,428,240	334,021,994	105,162,172	10,755,000	81,381,268	43,346,738		

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DESIGN PHASE											
Foy Hall - Relocate Campus Dining Kitchen To Existing Service Kitchen 23-264	Design	247,500	247,500	247,500			61,967	185,533	0	155,030	30,503
Quad Residence Halls Renovation Phase 3: Keller & Owen Halls 24-237	Design	28,500,000	28,500,000	28,500,000			1,017,462	11,542,666	15,939,872	404,441	27,078,097
CADC Rural Studio - Red Barn Comprehensive Renovation 24-348	Design	709,224	709,224	709,224			352,234	356,990	0	316,798	40,192
Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic & Research Facility 24-492	Design	100,000,000	100,000,000	80,000,000	20,000,000		1,575,519	37,401,303	61,023,178	2,865,790	95,558,691
Brown-Kopel Eng Student Achievement Ctr - Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory 24-079	Design	934,500	934,500	934,500			329,538	604,962	0	410,658	194,304
East Thach Residence Hall - Summary	Design	7,424,500	7,424,500		7,424,500	0	88,280	7,336,220	0	65,837	7,270,383
AG Research Unit (AAES) - Autaugaville, EV Smith, & Brewton, Build Offices Alabama (Agricultural	Design	277,815	277,815	227,815			167,829	109,986	0	98,361	11,625
Transformation Gardens - Phase 2 Aquaponics Greenhouse 22-078	Design	456,288	456,288	456,288			151,641	304,647	0	250,725	53,922
Jordan-Hare Stadium - North Endzone Multi-Use Facility 24-493	Design	11,000,000	11,000,000		11,000,000		5,124,700	5,875,300	0	5,132,403	742,897
Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex New Support Building 24-552	Design	150,000	150,000	150,000			527	149,473	0	107,600	41,873

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Bee Center New Support Building 22-491	Design	174,500	174,500	174,500			84,280	90,220	0	16,428	73,792	
Total Design			149,874,327	111,399,827	38,424,500	0	8,953,977	63,957,300	76,963,050	9,824,071	131,096,279	

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PLANNING PHASE												
Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion 21-017	HOLD (Programming)	96,900	96,900	96,900			6,193	0	90,707	0	90,707	
Vehicle Research and Innovation Lab, New Building 23-178	Hold/Programming	527,000	527,000			527,000	454,652	0	72,348	65,919	6,429	
Solon Dixon Education Ctr - Dorm A & B Replacement 23-168	Design	441,712	441,712	441,712			189,752	251,960	0	163,273	88,687	
Central Dining Commons - Create A Mini Food Hall 25-095	Programming	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000			13,670	2,986,330	0	20,500	2,965,830	
Woltosz Football Performance Center - Renovate Multi Purpose Room 25-213	Programming	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000			500	1,499,500	0	171,256	1,328,244	
Total Planning			5,565,612	5,038,612	0	527,000	664,767	4,737,790	163,055	420,948	4,479,897	

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Other Open Projects	Various Stages		96,840,417	86,224,633	8,250,317	2,365,467	50,626,801	12,837,116	33,376,500	18,866,854	27,346,762	
GRAND TOTAL			925,180,356	392,257,677	428,137,137	104,735,542	583,652,512	199,764,444	122,857,605	115,681,080	225,846,764	

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY CAMPUS
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (Carl Stockton)
2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only* (Vini Nathan)

Committee Chairperson: Mr. B.T. Roberts

Faculty Representative: Dr. Virginia Davis, Auburn University (ex-officio, non-voting)

Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT (BSHM)

WHEREAS, the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) wishes to create a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (BSHM) to prepare graduates for entry-level leadership and management roles across hospitals, clinics, long-term care, and related health organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BSHM will be delivered fully online in an adult-learner-friendly format to broaden access for working professionals and remote students; and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to recruit (1) graduates of allied-health Associate of Science (AS) degrees, including Radiologic Technology, Medical Laboratory, Respiratory Therapy, and Nursing, who seek advancement into management, and (2) students who wish to enter healthcare as a profession and require a 100% online pathway; and

WHEREAS, Associate degree-prepared students will typically complete approximately 60 additional credit hours at AUM to reach the 120-hour bachelor's requirement, while students without an Associate's degree will complete the full 120-hour BSHM curriculum online; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum provides a career-ready management toolkit covering healthcare finance and reimbursement, analytics and decision support, quality improvement and patient safety, leadership and human resources, the U.S. health system, policy/law/ethics, and applied projects/practicums aligning with employer needs and AUM's mission; and

WHEREAS, the program includes a stackable graduate pathway that allows students to complete six hours of cross-listed coursework applicable to the Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) and to pursue express admission to the MHA upon meeting specified academic criteria, thereby strengthening AUM's talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the program will launch using existing faculty and no additional resources are required; and

WHEREAS, library and online learning resources are adequate to support the program; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the BSHM has been endorsed through the appropriate academic approvals, including the AUM Department of Business Administration, the AUM College of Business, College of Business Curriculum Committee, the AUM Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and the Chancellor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (BSHM) from the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for review and approval.



MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Christopher Roberts
President

FROM: Dr. Carl A. Stockton
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Proposed Board Agenda Item - Bachelor of Science in
Healthcare Management (BSHM)

DATE: January 9, 2026

Please consider including this proposal on the agenda of the February 13, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Proposal: Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) proposes a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management (BSHM).

This new undergraduate degree advances the missions of AUM and the College of Business by preparing graduates for entry-level leadership and operations roles across hospitals, ambulatory and post-acute settings, physician enterprises, and payer/partner organizations. Designed for adult learners and delivered 100% online, the BSHM widens access to high-demand healthcare management careers while supporting Alabama employers.

Recruitment Focus & Pathways (two audiences).

1. AAS/applied-health to BSHM (degree-completion): We will recruit graduates of Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and other applied health programs in radiologic technology, medical laboratory, respiratory therapy, nursing, and related fields who seek advancement into management. These students typically bring ~60 hours of prior credit and will complete approximately 60 additional online AUM credits to reach the 120-hour bachelor's requirement.
2. Full Program Entrants (Full BSHM): We will also recruit students who want to enter healthcare as a profession and require a fully online path; they will complete the entire 120-hour BSHM curriculum at AUM (with standard transfer evaluation as applicable).

Curriculum & Graduate Pipeline: The BSHM provides a career-ready toolkit in finance and reimbursement, analytics/decision support, quality improvement and patient safety, leadership/HR, the U.S. health system, and policy/law/ethics, with applied projects suitable for remote learners. The program includes a stackable graduate pathway: two cross-listed 5000-level courses (6 hours) apply to AUM's Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA), and students maintaining a GPA ≥ 3.0 receive express admission to the MHA (application fee waived).

Review and Consultation: The Department of Business Administration, College of Business, College Curriculum Committee, University Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and I have reviewed the proposal and recommend it for approval. The program will launch using existing faculty and no additional resources are required. Library holdings and online learning infrastructure are sufficient to support the program at inception.

Rationale for Recommendation: The BSHM addresses documented workforce demand for healthcare management talent, provides upskilling-in-place for Alabama's allied health workforce, and offers statewide online access for new entrants. It complements Auburn University's on-campus HADM undergraduate pathway by serving working adults and online learners, and it positions AUM to pursue AUPHA Undergraduate Certification as an external quality signal.

It is recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Academic Affairs Committee and placed on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026. If the Board approves, the program will then be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for review and approval.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher B. Roberts

President

FROM: Vini Nathan

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Information Items for the Board of Trustees

DATE: January 5, 2026

I request that the following information items be added to the Board of Trustees' agenda for the February 13, 2026, meeting.

The following academic items have been approved for implementation by the Provost's Office. While they do not require formal approval from the Board of Trustees, they have received endorsement from the respective college, the University Curriculum Committee, the Graduate Council, and the Provost's Office. Following the Board of Trustees meeting, these items will be submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for the appropriate notifications.

New Graduate Certificate (1)

Graduate Certificate in Marketing, Harbert College of Business

The Department of Marketing in the Harbert College of Business has created a 12-credit-hour Graduate Certificate in Marketing that emphasizes customer-based strategy, marketing analytics, and value creation through an emphasis on understanding customer needs and using insights to inform strategic marketing decisions. The certificate will complement existing graduate offerings and is created in response to a growing demand for advanced marketing and digital marketing skills and would be the only graduate marketing certificate offered in Alabama. Targeted primarily to working professionals, including students enrolled in the Harbert College's Online MBA, the certificate will enhance career advancement and employability across industries without requiring new faculty or resources. The certificate will strengthen graduate recruitment and workforce readiness while expanding access to high-demand marketing expertise for students and the state.

New Graduate Degree Option (1)

Master of Science in Architecture – Mass Timber Design Option, College of Architecture, Design and Construction

The College of Architecture, Design and Construction has created a new Master of Science in Architecture – Mass Timber Design Option that emphasizes advanced design and applied research using mass timber and bio-based materials in building construction. The new option replaces the former Public Interest Design Option and reflects both evolving industry needs and Auburn’s growing capacity in mass timber research through collaborations with architecture, building science, engineering, and forestry.

As Alabama’s only post-professional architecture program, this option addresses increasing demand driven by recent investment in mass timber manufacturing within the state and the Southeast. Nationally, few comparable programs exist, positioning Auburn’s offering as distinctive. The program will be based in Auburn, offered under CIP code 04.0902, and will enroll a small initial cohort with modest growth over time. It will utilize existing facilities, faculty, and administrative support, require minimal new resources while preparing graduates for leadership roles in an emerging sector of the design and construction industry and for potential continued study at the doctoral level.



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Raymond J. Harbert College of Business

TO: Dr. Vini Nathan *Vini Nathan*
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

THROUGH: Dr. Ash Abebe *Ash Abebe*
Dean, Graduate School

THROUGH: Dr. Jennifer Mueller-Phillips *JM*
Dean and Wells Fargo Professor, Harbert College of Business

FROM: Dr. Dora Bock *Dora Bock*
Department Chair and Bradley Professor, Department of Marketing

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Graduate Certificate in Marketing

We request that the following proposal be added to the Board of Trustees' agenda for their February 2026 meeting.

Program Description:

The Graduate Certificate Program in Marketing will expose graduate students to the importance of understanding customer needs and preferences, creating offerings that have value to customers, as well as communicating value to the target audience(s). The focus will be on customer-based strategy by using customer insights to make strategic marketing decisions. The program will include a total of 12 credit hours, equivalent to 4 courses. This program will join the existing graduate certificates offered within the Harbert College, and is fully supported by the Harbert College's Graduate Programs Office. Program level: graduate; Degree Code: certificate; Name: Graduate Certificate in Marketing; Classification (CIP): 52.1499. This proposed program will not constitute a Substantive Change notification to SACSCOC.

Justification for Program:

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that marketing management careers will grow 8% from 2023-2033, which is faster than the average of all occupations. Likewise, careers in Digital Marketing are anticipated to grow 10% from 2021-2031. These statistics underscore the need for the Graduate Certificate in Marketing. The unit is making the request now as it has been in the works for years, though changes in leadership at the department level (i.e., Department Chair) and Dean-level, have led to delays in furthering the proposal. The marketing faculty support the program and are committed to academic excellence and student success. Growth in Harbert College's graduate online enrollment,

along with student inquiries about graduate course offerings in marketing, suggests that now is an opportune time to launch the program. It is good to offer the program as the program will equip students with essential skills needed to navigate the constantly evolving landscape of ever-changing customer needs and marketing and digital strategies used to address such needs. Having this awareness helps companies engage customers and improve brand awareness, loyalty, and long-run profitability. We project stable enrollments in the program, and anticipate that more applicants will join the Harbert College's Online MBA Program as a result of this offering, as to our knowledge, it is the only graduate marketing certificate program offered in Alabama.

Need for the Program in the State of Alabama:

The graduate certificate in marketing would be the only graduate certificate program for marketing in the state. As noted above, the need for marketing skills is growing, particularly with the rise of digital marketing and online engagement, thus, it would be incredibly beneficial to the state. Given that there is no similar program in the state, it gives Alabamians and students a new opportunity to expand their marketing skill set.

Employment Opportunities:

We anticipate that the majority of students enrolled in this program will be part of the Harbert College's online MBA program. Because the majority of those students are currently employed while in the program, we anticipate that the graduate certificate in marketing program will enhance enrolled students' understanding and abilities within their current role while also enhancing their marketability when applying to different jobs that maintain a marketing focus. Marketing skills can be applied in nearly every industry (e.g., apparel, health care, financial services, manufacturing), and marketing jobs are widespread. Further, having such skills is vital to both for-profit and non-profit institutions. Therefore, students enrolled in this program should develop a versatile toolkit that can enhance employability and professional success in many fields. And, as noted above, job growth in marketing management and digital marketing is anticipated to remain high, and students enrolled in the program would be equipped to fulfil such employment opportunities.

Student Demand/Enrollment Projections:

We estimate that a minimum of ten students will enroll in the program, though it could be upwards of thirty or more.

Resource Requirements:

No new resources will be required. All of the planned courses are currently in the Auburn University Bulletin and we do not see the need for additional faculty to launch the graduate certificate. Current faculty will need to utilize the MPG studio for recording time.

Relationship to Other Programs:

The program will be supported by the graduate program in business. The proposed graduate certificate program in marketing will not replace any existing program. Instead, it will supplement the additional graduate offerings available to students. The graduate certificate program will not duplicate others in the state. The graduate certificate program is only 12

hours, whereas the University of Alabama offers a concentration in marketing, which is 30 hours. We do not expect to explore collaboration with other institutions.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the proposed Graduate Certificate in Marketing be approved by the Offices of the Provost and the President and forwarded to the Board of Trustees and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and/or approval.

Courses to be included in the Graduate Certificate:

BUSI 7210 Strategic Marketing Management (REQUIRED FOR MBA – offered every semester)

Any 3 of the following:

BUSI 7250 International Business Operations (offered every Fall for OMBA students and will have a strengthened marketing focus)

MKTG 6350 Services Marketing (started Fall 2025)

MKTG 6500 Digital Marketing (currently being taught - Spring 2026)

MKTG 6380 Customer Insights and Marketing Solutions (currently being taught - Spring 2026)



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Memorandum

5 December 2025

To: Dr. Vini Nathan,
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Through: Dr. Ashe Abebe,
Interim Dean, Graduate School

Through: Dawn Finley,
Dean & McWhorter Chair, CADC

From: Justin Miller,
Professor & School Head, APLA

Re: Proposal documentation for Master of Science in Architecture –
Mass Timber Design Option

We are submitting this proposal for a Mass Timber Design Option within the Master of Science in Architecture degree program. Details of the program are described below.

Program Description:

The Master of Science in Architecture – Mass Timber Design Option is an advanced degree focused on the implementation of mass timber and bio-based materials in building design and construction. The program will focus on the design of buildings using these materials as well as the changing models of practice and collaboration that offsite construction necessitates. The program will involve design and applied research. The CIP code is 04.0902 – Architectural and Building Sciences / Technology.

Justification for Program:

The Master of Science in Architecture – Mass Timber Design Option is a post professional degree that will provide students an advanced design and research focused education preparing them for practice with specialized knowledge in an emerging sector of the design and construction industry. Additionally, students in this program will have the opportunity to apply for continued graduate study in the PhD program in Building Science. In 2021 Auburn notified SACSCOC of the closure of the Master of Science in Architecture – Public Interest Design Option. This program was closed due to COVID with the intent to notify SACSCOC of program reopening within the 5-year window. During that period of time the Architecture program began developing the Mass Timber Design Option within the MS Arch. This is a new option within the degree program, based in Auburn, AL, leveraging resources developed to foster research and instruction in mass timber in collaboration

with programs in Engineering, Forestry and internal to the College of Architecture, Design and Construction. The Mass Timber Design Option will replace the Public Interest Design Option which will be closed during this process.

Need for the Program in the State of Alabama:

The Master of Science in Architecture is the only post professional Architecture program in the state of Alabama. The Mass Timber Design Option will provide a curriculum focused on mass timber design and research. Alabama forests are a significant contributor to Alabama's economy through both resource production and natural resource management. While the state has a long history of wood product development, the state has recently seen significant investment in mass timber manufacturing (cross laminated timber) which is serving the southeast region of the US.

There are currently few (3) MS Arch programs focused on Mass Timber Design in the US, the program at Auburn will be unique due to current collaborations with faculty colleagues in building science, engineering, and forestry organized through the AU Mass Timber Collaborative. The program will prepare students to be leaders in the design of buildings and structures utilizing mass timber systems as well as prepare them to continue research and study in advanced degrees at Auburn University.

Employment Opportunities:

According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth in Architecture related fields is projected to grow at a rate of 4% over the next 10 years. In addition to traditional roles in architecture, graduates could seek employment in other sectors of the architecture, engineering and construction industry, all of which are projecting growth over the next 10 years.

Student Demand/Enrollment Projections:

As the MS Arch restarts, we anticipate a limited enrollment of 2-4 students with a projection of 6-12 students by year three.

Resource Requirements:

The program will require minimal physical resources. The program will have access to space in Dudley Hall and the CADC Research Commons as well as the shop facilities within the CADC. The program will share space with the undergraduate architecture program within Dudley Hall. The program does not require new faculty at this time – two professors of practice currently employed will teach in the program. The college has budgeted for administrative time for a program chair and will utilize current faculty to teach in the program.

Relationship to Other Programs:

The program will not be supported by other programs on campus, it does not replace any programs, nor does it duplicate any programs in the state. We plan to explore collaboration with graduate programs within Auburn University, specifically – Landscape Architecture, Building Science, and programs in Engineering and Forestry. The program will recruit from the undergraduate architecture program.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Option in Mass Timber Design

CURRICULUM MODEL



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in Architecture is a post-professional program designed to provide advanced and specialized training within the discipline of architecture for students who desire in-depth, design-based research in areas of practice not offered in traditional professional degree programs at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

The Option in Mass Timber Design is a one-year (three semester) program designed for holders of a professional degree in architecture (Bachelor or Master of Architecture) or its international equivalent, or an equivalent degree in an affiliated discipline.

Through research and design coursework, the program will cultivate leadership in design practice and project realization associated with new technologies in wood and bio-based material systems and will prepare students to engage in implementation-based research while working effectively within collaborative, interdisciplinary teams.

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HRS.
ARCH 7010	Design Studio ►	6
ARCH 7110	Seminar in Collaborative Design Methods and Process	3
ARCH 7210	Executive Issues: Disciplinary Framework	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		12

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HRS.
ARCH 7020	Research Studio ►	6
ARCH 7120	Seminar in Design Tectonics	3
ARCH 7220	Executive Issues: Research Methods	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		12

SUMMER SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HRS.
ARCH 7030	Capstone Studio ►	6
ARCH 7130	Seminar in Project Communications	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		9

► Denotes a course specific to the Option in Mass Timber Design

► Professional Fee Charged

DEGREE TOTAL: 33 HOURS

**AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY CAMPUS
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Review of Audited Financial Report – *For Information Only* (Kelli Shomaker)

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Billy Ainsworth

Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the Associate Vice President
Financial Services/Controller

January 5, 2026

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher Roberts, President

THROUGH: Kelli D. Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business and
Administration and Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Amy K. Douglas, Associate Vice President for Financial
Services/Controller

RE: Audit and Compliance Committee Review of Audited
Financial Report

PricewaterhouseCoopers is in the process of completing their audit of the University's financial statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025. We anticipate having the final published Audit Report completed prior to the February 2026 Board meeting and would appreciate the opportunity to review the report with the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees.

PricewaterhouseCoopers will also be present to address the Board as required in the *Auburn University Board of Trustees Audit and Compliance Committee Charter* and to respond to questions as appropriate.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY CAMPUS
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering to Jacob Douglas Hurst (Vini Nathan)
2. Proposed 2026-2027 Meeting Dates (Quentin Riggins)
3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Quentin Riggins)
4. Proposed Adoption of Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy (Quentin Riggins)
5. Appointment of Trustees to the Presidential Assessment Working Group – *For Information Only* (Jimmy Sanford)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING TO JACOB DOUGLAS HURST

WHEREAS, Jacob Douglas Hurst, an undergraduate student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University, passed away in December 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and a minor in materials engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was an exceptional student who demonstrated leadership throughout the college through his participation in the Cooperative Education Program, his service as an Internship Ambassador for the College of Engineering, and his commitment to supporting fellow students as an undergraduate teaching assistant, tutor, and peer coach; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, the Director of the Honors College, the Provost, and the President unanimously recommend that the Bachelor of Civil Engineering be awarded posthumously with honors distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Jacob Douglas Hurst in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Hurst in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher B. Roberts
President

FROM: Vini Nathan 
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – Proposed
Posthumous Degree for Jacob Douglas Hurst

DATE: January 8, 2026

I have received a request from the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering to award the Bachelor of Civil Engineering with a minor in Materials Engineering to Mr. Jacob Douglas Hurst posthumously. Sadly, Mr. Hurst passed away in December 2025 before completing the final requirements required for his degree. As a bachelor's candidate, Mr. Hurst was in good standing and would have graduated in spring 2026 with honors distinction.

Following a careful review of his academic records, faculty in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering concur that his academic achievements ensure Mr. Hurst meets all the requirements necessary to be awarded a degree posthumously. Therefore, I am attaching a formal request from Dr. Dean Hendrix, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Program Assessment, with additional support from the Honors College to further reflect his academic achievements as an honors student.

I respectfully request that this item be placed on the Board of Trustees agenda for the February 13, 2026, meeting.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

Dean's Office

Dr. Vini Nathan
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
301 Samford Hall
Auburn University

Dear Provost Nathan,

I am writing to formally request that the Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree with *Honors Scholar* distinction be posthumously awarded to Jacob Douglas Hurst (904127796).

Jacob, a senior in Civil Engineering, passed away on December 27, 2025. At the time of his death, Jacob was enrolled in classes for Spring 2026 and was nearing the completion of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree, lacking only seven credit hours. He was also nearing the completion of the Materials Engineering minor, lacking only three credit hours. Jacob was in good academic standing with a near-perfect 3.97 GPA and was a member of the Honors College. He had completed 19 hours of honors credit and was registered to complete the remaining honors credit hours this semester.

Jacob was an excellent student and an exceptional young man. He was a participant in the Cooperative Education Program and served as a Co-op and Internship Ambassador for the College of Engineering. As an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and as an Engineering Tutor and Peer Coach for the College of Engineering, Jacob applied his considerable talents to helping his fellow students and serving those around him.

This request for a posthumous degree conferral was recommended by Dr. David Timm, Department Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and has the support and approval of Dr. Mario Eden, Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, and Dr. Laura Stevens, Director of the Honors College.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dean Hendrix
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies & Program Assessment

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026-2027
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday, September 11, 2026

Friday, November 20, 2026

Friday, February 5, 2027

Held on the Auburn University at Montgomery Campus

Friday, April 9, 2027

Friday, June 4, 2027

Annual Board Meeting

**PROPOSED AWARDS AND NAMINGS
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Time will be allotted for any discussion of a list of proposed awards and namings.

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University (the “Board of Trustees”) establishes the policies and procedures which guide and direct its actions and those of Auburn University;

WHEREAS, the General Counsel has studied and reviewed university policies, procedures, and written directives concerning significant institutional matters applicable to all or a large portion of Auburn University and its colleges, departments, administrative units, or similar components, along with written policies and procedures of the Board of Trustees and other subordinate policies (collectively, the “University Policies”);

WHEREAS, the General Counsel has identified unintentional inconsistencies and ambiguities among the University Policies;

WHEREAS, in order to address such inconsistencies and ambiguities and align the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff by defining a hierarchy of all University Policies, the Board of Trustees now desires to adopt and approve the Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the “Governance and Authority Policy”); and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the Board of Trustees desires to amend and restate the existing Employee Code of Conduct and Ethics in its entirety, and replace the same with the Auburn University Code of Conduct and Ethics in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (the “Code”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the Governance and Authority Policy, as attached hereto as Exhibit 1, be, and hereby is, adopted and approved in all respects, effective as of the date of these resolutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the Governance and Authority Policy be added to, and included as item A-8 of, the Policies and Procedures Manual of the Board of Trustees, as the same may be amended from time to time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the Code, as attached hereto as Exhibit 2, be, and hereby is, adopted and approved in all respects, effective as of the date of these resolutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the Code be added to and replace item A-7 of the Policies and Procedures Manual of the Board of Trustees, as the same may be amended from time to time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the Governance and Authority Policy is intended to supersede any and all prior delegations of authority pertaining to University Policies, including, without limitation, the Board of Trustees’ November 15, 2013, delegation of authority to approve procedures for the administration of faculty personnel policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each member of the Board of Trustees voting in favor of the adoption of these resolutions hereby waives any and all applicable notice and timing requirements, as well as any and all other objections that may otherwise be available to be raised concerning these revisions.

EXHIBIT 1

AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY POLICY

(attached)

A-8. AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY POLICY

As set forth in Section 2.02 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees is responsible for developing and reviewing the policies and procedures governing Auburn University. Subject to relevant federal and state law, the Board of Trustees holds the final authority to make and revise the overarching policies and procedures of Auburn University as the public body entrusted with the management and control of Auburn University under Section 266(a) of the Constitution of Alabama.

To effectively and efficiently govern Auburn University, the Board of Trustees adopts this Governance and Authority Policy (the “Governance and Authority Policy”) with respect to all policies and procedures of Auburn University:

1. The ultimate governing policies of Auburn University are found in the current Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (as defined in Section 2.02 of the Bylaws), resolutions, minutes, and similar written policy pronouncements of the Board of Trustees (collectively, “Board Policies”). The Board of Trustees holds the exclusive authority to create, revise, and decide Board Policies consistent with its Governing Documents (as defined in Section 1.05 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, including, without limitation, the Auburn Creed) and relevant federal and state law. The Board of Trustees may, in its sole and absolute discretion, consider recommendations and advice regarding Board Policies from the Auburn University President and subordinate university units.
2. In adopting this Governance and Authority Policy, the Board of Trustees recognizes the clear and appropriate distinction between the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to make, review, and revise Board Policies and the responsibility of university administration to administer and implement Board Policies, and, except as otherwise set forth in this Governance and Authority Policy, hereby explicitly withdraws all earlier delegations of its policymaking authority.
3. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Auburn University President to issue new administrative policies and/or modify existing administrative policies, including in each case the processes and procedures related thereto, in strict conformity with all superseding Board Policies (1) concerning significant institutional matters applicable to all or a large portion of Auburn University and its colleges, departments, administrative units, or similar components, and (2) consistent with applicable law, state or federal guidance, requirements of governing or accrediting bodies, etc. (collectively, the “Administrative Policies”). Administrative Policies shall include but are not limited to all policies governing general terms and expectations of employment, ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, professionalism, use of university resources, and compliance obligations for all Auburn University personnel including such policies reflected in employee and faculty handbooks. Administrative Policies shall be issued and/or modified by the President under the express delegated authority of the Board of Trustees. The President also is authorized to approve (or delegate the authority to approve) procedures for the administration of Board Policies and Administrative Policies.
4. All other subordinate college, department, division, and unit-level policies or policy collections, manuals, or handbooks and the processes and procedures related thereto (collectively, the “Subordinate Policies”) must strictly conform with superseding Board Policies and Administrative Policies as determined by the General Counsel of Auburn University. The Board of Trustees retains the right to review, approve, and modify all Administrative or Subordinate policies and related procedures governing faculty appointment, promotion, tenure, and dismissal in accordance with the applicable Board Policies and Governing Documents of Auburn University.

5. In the interest of resolving conflicts and inconsistencies between Board Policies, Administrative Policies, and Subordinate Policies (collectively, the “University Policies”), the Board of Trustees clarifies the following policy hierarchy:
 - a. Federal and state constitutions, statutes, regulations, rules, or any other applicable law;
 - b. Board Policies;
 - c. Administrative Policies; and
 - d. Subordinate Policies.
6. Under this Governance and Authority Policy, any portion of any prior Administrative Policies or Subordinate Policies that conflicts with Board Policies, including any portion of an Administrative or Subordinate Policy that conflicts with this Governance and Authority Policy, is immediately revoked and superseded by the applicable policy or principle found in Board Policies or this Governance and Authority Policy. For purposes of determining whether any portion of any Administrative Policies or Subordinate Policies conflicts with Board Policy, the provisions of Board Policies shall be construed as a whole and harmonized to give effect to all terms where reasonably possible, and any determinations of conflict shall be made in light of the framework of all Board Policies. References to Board Policies in this Governance and Authority Policy are to those Board Policies as amended from time to time.
7. The Auburn University General Counsel must ensure that (a) all Administrative Policies and Subordinate Policies strictly conform with superseding Board Policies, and (b) all policy websites, repositories, and other collections of policies, such as policy databases and handbooks, include a prominent statement alerting users that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between Board Policies and statements contained on or in the relevant website or handbook, Board Policies control and supersede the conflicting policy in accordance with this Governance and Authority Policy.
8. The Board of Trustees shall review all Board Policies and Administrative Policies, including any portion or component thereof and related procedures, on at least a quinquennial basis. The Board of Trustees may review any University Policy on a more frequent basis when and as it deems necessary in its sole discretion.
9. The Governance and Authority Policy shall apply to all current University Policies, whether adopted or compiled prior to or after the effective date of this Governance and Authority Policy.

EXHIBIT 2

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

(attached)

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS



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AT MONTGOMERY



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Alabama Agricultural
Experiment Station





THE AUBURN CREED



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I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn. Therefore, I believe in work, hard work.

I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully.

I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot win the respect and confidence of my fellow men.

I believe in a sound mind, in a sound body and a spirit that is not afraid, and in clean sports that develop these qualities.

I believe in obedience to law because it protects the rights of all.

I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all.

I believe in my Country, because it is a land of freedom and because it is my own home, and that I can best serve that country by "doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with my God."

And because Auburn men and women believe in these things, I believe in Auburn and love it.

-George Petrie (1943)

The Auburn Creed describes the Auburn Spirit and qualities that make Auburn University unique. It is from the Auburn Creed that AU's Code of Conduct & Ethics emanates. From the Code flow University policies and procedures which direct the daily actions and behaviors expected of all Auburn Personnel.

WHO WE ARE



AUBURN



Auburn University (AU), Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM), the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), and the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) (collectively, “the University” or “Auburn”) recognize the importance of operating with the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct. Promulgated by the Auburn Board of Trustees, this Auburn University Code of Conduct and Ethics (“Code”) formalizes Auburn’s values and expectations for the faculty, staff, administrative personnel, professionals, and contractors of the University (collectively referred to as “Auburn Personnel”). The Auburn Board of Trustees is subject to the Board of Trustees Code of Ethics.

The principles of ethical behavior outlined in the Code articulate basic expectations

that guide our everyday work and interactions. The University understands these expectations require a shared commitment to ethical conduct in all University activities. Auburn Personnel are expected to demonstrate ethical, legal, and professional behavior in teaching, research, public service, and business practices.

Auburn Personnel must promote a positive and ethical work environment at Auburn. Our shared values of Integrity, Respect, and Excellence emanate from the Auburn Creed and are demonstrated each day through our actions, decisions, and behaviors. The Code provides guidance, answers, and contacts for addressing ethical concerns.

OUR VALUES

The background of the page features a faded, low-angle photograph of a historic brick clock tower. The tower has a dark roof with a weather vane on top and a large clock face. To the right of the tower, there are out-of-focus trees with vibrant orange and red autumn leaves. The overall image has a soft, ethereal quality with a light color palette.

INTEGRITY

We will pursue our work with honesty, professionalism, and ethics that foster trust and accountability.

RESPECT

We will honor the rights and dignity of others and work each day to create an environment where people are welcomed, valued, respected, and engaged.

EXCELLENCE

We will pursue our work with distinction, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to advancing Auburn's mission.

EMBRACING THE CODE



OUR ROLE

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The Code is our guide to making wise choices and doing the right thing. We encourage everyone to speak up and raise concerns to their supervisors, the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy, or our anonymous reporting hotline about potential violations of law or policy. Importantly, we do not tolerate retaliation against those who do speak up.

Everyone must do their part to maintain a culture of compliance and ethics. All Auburn Personnel are expected to adhere to the ethical standards expressed in the Code. We must conduct ourselves in a

responsible manner consistent with the Code and University policies to meet our regulatory and compliance obligations. We must do what is right, individually and collectively.

The University's rules concerning employee conduct and job performance are simple, common-sense guidelines applicable to all Auburn Personnel. University policies and procedures must be consistent with the Code. All Auburn Personnel shall be held to the same standards of conduct.

INTEGRITY

We Exhibit Ethical and Honest Behavior: The University relies upon all Auburn Personnel to conduct themselves ethically, honestly, and with integrity in all dealings. Such conduct requires applying the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect in our decisions and actions. We each take responsibility for our actions and perform our delegated responsibilities using sound judgment. We carry out our duties in compliance with the Code.

We Comply with Applicable Laws, Regulations, and University Policies: We are aware of applicable laws, regulations, and policies. We acknowledge the importance of these rules and follow them in both their letter and spirit. We understand that University policies exist to facilitate awareness and compliance with laws and regulations and set the minimum standard for our expectations.

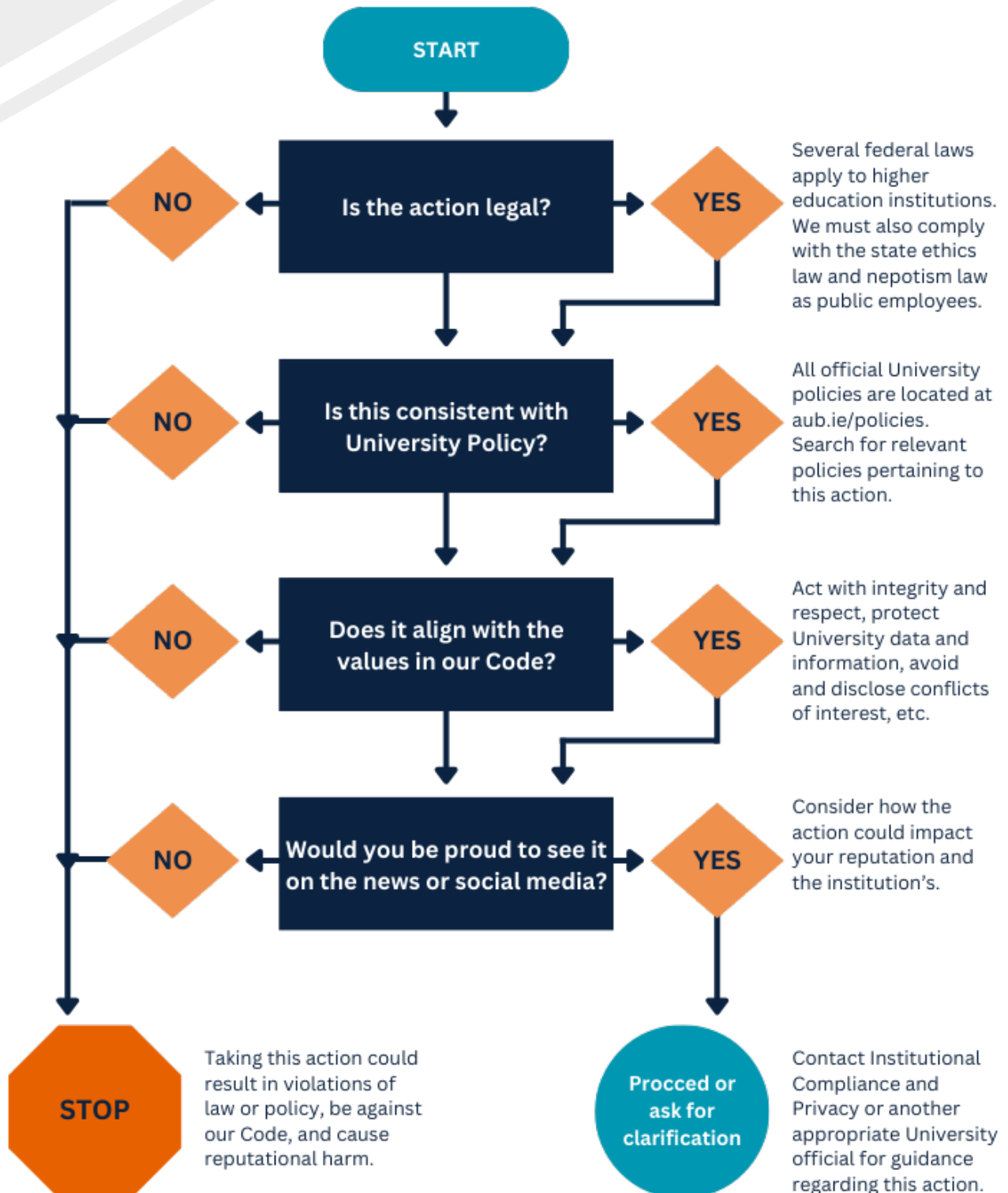
We Act with Integrity: Auburn Personnel are expected to display the highest standards of honesty and integrity in teaching, research, scholarship, outreach, service, and business. We are responsible stewards of University property and resources and do not engage in fraudulent activities involving plagiarism, misrepresentation, deception, or falsification of information, records, or data in our work. We speak candidly and truthfully and do not produce or perpetuate false information. It is our responsibility to all people that research be conducted in strict conformity with Auburn University standards, methodologies, and governmental and private research sponsor requirements.

We Preserve Data Security, Privacy & Confidentiality: Auburn Personnel often have access to, receive, or generate various types of confidential information. Laws, agreements with third parties, and University policies and guidelines govern the collection, storage, transmission, and destruction of confidential information. Individuals with access to confidential information have an obligation to protect and secure this data from unauthorized access and use. Additionally, we adhere to privacy best practices and record retention requirements.

We Avoid, Report, and Manage Conflicts of Interest: Auburn Personnel must carefully navigate situations that involve a potential conflict of interest or commitment with the University. Individuals are expected to faithfully carry out their professional duties in furtherance of the University's mission and to avoid conflicts between their personal interests and official responsibilities. We expect all Auburn Personnel to comply with University and other guidelines for reporting and reviewing actual and potential conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment. When real or perceived conflicts arise, they must be recognized, disclosed, and eliminated or appropriately managed.

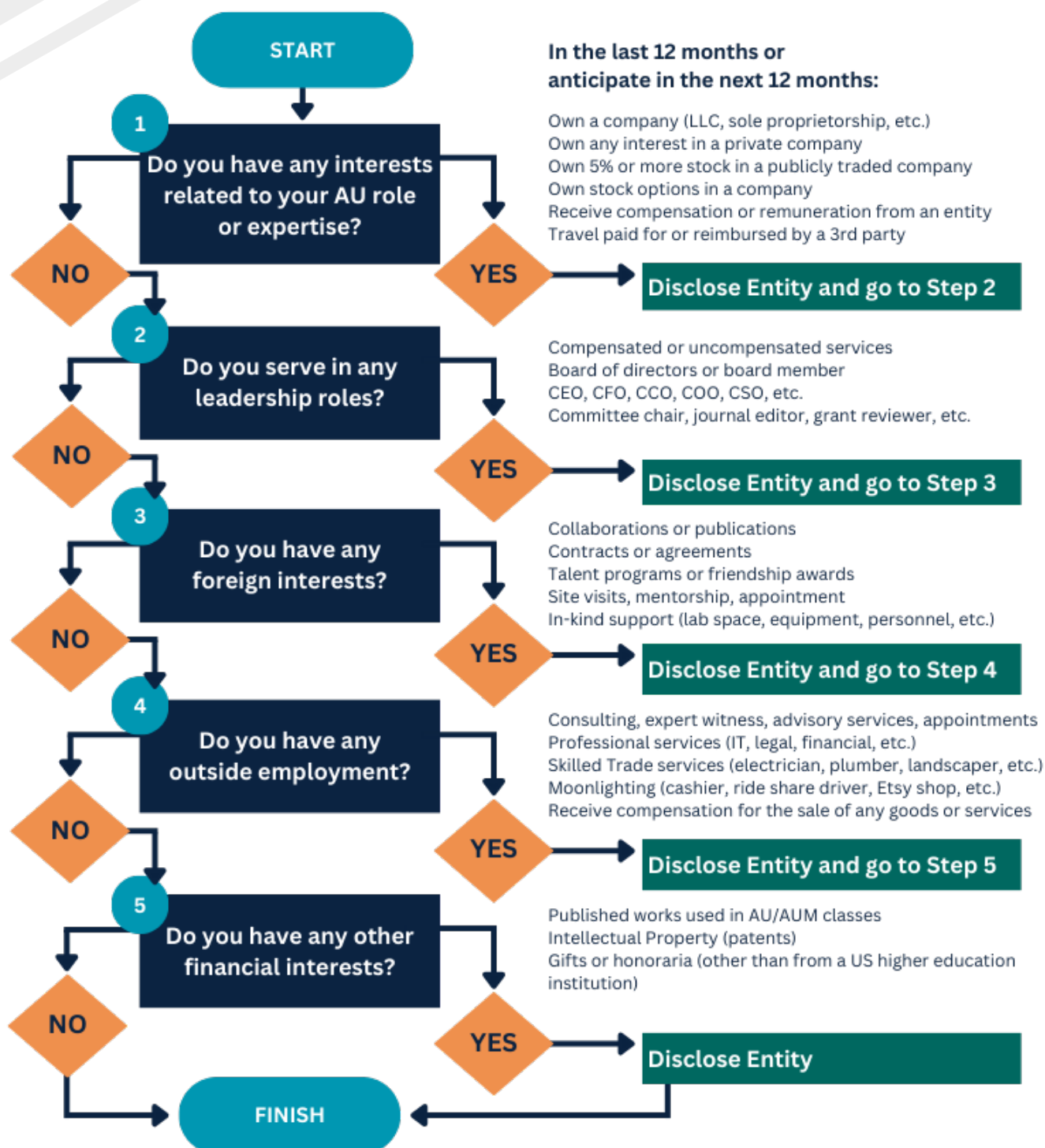
ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING

Consider using the following guide to help you decide if a particular action is appropriate.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST/ CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT

Consider your interests, activities or relationships with any entity external to the University (AU, AUM, ACES, AAES) to identify a conflict.



RESPECT

We Respect the Rights and Dignity of Others: We are committed to providing an environment in which every member of the Auburn community feels welcomed, valued, respected, and engaged. Our institution prohibits harassment, threats, violence, and discrimination. We prohibit retaliation against personnel who file complaints in good faith regarding discrimination or misconduct. Simply, we treat others how we would want to be treated.

We are committed to Equal Opportunities for All: We understand and value the importance of a welcoming community and providing equal opportunities for all. The University environment fosters rigorous, constructive, truth-seeking discussions about questions of consequence. In that regard, Auburn Personnel are expected to treat one another with the kind of courtesy and respect that allows Auburn community members to learn from one another, despite differences in viewpoint or background.



EXCELLENCE

We Represent the Auburn Brand: We recognize the strong value of the Auburn brand and strive to maintain an excellent reputation in the state, region, and country. To continue to attract high-caliber students, employees, and partners, we exhibit professional communications and protect our marks.

We Report Concerns and Cooperate to Resolve Issues: We support a “speak-up” culture. Auburn Personnel employees should report suspected policy violations and other concerns at the earliest possible opportunity to their supervisor, the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy, or the Office of the General Counsel. Auburn Personnel are protected from retaliatory actions should they report in good faith. Auburn employees and students wishing to remain anonymous may report their concerns via the anonymous Ethics Line reporting system available online at aub.ie/ReportIt. We encourage all members of the Auburn community to report suspected incidents of misconduct, fraud, abuse, hazing, violations of law or other wrongdoing through Ethics Line, or online or in-person using the tools available through Student Affairs or through the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy. Each member of the University is expected to cooperate fully and honestly with any investigation undertaken to reach a fair and complete resolution. If you encounter an active emergency or someone’s health, safety, or property is currently in danger, you should immediately call 911 or make a report in person at the nearest police precinct.

We Take Responsibility for Our Actions: We understand that each of us must perform our duties effectively for the success of the University. Each person has an important role to play to ensure we fulfill our mission. We take responsibility for our actions and know that our daily decisions, actions, and behaviors are a reflection of the University. We hold ourselves and each other to consistent expectations of exceptional performance and conduct that advances the University’s mission while fostering a culture of collegiality, curiosity, and growth.



LIVING THE CODE



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DAILY DEDICATION



The Code, together with the Auburn Creed, serves as a foundational policy from which all other University policies emanate. The Code is a resource synergizing the University's policies and procedures so that they are accessible and easy to understand.

The ethical standards set forth in the Code complement current and future University policies, which guide our daily activities to prevent legal and regulatory violations.

The Code should be utilized to promote and reinforce the University's culture of compliance and ethics, foster loyalty and retention, and build stronger relationships with students, collaborators, and business partners.

If you have questions or concerns about the Code, or about possible illegal or unethical behavior, or noncompliance with University policy, you should speak with your supervisor, another University leader, the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy, or utilize the confidential reporting hotline, Ethics Line at aub.ie/ReportIt (or other appropriate offices). Together, we make Auburn University a place where everyone is respected, takes responsibility for their actions, and trusts one another to do the right thing.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the General Counsel

To: Trustee Jimmy Sanford, President Pro Tempore
Trustee Quentin P. Riggins, Executive Committee Chair
Trustee James Pratt, Board Liaison to the Office of the General Counsel

From: Jaime S. Hammer
Sr. Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Auburn University

Date: February 4, 2026

Subject: Transmittal of Proposed Auburn University Governance and Authority Policy

This memorandum recommends that the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees by the Executive Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for February 13, 2026.

Proposal:

It is recommended that the proposed Auburn University (the “University”) Governance and Authority Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Governance and Authority Policy”), be approved by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”).

Review and Consultation:

Upon request of President Pro Tempore Sanford, and as counsel to the Board, in June 2025 the Office of the General Counsel began an evaluation of Board policies and bylaws, historical Board actions related to delegation of authority, and various University policies and procedures related to University management and control. This review also encompassed the Board’s governing documents, including but not limited to the Alabama Constitution and Code of Alabama, which vest the Board with final authority to develop, revise, and oversee University policies, subject to applicable law. The purpose of this review, as directed by the Board, was to evaluate the current status of University policymaking authority, to assess consistency among current policies that impact the University community, and to make recommendations for any necessary modifications or improvements in the current policy ecosystem.

The Alabama Constitution places the University “under the management and control” of the Board, and the Code of Alabama grants the Board the rights and privileges necessary to fulfill that charge. The Board Bylaws affirm these powers and require the Board to establish policies and procedures for governance of the University and periodically evaluate administrative operations and academic programs across the University.

In April 2021, the Board promulgated and adopted new Bylaws and compiled its Policies and Procedures to clarify the rules and processes for University governance, policy adoption, and the distinct roles of the Board and University administrators, faculty, and staff. The Bylaws provide a defined process for the Board to set and review overarching policy while charging the President of the University with the implementation and administration thereof.

Despite these foundations, statements in existing policy databases and handbooks, including the current University Policy Database (e.g., statements in policies governing employee conduct) and Faculty Handbook have unintentionally created recurring uncertainty regarding the Board's authority to set and evaluate institutional policies and the scope of delegated administrative policy authority. In light of the foregoing, the proposed Governance and Authority Policy reaffirms the Board's exclusive authority to set the overarching policies and procedures of the University, clarifies the hierarchy for resolving conflicting policies, and provides a uniform mechanism to ensure policy consistency throughout the University. Specifically, the proposed Governance and Authority Policy:

- Establishes a clear policy hierarchy and confirms that the University's ultimate governing policies include the Board Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, resolutions, minutes, and other similar written pronouncements of the Board;
- Distinguishes the Board's policy-making function from the responsibility of administration to administer and implement policy and supersedes earlier delegations of the Board's policy-making authority;
- Authorizes the President to (1) issue administrative policies, and (2) approve procedures (or delegate authority to approve procedures) for administering Board and administrative policies, subject to strict conformity with Board policies, and assigns responsibility to the General Counsel to ensure such conformity;
- Requires all subordinate unit policies, handbooks, and manuals to conform strictly to Board and administrative policies and assigns responsibility to the General Counsel to ensure conformity; and
- Directs that policy repositories and handbooks include a prominent conflict notice stating that Board policies control in the case of any inconsistency.

Collectively, the aforementioned attributes of the Governance and Authority Policy are intended to provide clear, unambiguous governance direction and ensure alignment among the Board, administrators, faculty, and staff.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed Governance and Authority Policy. If approved, the President should be prepared to conduct a comprehensive policy review with direct coordination and assistance from designated Board representatives, subject to review by the Office of General Counsel, to ensure prompt conformity, alignment, and uniformity across policies. Further, all policy repositories, handbooks, and subordinate policy collections shall include a prominent disclaimer that Board policies control in the event of conflict. Lastly, in order to ensure unambiguous governance direction and alignment among the Board, administrators, faculty, and staff, the Board should reiterate and confirm that the Governance and Authority Policy supersedes all previous delegations of authority, including, without limitation, its November 15, 2013, delegation of authority to approve faculty-related personnel policies and procedures that may appear in the faculty handbook.

EXHIBIT A

AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY POLICY

(attached)

A-8. AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY POLICY

As set forth in Section 2.02 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees is responsible for developing and reviewing the policies and procedures governing Auburn University. Subject to relevant federal and state law, the Board of Trustees holds the final authority to make and revise the overarching policies and procedures of Auburn University as the public body entrusted with the management and control of Auburn University under Section 266(a) of the Constitution of Alabama.

To effectively and efficiently govern Auburn University, the Board of Trustees adopts this Governance and Authority Policy (the “Governance and Authority Policy”) with respect to all policies and procedures of Auburn University:

1. The ultimate governing policies of Auburn University are found in the current Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (as defined in Section 2.02 of the Bylaws), resolutions, minutes, and similar written policy pronouncements of the Board of Trustees (collectively, “Board Policies”). The Board of Trustees holds the exclusive authority to create, revise, and decide Board Policies consistent with its Governing Documents (as defined in Section 1.05 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, including, without limitation, the Auburn Creed) and relevant federal and state law. The Board of Trustees may, in its sole and absolute discretion, consider recommendations and advice regarding Board Policies from the Auburn University President and subordinate university units.
2. In adopting this Governance and Authority Policy, the Board of Trustees recognizes the clear and appropriate distinction between the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to make, review, and revise Board Policies and the responsibility of university administration to administer and implement Board Policies, and, except as otherwise set forth in this Governance and Authority Policy, hereby explicitly withdraws all earlier delegations of its policymaking authority.
3. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Auburn University President to issue new administrative policies and/or modify existing administrative policies, including in each case the processes and procedures related thereto, in strict conformity with all superseding Board Policies (1) concerning significant institutional matters applicable to all or a large portion of Auburn University and its colleges, departments, administrative units, or similar components, and (2) consistent with applicable law, state or federal guidance, requirements of governing or accrediting bodies, etc. (collectively, the “Administrative Policies”). Administrative Policies shall include but are not limited to all policies governing general terms and expectations of employment, ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, professionalism, use of university resources, and compliance obligations for all Auburn University personnel including such policies reflected in employee and faculty handbooks. Administrative Policies shall be issued and/or modified by the President under the express delegated authority of the Board of Trustees. The President also is authorized to approve (or delegate the authority to approve) procedures for the administration of Board Policies and Administrative Policies.
4. All other subordinate college, department, division, and unit-level policies or policy collections, manuals, or handbooks and the processes and procedures related thereto (collectively, the “Subordinate Policies”) must strictly conform with superseding Board Policies and Administrative Policies as determined by the General Counsel of Auburn University. The Board of Trustees retains the right to review, approve, and modify all Administrative or Subordinate policies and related procedures governing faculty appointment, promotion, tenure, and dismissal in accordance with the applicable Board Policies and Governing Documents of Auburn University.

5. In the interest of resolving conflicts and inconsistencies between Board Policies, Administrative Policies, and Subordinate Policies (collectively, the “University Policies”), the Board of Trustees clarifies the following policy hierarchy:
 - a. Federal and state constitutions, statutes, regulations, rules, or any other applicable law;
 - b. Board Policies;
 - c. Administrative Policies; and
 - d. Subordinate Policies.
6. Under this Governance and Authority Policy, any portion of any prior Administrative Policies or Subordinate Policies that conflicts with Board Policies, including any portion of an Administrative or Subordinate Policy that conflicts with this Governance and Authority Policy, is immediately revoked and superseded by the applicable policy or principle found in Board Policies or this Governance and Authority Policy. For purposes of determining whether any portion of any Administrative Policies or Subordinate Policies conflicts with Board Policy, the provisions of Board Policies shall be construed as a whole and harmonized to give effect to all terms where reasonably possible, and any determinations of conflict shall be made in light of the framework of all Board Policies. References to Board Policies in this Governance and Authority Policy are to those Board Policies as amended from time to time.
7. The Auburn University General Counsel must ensure that (a) all Administrative Policies and Subordinate Policies strictly conform with superseding Board Policies, and (b) all policy websites, repositories, and other collections of policies, such as policy databases and handbooks, include a prominent statement alerting users that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between Board Policies and statements contained on or in the relevant website or handbook, Board Policies control and supersede the conflicting policy in accordance with this Governance and Authority Policy.
8. The Board of Trustees shall review all Board Policies and Administrative Policies, including any portion or component thereof and related procedures, on at least a quinquennial basis. The Board of Trustees may review any University Policy on a more frequent basis when and as it deems necessary in its sole discretion.
9. The Governance and Authority Policy shall apply to all current University Policies, whether adopted or compiled prior to or after the effective date of this Governance and Authority Policy.

**APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES
TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Time will be allotted for the appointment of trustees to serve on the Presidential Assessment Working Group.

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the November 21, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the November 21, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

November 21, 2025

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
NOVEMBER 21, 2025 BOARD MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Meetings
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson Zeke Smith

Project Approvals:

- 1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 4. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Janaki Alavatapati)
- 5. Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/John Cohen)
- 6. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Architect Selection (Jim Carroll/Carl Stockton)
- 7. Bee Lab – New Building, Project Initiation and Architect Selection (Jim Carroll/Art Appel)
- 8. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Project Initiation (Jim Carroll/Vini Nathan)
- 9. Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement, Authority to Execute (Jim Carroll/Art Appel)

Real Estate Approvals:

- 10. Authority to Execute Lease: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, Montgomery, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)

Informational Reports:

- 11. Status Updates – *For Information Only* (Jim Carroll)
 - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater

- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025
 - c. Project Status Report
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson B.T. Roberts
 - 1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education (Vini Nathan)
 - 2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only* (Vini Nathan)
 - C. Audit & Compliance Committee | Chairperson Billy Ainsworth
 - 1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter (Kevin Robinson)
 - D. Executive Committee | Chairperson Quentin Riggins
 - 1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy (Jim Carroll)
 - 2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct (Steve Taylor)
 - 3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Quentin Riggins)
 - E. Trustee Reports
- III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- IV. Proposed Executive Session
- V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees
 - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2025 Board Meeting
 - 2. Awarding of Degrees for Fall 2025
 - 3. AUM Chancellor's Report
 - 4. President's Report
 - 5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval
2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Final Approval
3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval
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B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education

C. Audit & Compliance Committee

1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter

D. Executive Committee

1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy
2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct
3. Proposed Awards and Namings

VI. Recess Meeting

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then called upon Board Secretary Waggoner to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. William P. Ainsworth; Mr. Michael A. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley; Mr. James R. Pratt, III; Mr. James W. Rane; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Sanford; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; Mr. Zeke W. Smith; Mr. Timothy Vines; and Mr. Walter S. Woltosz.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board, was absent from the meeting.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as voting board members at the time of the meeting.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, Auburn University President; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Board Secretary Waggoner welcomed those serving on the Board ex officio as follows: Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Gil Duenas, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Owen Beaverstock, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Mr. Samuel Alford, the President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association.

Board Secretary Waggoner also welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Virginia Davis, Academic Affairs Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kira Bowen, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kimberly Pyszka, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kerry Inger, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. William Lyle, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Jason Bryant, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Professor Lauren Redden, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Karen Hopkins, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Thomas Sawyer, Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Ms. Kimberly McCadden, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Ms. Susan Cashwell, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Amy Ingram, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Beth Stukes, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Mr. Jeffery Moore, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Ester Akinrinde, President of the Graduate Student Council.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Vini Nathan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs and

General Counsel; Mr. Jim Carroll, Vice President for Facilities Management; Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mr. Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Mr. Kevin Robinson, Vice President for Audit, Compliance & Privacy; Dr. Jared White, Vice President for Governmental Affairs; Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Jennifer Adams, Executive Director of Public Relations.

The Board then met in various committees, each discussing the items which would later appear on the Reconvened Board Meeting Agenda, as follows:

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 8:50 A.M.**

Chairperson Z. Smith convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 8:50 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Z. Smith called upon Mr. Carroll for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs proposed the renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall. He reminded everyone that on April 3, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the project initiation and the selection of Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama as the project architect. He shared that upon analysis and review of short- and long-term student housing opportunities associated with Cambridge Residence Hall, in conjunction with potential revenue associated with total replacement, it is recommended that Cambridge Residence Hall be replaced with a new building. He added that the project will demolish the existing building and construct a new six-story, 170,000-square-foot building that will provide 680 new beds for on-campus living. He noted that the new building will be referred to as East Thach Residence Hall.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$100 million, to be financed by bond funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the East Thach Residence Hall project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out of New Dining Venue, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons (The Edge) to fit out a new dining venue on the ground floor of the facility to enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body. He explained that the project will build out the existing one-story, 2,400-square-foot shell space to provide a mini-food hall dining experience, providing three new health dining options for students and staff as well as creating an engaging atmosphere that activates the Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex and Legacy Plaza Courtyard.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus and seconded by Mr. Pratt. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs proposed a project to renovate the Quad Residence Halls. He explained that the proposed project would renovate the halls in five phases, each consisting of two buildings, until all ten residence halls are updated. He indicated that the University is proposing to start the next project in the plan, Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls. He remarked that Phase III will renovate approximately 47,000 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Keller and Owen Halls. He stated that the project will begin in May 2026, and completion is planned prior to the 2027 fall semester.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Riggins. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

4. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment proposes the construction of new housing at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center located near Andalusia, Alabama, to replace two existing facilities containing 57 beds originally constructed in 1979. He shared that the project will construct an approximately 12,000-square-foot, two-story, 64-bed residential facility providing suites with two double-occupancy rooms connected by a shared bathroom.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Sahlie and seconded by Mr. Woltosz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

5. Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that the Athletics Department proposed the renovation of the Woltosz Football Performance Center multipurpose room fit out for a new kitchen to support the Athletics Department. He added that the project will renovate and fit out approximately 5,500 square feet to provide a support kitchen, training table, nutrition, and beverage stations.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Riggins and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The committee approved the motion by voice vote. Mr. Rane abstained from the vote.

6. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) has proposed the construction of a new, single-story, 14,000 gross square foot Locker Room facility to provide satellite locker rooms, administrative space, laundry facilities, and a multi-purpose for multiple athletics teams including women's and men's soccer, women's softball, and others.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida as architect for the project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Riggins. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

7. Bee Lab – New Building, Project Initiation and Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Agriculture proposes the construction of a new support building for the Bee Center. He noted that the project will improve the overall

operations of the Center by providing a new lab and shop building to expand the operations that are currently held in the 2,7000-square-foot building off Lem Morrison Drive.

Mr. Carroll added that, in an effort to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the previous approval of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama as the architect for the project.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the project is expected to be financed by the College of Agriculture.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Bee Lab – New Building project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Ainsworth and seconded by Mr. Woltoz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

8. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Project Initiation

Mr. Carroll reported that the Office of the Provost has proposed a comprehensive evaluation of the Haley Center to address whether the facility will undergo a comprehensive renovation, or will be razed, allowing for the construction of a new building on all or a portion of the existing site.

Mr. Carroll noted that the existing Haley Center requires all major building systems to be replaced, all instructional academic areas to be aligned with other major Auburn University academic buildings including classroom size and technology, as well as collaboration areas to be significantly expanded in support of the student experience. He explained that the project will evaluate and propose an appropriate design and construction path forward to both resolve the long-term maintenance issues in the existing facility and develop a new or renovated building as the best-in-class of Auburn University's academic facilities.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution approving the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project and authorizing the commencement of the architect selection process.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Riggins and seconded by Mr. Woltoz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

9. Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement, Authority to Execute

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Agriculture proposes to replace the existing Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn with a new 12,800-square-foot structure. He noted that the scope of work includes demolition of the existing open-air, wooden structure with a new metal building. He stated that the barn will include a new pen and feed system to support

the ongoing beef cattle research, teaching, extension programs, and continued operations of the Department of Animal Sciences.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by the College of Agriculture.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Aderholt and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

10. Authority to Execute Lease: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. Carroll indicated that in 1935, the State Department of Toxicology was formed in the state of Alabama and located on the Auburn University campus, where it still exists today. He added that the Department is now recognized as one of the nation's premier forensic sciences service providers and one of the United States' oldest crime laboratory systems. He explained that in 1987, Auburn University approved the lease of property on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery to the State Department of Toxicology (which was renamed the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in 1980), to build and house a new state-of-the-art laboratory facility, requiring an expansion of the lease and an extension of the term. He shared that the new facility is expected to be completed before the end of 2027.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution to take such action as is necessary to execute a lease of approximately 6.38 acres at 1860 Auburn University at Montgomery Drive, Montgomery, Alabama to the Department of Forensic Sciences for nominal rent not to exceed forty years. He remarked that all documents consummating the lease of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

11. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

Mr. Carroll presented the following items to the Board:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**

b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025

c. Project Status Report

Mr. Carroll shared that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Z. Smith thanked Mr. Carroll for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:20 A.M.**

Chairperson Roberts convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:20 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Roberts called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the following Academic Affairs Committee agenda items:

1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education

Dr. Nathan stated that it is proposed that the Board approve the restructuring of current agriscience education courses in the College of Education and approval of a new program, the Agriscience Education, Leadership and Communications (CIP 01.0801), offering both undergraduate and graduate degree options.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Z. Smith. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

Dr. Nathan reported that the following academic items have been approved for implementation by the Provost's Office:

New Formal Options (2):

- *Parks and Recreation Management – Leadership and Planning Option*; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment
- *Pre-Health and Nutrition Science Option*, College of Human Sciences

New Certificates (3):

- *Emergency Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate*, College of Nursing
- *Graduate Certificate in Environmental Law*, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment
- *Undergraduate Certificate in Hospitality Service*, College of Human Sciences

Dr. Nathan indicated that the item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Roberts thanked Dr. Nathan for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:25 A.M.**

Chairperson Ainsworth convened a meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:25 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Ainsworth called upon Mr. Robinson for discussion of the following Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item:

1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter

Mr. Robinson reported that it is proposed that the Board approve an updated departmental charter for the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy. He stated that the proposed revisions reflect required changes mandated by the Global Internal Audit Standards, which became effective January 9, 2025.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

Chairperson Ainsworth thanked Mr. Robinson for his report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Chairperson Riggins convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Riggins called upon Mr. Carroll for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy

Mr. Carroll reported that the administration recommends revising the current Board Policy D-3: Capital Projects Policy in order to adjust the cost threshold for requiring Board approval of projects (from \$1 million to \$5 million). He stated that the request before the Board is to approve the revisions to the policy, as shown in Exhibit A.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Riggins thanked Mr. Carroll for his report and then called upon Dr. Taylor for discussion of the second agenda item.

2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct

Dr. Taylor reported that the administration seeks Board approval to update Board Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct to ensure full compliance with recent federal regulations (42 CFR Part 93) and guidance from the U.S. Public Health Service, Office of Research Integrity. He noted that the revisions would align Auburn's policy with current federal and agency requirements and must be implemented by January 1, 2026 to maintain eligibility for federal research funding.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Riggins thanked Dr. Taylor for his report and then discussed the third and final agenda item.

3. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson Riggins asked for a motion to move consideration of the item, a list of proposed awards and namings, to the reconvened meeting.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Riggins recessed the committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then called upon Chairperson Rane for a report from the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing that the Alabama Legislature will convene for its final session of the quadrennium on January 13, 2026 in Montgomery. He added with an early start, the Governmental Affairs team anticipates a quick session centered on the passing of budgets before the legislature adjourns.

Chairperson Rane then reported that the federal government reopened after a 43-day shutdown, the longest government showdown in U.S. history. He remarked that the legislation that ended the shutdown included temporary funding for most federal agencies through January 30, and it provided full-year funding for the Department of Agriculture and Veterans Affairs. He concluded by noting that the agriculture funding bill rejected proposed cuts to academic research and the formula funding that Auburn and other land-grant universities receive, and the bill included \$6 million for other Auburn-specific research priorities.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford thanked Chairperson Rane for his report and indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:40 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:40 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Dumas. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 11:10 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2025 Board Meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Sanford asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Fall 2025 semester. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Fall 2025 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

**PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Z. Smith indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed 10 action items and one item of information. Chairperson Z. Smith moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's 10 action items. A motion to approve a consent agenda for the committee's 10 action items was received from Chairperson Roberts and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote. Mr. Rane abstained from Item #5: Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

EAST THACH RESIDENCE HALL

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposed the renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, upon analysis and review in conjunction with potential revenue associated with total replacement, it is recommended that Cambridge Residence Hall be replaced with a new building; and

WHEREAS, the new building will be referred to as East Thach Residence Hall, until a permanent name has been determined; and

WHEREAS, the project will demolish Cambridge Residence Hall and construct the new East Thach Residence Hall that will maximize the opportunity for student housing in this prime location; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 12, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Cambridge Residence Hall Replacement project and approved the recommendation of Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the East Thach Residence Hall project is \$100,000,000 to be financed by bond funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the East Thach Residence Hall project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the East Thach Residence Hall project in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be financed by bond funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CENTRAL DINING (THE EDGE) BUILD-OUT FOR NEW DINING VENUE

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons (The Edge) to fit out a new dining venue on the ground floor of the facility to enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project, and at its meeting on June 6, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will build out an existing one-story, 2,400-square-foot shell space providing a mini-food hall dining experience with multiple concepts for students, faculty and guests; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project is \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project in the amount of \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

QUAD RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION
PHASE III: KELLER AND OWEN HALLS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the University is undertaking a project to renovate and update the Quad Residence Hall complex; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project is being executed in five phases, each consisting of two buildings, until all ten residence halls are renovated; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on July 9, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project, and at its meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved Davis of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect selection for the five-phase renovation program.

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution providing final approval of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls project, and this project was completed in August 2022, and at its previous meeting on August 25, 2023, the Board adopted a resolution for final approval of Phase II: Teague and Little Halls; and

WHEREAS, the University is proposing to commence the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls (‘Phase III’) project, which will renovate approximately 47,000 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Keller and Owen Halls; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for Phase III renovation is \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Quad Residence Halls Renovation-Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls project is approved, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls renovation project in the amount of \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

SOLON DIXON DORM REPLACEMENT

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment proposed the construction of a new dormitory at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center located near Andalusia, Alabama, to replace two existing dormitories housing 57 beds originally constructed in 1979; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project, and at its meeting on April 12, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct an approximately 12,000-square-foot, two-story, 64-bed residential facility and a stand-alone storm shelter to account for the additional beds at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project is \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project in the amount of \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER KITCHEN RENOVATION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department proposed the kitchen build-out of the Woltosz Football Performance Center multipurpose room; and

WHEREAS, the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project will renovate and fit out approximately 5,500 square feet to provide a support kitchen, training table, nutrition, and beverage stations; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 12, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project and approved the selection of Goodwyn Mills Cawood of Auburn, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project is \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project in the amount of \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY LOCKER ROOM

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 6, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage the firm Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BEE LAB – NEW BUILDING

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND
PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture has proposed the construction of a new support building for the Bee Center; and

WHEREAS, the Bee Lab – New Building project will improve the overall operations of the Center by providing a new lab building to expand the operations currently held in the 2,700-square-foot building; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, to design the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of this project and the architect selection must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Bee Lab – New Building project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

HALEY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION
TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost has proposed a comprehensive evaluation of the Haley Center to address whether the facility will undergo a comprehensive renovation, or will be razed, allowing for the construction of a new building on all or a portion of the existing site; and

WHEREAS, the project will evaluate and propose an appropriate design and construction path forward to both resolve the long-term maintenance issues in the existing facility and develop a new or renovated building as the best-in-class of Auburn University's academic facilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BEEF CATTLE EVALUATION CENTER BARN REPLACEMENT

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture proposes to replace the existing Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn; and

WHEREAS, the Scope of Work includes demolition of the existing open-air, wooden structure and replacing it with a new 12,800-square-foot metal building that will include a new pen and feed system to support the ongoing beef cattle research, teaching, extension programs and continued operations of the Department of Animal Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, to be financed by the College of Agriculture funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the project.

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE LEASE:
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, in the early 1920's and 30's, the State Chemist for the State of Alabama was both the Director of the State Department of Agriculture's feed and fertilizer assay laboratory as well as served as the Dean of the School of Chemistry at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, upon the death in 1930 of Dr. Bennett Ross, API's Dean of Chemistry, the combined duties passed to Professor Cliff Hare, who assigned the toxicology duties to Hubert W. Nixon, an employee of the Agricultural Laboratory. Nixon enlisted the services of his friend and young member of the API faculty, Carl J. Rehling, to assist with difficult cases; and

WHEREAS, arising from the unique challenges and requirements of criminal prosecutions and the sanctity of the rights of individuals established by the U.S. Constitution, then State Attorney General, Tom Knight lamented that Alabama needed an agency to assist law enforcement in the adjudication of certain cases; and

WHEREAS, In 1935, legislation was introduced forming the State Department of Toxicology and signed into law on July 17, 1935, thus forming the new agency; and

WHEREAS, the Department is now recognized as one of the nation's premier forensic sciences service providers, and one of the United States' oldest crime laboratory systems, having been formed through a close partnership with Auburn University and the State of Alabama, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Auburn University leased property on Auburn University Montgomery's campus to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences to build and house a medical examiners' facility; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to expand the current site which would facilitate the construction of a new building for the Department's use and extend the term as provided in the original 1987 lease; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Industries proposes to increase the lot size at the existing AUM Drive location, and Auburn University Montgomery has no alternative use for the property; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University wishes to lease the new AUM Drive site to the Department of Forensic Sciences, for nominal rent and a term not to exceed forty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to execute a lease of approximately 6.38 acres at 8160 AUM Drive, Montgomery, AL to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for nominal rent and a term not to exceed forty years. All documents consummating the lease of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Roberts indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. A motion to approve the single action item was received from Chairperson Roberts and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING AND RENAMING OF
AGRISCIENCE EDUCATION COURSES IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the College of Education offers courses in agriscience education leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees currently classified under Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, the current agriscience education classification does not align with the curriculum and degree outcomes, creating challenges for graduates such as employer confusion regarding academic credentials and the recruitment of Alabama students by other institutions into graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, faculty within the college have proposed a restructuring of courses and subsequent creation of a new degree program for existing agriscience education courses, the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications, in a new CIP code that reflects Agricultural and Extension Education Services (CIP 01.0801); and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will offer undergraduate and graduate degrees and teacher licensure and non-licensure options leading to the Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy in Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree more accurately reflects the program's focus on agricultural education, leadership, extension, and communication and foster interdisciplinary collaboration between the College of Education and the College of Agriculture to meet the evolving needs of agricultural education in Alabama and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program ensures a more accurate degree representation, and will enhance graduate employability, and align Auburn's program with peer land-grant institutions and national standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes in terminology for the program itself and its four concentrations have been approved by the Dean of the College of Business, the Graduate Council, the Interim Provost, and the President; and

WHEREAS, the proposed a restructuring of courses and subsequent creation of the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications has been approved by the University Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council, Dean of the College of Education, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the proposed restructuring of courses and creation of the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as an item of information.

**AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

In Chairperson Ainsworth's stead, Mr. Dumas delivered the committee meeting report.

Mr. Dumas indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item. A motion to approve the single action item was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

REVISIONS TO OFFICE OF AUDIT, COMPLIANCE & PRIVACY DEPARTMENTAL
CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Institute of Internal Auditors released its new Global Internal Audit Standards effective January 9, 2025 which mandated changes to the charter; and

WHEREAS, professional standards and best practices require a Board approved department charter reflecting these changes; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the departmental charter are recommended by the Vice President of Institutional Compliance & Security and approved by the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the departmental charter for the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy attached as Exhibit A is approved.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Riggins indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items.

A motion to approve the first item, Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

A motion to approve the second item, Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

A motion to approve the third item, Proposed Awards and Namings, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Mr. Rane. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL REVISION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees establishes the policies which guide and direct its actions and those of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the administration recommends revising the current Capital Projects Approval Policy in order to adjust for inflation the cost threshold for Board of Trustees approval of certain projects; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the cost threshold revision, the proposed policies otherwise update and reorganize the original policies to reflect changes in the Facilities Management organizational structure and similar matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the following policy be approved:

- D-3 Capital Project Approval Policy attached as Exhibit A to replace the existing D-3 Capital Projects Approval Policy

EXHIBIT A

D-3. CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL POLICY

This policy establishes the process by which the Board of Trustees will approve capital projects at Auburn University.

Capital Project Approval Threshold

The following capital projects shall require Board of Trustees approval: new construction, renovation, or adaptation projects on Auburn University property, regardless of funding source, with a total project cost of over **\$5,000,000**.

Process For Capital Project Approval

The process for approving capital projects by the Board of Trustees is detailed below:

1. Project Initiation and Architect & Construction Manager Selection: The Board of Trustees shall approve the initiation of a project. This approval will authorize the University staff to begin to develop the project through the preliminary stages of the project programming and design process. The Board of Trustees shall also authorize the commencement of the architect selection process to determine the architectural firm most capable of providing design services on the proposed project. The Board of Trustees shall also authorize the commencement of the construction manager selection process, when such services are appropriate for the proposed project, to determine the construction management firm most capable of providing construction management services on the project.
2. Approval of Architect and Construction Manager Selections: The Board of Trustees shall approve the selections of the project architect and construction manager, as required, on the project under consideration. Once this approval is obtained, Auburn University Facilities Management is authorized to engage both the architectural and construction management firms contractually to begin development of the project program and design.
3. Final Project Approval: Once a project has been initiated, and the architect and construction manager, if applicable, have been approved, the University Architect will commence the project design. This design effort will progress up to the point where the project program, siting, architectural design, and cost are sufficiently determined to obtain final approval by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall approve the following elements of the project at the final project approval stage:

- a. Project Program: The size, scope, and nature of the work to be performed under the project.
- b. Site: The location of the project on campus.
- c. Budget: The amount of funds authorized by the Board of Trustees for expenditure on the project under consideration.
- d. Funding Plan: The proposed plan for how the project will be funded.
- e. Image and Character: The proposed architectural design and layout of the facility.

The University Architect shall advise the Board of Trustees whether or not the proposed project architectural design meets Auburn University's "Character and Image" standards for buildings.

Once the Board of Trustees approves the project program, site, budget, funding plan and schematic design, Auburn University Facilities Management will then complete the project design, bid the project, award the necessary construction contracts, and construct the project.

Expedited Projects

Upon recommendation by the President, a project may be designated by the Board of Trustees as an expedited capital project to accelerate the project execution process. Upon designation of a capital project as an expedited project by the Board of Trustees, the Property and Facilities Committee of the Board shall have the authority to take all actions requiring full Board of Trustee approval, other than approval of the budget and site.

A review of any actions of the Property and Facilities Committee shall be a regular order of business at each meeting of the Board, and such actions shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board, provided that no rights of third parties shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

ADOPTED: April 11, 2014

REVISED: November 21, 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY C-7: POLICY ON
RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

WHEREAS, the Public Health Service (PHS) Final Rule (42 CFR Part 93), the National Science Foundation (NSF) Final Rule (45 CFR Part 689), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Final Rule (2 CFR Part 422), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Final Rule (14 CFR Part 1275), the Department of Energy (DOE) Final Rule (2 CFR 910.132) require that institutions receiving or requesting funds from PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE establish policies for reporting and responding to allegations of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS, PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE require that institutions receiving or requesting funds from PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE bear responsibility for the integrity of the research process and for prevention and detection of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS, PHS Final Rule 42 CFR Part 93 was updated September 17, 2024 and requires Auburn University to adopt the updated Final Rule 42 CFR Part 93 no later than January 1, 2026 and renew its research misconduct assurance no later than April 30, 2026 to remain eligible to apply for or receive PHS funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Senior Vice President for Research & Economic Development subsequently proposed revisions to Board Policy C-7 which incorporate the PHS required changes for reporting and responding to allegations of research misconduct, and is recommended by the President; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it to be in the best interest of the institution that the proposed revisions to the policy be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the existing Board Policy C-7 is hereby revised as attached hereto in Exhibit I, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and reaffirm that, with the approval of the President, the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development has the authority to establish the necessary procedures pursuant to this Board Policy C-7.

Policy on Research Misconduct

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AUBURN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

C-7

POLICY ON RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

C-7. POLICY ON RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

I. Policy Statement

Auburn University supports an environment of research integrity committed to honesty, transparency, and the highest ethical standards in all research endeavors. All members of the University ~~engaged in research~~ must adhere to these standards and follow these policies and procedures to protect the accuracy and reliability of the research record and published research results.

With this policy the University confirms its culture of accountability, honesty, and trust to ensure researchers work toward rigorous research that promotes scientific advancements for the greater good of society and maintains trust in research.

This policy provides a framework to resolve allegations of research misconduct as timely as possible while protecting the rights and integrity of all individuals involved. The policy is governed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations, which provide the regulatory authority for this policy. As a recipient of federal research funds, the University considers prevention and detection of research misconduct a priority and must have policies and procedures compliant with federal regulations that address allegations of research misconduct. Should any conflict between this document and any Federal research misconduct regulation(s) or requirement arise, the regulation(s) or Federal authority will prevail. See section II. B. 1. and section VI. for the definition of Research Misconduct.

II. Policy Principles

A. Allegations

1. All members of the University community have a responsibility to report observed, suspected or apparent research misconduct.
2. Allegations of research misconduct may be filed by anyone internal or external to the University.
3. Allegations of research misconduct must be filed with ~~the appropriate University officials and should be directed to~~ the Research Integrity Officer. Any member of the University who receives an allegation of research misconduct must promptly notify the Research Integrity Officer. If unsure whether an incident(s) is or may be research misconduct, the Research Integrity Officer should be consulted.
4. Allegations of research misconduct are preferred to be filed in writing, however, may be filed verbally. Allegations of research misconduct may be reported on the University's secure anonymous electronic reporting system.
5. Anonymous allegations of research misconduct may be made, however must include sufficient details and evidence to determine whether an inquiry should be made into the allegation.
6. Allegations of research misconduct should be based on facts and provide credible, specific evidence including the name of the Respondent(s), details of the allegation(s) and any evidence.
7. Should allegations be made against more than one individual, these will be considered as separate allegations and separate decisions will be reached regarding each person.
8. Allegations of research misconduct are serious charges and are expected to be made in good faith. Allegations not made in good faith may result in disciplinary action under other University policies.

B. Scope

1. This policy only applies to research misconduct, not other forms of misconduct. Research misconduct is fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or reporting research results. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.
2. This policy applies to all research conducted under the auspices of the University by faculty, visiting faculty and scientists, post-doctoral candidates, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff. See section X. Exclusions.
3. This policy applies regardless of funding source including unfunded research.
4. The University shall diligently pursue all significant issues related to the allegations throughout all phases of the research misconduct proceedings.
5. Should additional related allegations arise during any portion of the research misconduct proceedings the scope may be broadened beyond the initial allegation. Appropriate parties will be notified of the additional allegations according to procedures.

C. Duty to Cooperate

1. All members of the University community, including Complainants, Respondents and Witnesses, shall cooperate in all phases of research misconduct proceedings.
2. All members of the University community, including Complainants, Respondents and Witnesses, shall promptly provide all requested materials related to all research misconduct proceedings.
3. Research records resulting from research awarded and/or conducted at the University are the property of the University and employees cannot interfere with the University's right to access these records.

D. Safeguards

1. Confidentiality

- a. To the extent possible as allowed by law and to conduct thorough and fair proceedings, the identity of Complainant(s), Respondent(s) and Witnesses shall be limited to those persons who need to know. The University may disclose the identity of the Respondent and Complainant to federal agencies as required by regulations.
- b. Written materials, evidence and information regarding all research misconduct proceedings shall be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law and necessary to conduct thorough and fair proceedings.
- c. All members of the University community, including Complainant, Respondent, Witnesses, and committee members shall maintain strict confidentiality of all research misconduct proceedings.
- d. The University may be required to release information about the alleged research misconduct and will release such information according to applicable laws and after consultation with General Counsel.
- e. The University may communicate information about the alleged research misconduct to individuals outside the University to conduct a thorough investigation and secure experts in the field to assist in the research misconduct proceedings. Outside experts obtained by the University will be held to the same confidentiality standards as members of the University community regarding the alleged research misconduct.
- f. The University is not prohibited from disclosing information regarding the alleged research misconduct on a need-to-know basis to those individuals responsible for oversight of Respondent's research or to other University officials such as supervisors, department chairs and deans. The Research Integrity Officer may determine when the release of information regarding the alleged research misconduct is necessary or appropriate.
- g. If confidentiality is breached by the University, the University shall take such reasonable steps as are requested to minimize the damage to reputations that may result from unsupported allegations.

2. Conflicts of Interest

- a. All individuals involved in research misconduct proceedings must disclose to the Research Integrity Officer

any potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest that exist or arise at any point in the proceedings.

- b. A conflict of interest exists in a research misconduct proceeding when an individual involved in the proceedings or resolution of the allegation has a potential, actual or perceived financial, personal, or professional interest.
 - i. Examples of conflicts of interest may include but are not limited to family members including children, stepchildren, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews first cousins; spouses or partner relationships to the fourth degree of affinity or consanguinity, meaning by marriage or by blood. Other examples of conflicts of interest may include but are not limited to other close personal relationships; supervisors or subordinates; co-authorships; collaborators; intellectual property interests; and other financial interests.
 - ii. The dean or department chair of a Respondent or Complainant does not in and of itself constitute a conflict of interest under this policy.
- c. The Research Integrity Officer in consultation with the Office of Research Integrity & Compliance evaluates all potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest in research misconduct proceedings and designates a replacement if needed.

3. Retaliation

- a. The University does not tolerate any form of retaliation against any individual participating in a research misconduct proceeding.
- b. The University makes every reasonable and practical effort to protect the reputations and positions of Complainants who submit good faith allegations, Witnesses, committee members, Respondents, others involved in processing allegations from any retaliation by other members of the University community.
- c. The University will take reasonable and practical steps to protect or restore the position and reputation of any Complainants, Witnesses, committee members, or others involved in processing allegations upon finding of retaliation by Respondent or other members of the University community.
- d. Retaliation by members of the University community will be referred for appropriate disciplinary action.

E. Corrective Actions and Sanctions

- 1. Corrective actions may be implemented by the University at any stage of the research misconduct proceedings. Corrective actions may include but are not limited to counseling, training, oversight of research and data monitoring.
- 2. The University may take appropriate action at any stage of the research misconduct proceedings to protect the health or safety of humans, welfare of animals, integrity of the research, research funding, equipment, the environment, or to mitigate other real or potential adverse effects, as necessary.
- 3. The University may impose sanctions upon a finding of research misconduct. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to verbal reprimands, written reprimands, monitoring of work, removal from a project or projects, reassignment of duties or privileges, suspension, and termination of University employment. Disciplinary action will be implemented in accordance with the University policies and procedures applicable to the Respondent's position.
- 4. At the conclusion of the University investigation process, Respondent(s) may appeal a finding of research misconduct to the Research Integrity Officer (RIO). See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.
- 5. Funding agencies may impose administrative actions and or sanctions apart from the University's actions and or sanctions at any point in the research misconduct proceedings.

F. Correction of the Research Record

- 1. It is the University's responsibility to ~~determine whether correction or retraction of submitted or published work is required~~ report concerns or findings related to published works to maintain the integrity of the research.
- 2. The Respondent will cooperate with University officials, publishers, and sponsors to withdraw, correct or retract submitted or published works that are found to be falsified, fabricated, or plagiarized.
- 3. The University may request withdrawal, correction, or retraction of submitted or published work at any time during the research misconduct proceedings where there is clear evidence of falsification, fabrication, or plagiarism.

4. If there are no research records found or made available to the University to support the submitted or published research, the correction or retraction may occur before a final finding of research misconduct against the respondent has been determined.

G. Restoring Reputation

1. In publicizing the findings of no misconduct, the University shall be guided by whether public announcements shall be harmful or beneficial in restoring any reputation(s) that may have been damaged. Usually, such decision shall be made in conjunction with the person(s) who was innocently accused.

H. Termination of Affiliation with the University

1. In the event a Respondent terminates affiliation with the University before the research misconduct is resolved, the research misconduct proceedings will continue according to this policy to the extent possible until a final decision is reached.

I. Research Misconduct Records

1. All records and sequestered evidence relating to research misconduct proceedings shall be maintained securely under the supervision of the Research Integrity Officer for a minimum of seven (7) years from the final completion of the research misconduct proceedings by the University or federal agency or longer as required under the applicable University data and record retention policies or other relevant policies or federal or state regulations.

J. Notification to Funding Agencies

1. The Research Integrity Officer shall at any time during research misconduct proceedings notify the appropriate funding agency immediately if there is reason to believe any of the following:
 - a. Health or safety of the public is at risk including the need to protect human or animal subjects;
 - b. A reasonable indication of possible violation of civil or criminal law exists;
 - c. Funding agency resources or interest are threatened;
 - d. Funding agency action may be necessary to safeguard evidence and protect the rights of those involved; or
 - e. The research community or public should be informed.
2. The Research Integrity Officer shall:
 - a. notify the applicable funding agency(ies) if inquiry determines an investigation is warranted;
 - b. when an investigation is complete, forward to the agency a copy of the evidentiary record, the investigative report, recommendations made to the ~~institution's adjudicating official~~ Institutional Deciding Official (IDO), and the subject's written response to the recommendations (if any); and
 - c. when the adjudication phase is complete, forward the ~~adjudicating official~~ IDO's decision and notify the agency of any corrective actions taken or planned.

K. Reopening Allegations

1. An allegation of research misconduct that closed with a finding of no research misconduct may be reopened if potential significant evidence or information of research misconduct not previously presented is presented.

L. External Research Misconduct Proceedings

1. Should the University receive a report of an external inquiry or investigation that was conducted by another institution or agency, the Research Integrity Officer will assess the report and may adopt the findings in whole or in part or initiate the University's own research misconduct proceedings.

M. Time Limitations

1. This policy applies to research misconduct occurring within six (6) years of the date the University or agency receives an allegation of research misconduct.

2. The time limit does not apply if:
 - a. The Respondent continues or renews any incident of alleged research misconduct that occurred before the six-year limitation through citation, republication, or other use for the potential benefit of the respondent of the research record that is alleged to have been fabricated, falsified, or plagiarized; or
 - b. The alleged research misconduct would possibly have a substantial adverse effect on the health or safety of the public.

N. Admissions

1. If admitting to research misconduct, the respondents will sign a written statement specifying the affected research records and confirming the misconduct was falsification, fabrication, and/or plagiarism; committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community.
2. If the respondent admits to research misconduct, the University will not close the case without concurrence from any applicable Federal agency.

III. Effective Date

~~April 14, 2023~~ January 1, 2026

IV. Applicability

All members of the Auburn University community ~~conducting and involved with any form of research activities including research proposals~~ are required to comply with this policy. This policy and the associated procedures are intended to provide the framework for reporting and conducting research misconduct proceedings. It is not intended to substitute for compliance with the Alabama code of ethics for public officials and employees (Code of Alabama 1975 Title 36. Chapter 25). Further, this policy supports Auburn University's compliance with state and federal regulations including but not limited to those from the Public Health Service, National Science Foundation and United States Department of Agriculture.

V. Policy Management

Responsible Office: Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Responsible Officer: Research Integrity Officer

Responsible Executive: Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development

VI. Policy Definitions

Allegation: A disclosure of possible research misconduct through any means of communication.

~~Preliminary~~ Assessment: An initial review to determine if each allegation fits within the definition of research misconduct and if each allegation is credible and specific so that potential evidence of research misconduct may be identified.

Complainant: A person who in good faith makes an allegation of research misconduct.

Conflict of Interest: A divergence between a University member's interests and professional obligations to Auburn University, such that an independent observer might reasonably question whether the University member's professional actions or decisions are determined by considerations other than the best interests of the University.

Evidence: Any document, tangible item or testimony offered or obtained during a research misconduct proceeding.

Fabrication: Making up data or results and recording or reporting them.

Falsification: Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.

Good Faith Allegation: Allegations of research misconduct that a Complainant or Witness believes to be true and that a reasonable person in that position would believe to be true based on the information known at the time.

Inquiry: Preliminary information gathering and preliminary fact finding that meets the criteria of this policy and the procedures of the University's Office of the Senior Vice President for Research.

Institutional Deciding Official: The University official who makes final determinations on allegations of research misconduct and any institutional actions. The same individual cannot serve as the Institutional Deciding Official and the Research Integrity Officer.

Intentionally: To act with a specific purpose in mind. Intentionally is synonymous with purposefully or willfully.

Investigation: The formal development of a factual record and the examination of that record leading to a decision not to make a finding of research misconduct or to a recommendation for a finding of research misconduct which may include a recommendation for other appropriate actions, including administrative actions.

Knowingly: To act with an awareness of actions. Knowingly is essentially synonymous with consciously.

Plagiarism: The appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit. (a) Plagiarism includes the unattributed verbatim or nearly verbatim copying of sentences and paragraphs from another's work that materially misleads the reader regarding the contributions of the author. It does not include the limited use of identical or nearly identical phrases that describe a commonly used methodology. (b) Plagiarism does not include self-plagiarism or authorship or credit disputes, including disputes among former collaborators who participated jointly in the development or conduct of a research project. Self-plagiarism and authorship disputes do not meet the definition of research misconduct.

Preponderance of the Evidence: Proof by information that, compared with that opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more probably true than not.

Recklessly: To use materials with a lack of proper caution and/or show indifference to the risk that the materials may be false, fabricated, or plagiarized. Taking a risk with materials without thinking or caring about the consequences of the action, even if the risk is not fully realized.

Research: A systematic experiment, study, evaluation, demonstration or survey designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge (basic research) or specific knowledge (applied research) relating broadly to public health by establishing, discovering, developing, elucidating or confirming information about, or the underlying mechanism relating to, biological causes, functions or effects, diseases, treatments, or related matters to be studied.

Research Integrity Officer (RIO): ~~The responsible official at the University with the primary responsibility for implementing the research misconduct policy and assuring to federal agencies that the research misconduct policies and procedures of the University comply with federal regulations. The Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development serves as the Research Integrity Officer, or the individual as otherwise designated by the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development to serve as Research Integrity Officer.~~ The University official responsible for administering the University's written policies and procedures for addressing allegations of research misconduct. The RIO is designated by the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

Research Misconduct: means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. A finding of research misconduct requires that (1) there be a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community; (2) the misconduct be committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and (3) the allegation be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

Research Misconduct Proceeding: Any actions related to alleged research misconduct taken under this policy and associated procedures, including but not limited to, allegation assessments, inquiries, and investigations.

Research Record: The record of data or results in any media or format that embody the facts resulting from scientific inquiry, including but not limited to, research grant or contract proposals or applications whether funded or unfunded; laboratory records, both physical and electronic; progress reports; abstracts; theses; oral presentations; internal reports; notes; correspondence; manuscripts, publications and journal articles; videos; photographs; slides; biological materials; computer files; human and animal subject protocols; consent forms; and any documents and materials provided by a Respondent or other individual in the course of the research misconduct proceedings.

Respondent: The person against whom an allegation of research misconduct is directed or who is the subject of a research misconduct proceeding.

Retaliation: An adverse action taken against any individual because of participation in a research misconduct proceeding.

University Community: All faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate, and undergraduate students, visiting faculty and scientists and volunteers.

University Officials: The University President, Vice Presidents, Provost, Deans, Associate Deans, Department Chairs/Heads, Directors, Supervisors and Research Integrity Officer.

Witness: An individual who personally sees or perceives research misconduct or has relevant information related to the research misconduct proceedings and is called to testify to what has been seen, heard, or otherwise observed.

VII. Policy Procedures

Auburn University Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development develops and manages procedures for handling research misconduct allegations and the process. These procedures include but are not limited to the following: Preliminary Assessment of Allegations; Sequestration; Notification of Respondent; Inquiry Procedures; Investigation Procedures; Admissions; Appeals; Sanctions; Reports to Funding Agencies; and False Accusations. See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.

VIII. Appeals

At the conclusion of the investigation process, Respondent(s) may appeal a finding of research misconduct to the Research Integrity Officer (RIO). See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.

IX. Sanctions

Following a finding of research misconduct the University may impose sanctions on the Respondent. Temporary measures, such as suspension of specific research activities, may be taken by the University during an investigation if warranted. Sanctions will be commensurate with the severity of the research misconduct. Sanctions may include but are not limited to verbal or written reprimand, reassignment of duties or privileges, or termination of affiliation with the University. The Institutional Deciding Official (IDO) will invoke this section to initiate institutional actions whereby Disciplinary disciplinary action will be implemented in accordance with the University policies and procedures applicable to the Respondent's position.

X. Exclusions

This policy does not cover honest error, differences of opinion or authorship disputes unless they involve plagiarism. This policy does not apply to research undertaken in fulfillment of course requirements unless there is an expectation of publication or dissemination outside the University of such results.

XI. Interpretation

The authorized institutional representative is, for the purposes of this policy, the Senior Vice President for Research and

XII. Regulatory Authority

Including, but not limited to: 42 CFR Part 93; 45 CFR Part 689; 2 CFR Part 422; 2 CFR 910.132; 14 CFR Part 1275; 65 FR 76260

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER BEAUDET LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Christopher Beaudet is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Beaudet Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
FRED BLATCHFORD WAR EAGLE LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Fred Blatchford is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Fred Blatchford War Eagle Locker in recognition of his generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
CREEL FAMILY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Creel is a distinguished and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named The Creel Family Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
CAROL & GARY GODFREY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Carol and Gary Godfrey are distinguished alumni and long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Carol & Gary Godfrey Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN’S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND & ELEANOR LOYD LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Raymond and Eleanor Loyd were long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the In Memory of Raymond & Eleanor Loyd Locker to honor their memory and generous support of Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN’S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
BILL AND TERRI NIX FAMILY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, William H. Nix is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Bill and Teri Nix Family Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
TERRY & KATHLEEN STEIGELMAN LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Terry and Kathleen Steigelman are long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman's gift represent a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Terry & Kathleen Steigelman Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN’S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE
IN HONOR OF GRACELYN ROSE TOWN LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town is a long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics with a philanthropic commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the In Honor of Gracelyn Rose Town Locker in recognition of the generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees