REPORT OF ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions have been taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Board. These actions are now reported to the Board as a whole.

Approve Temporary Amendment to Procurement Authorization Procedures

(1) The COVID-19 outbreak has required the University to take extraordinary actions to protect its academic, clinical, and administrative operations. To provide the University with the necessary flexibility to respond to this unanticipated event and related matters in a timely manner, the president recommends a temporary amendment to the University’s procurement authorization procedures.

Currently, in non-emergency situations, prior authorization by the Board of Trustees is required for:

- Contracts for professional services requiring payment by the University in one fiscal year of $1,000,000 or more.
- Purchases of supplies, equipment, and non-professional services requiring payment by the University in one fiscal year of $1,000,000 or more.
- Individual capital projects with a budget of $5,000,000 or more.
- Contracts for professional services related to capital projects requiring payment by the University of $1,000,000 or more.
- Construction contracts requiring payment by the University of $2,500,000 or more.

By virtue of this action, the Board delegates to the Board comptroller the authority to approve transactions up to $5,000,000, provided that, in the opinion of the
president and comptroller of the University, immediate action on any such transaction is considered an emergency and directly supports the University’s efforts to address challenges arising from COVID-19. The comptroller shall act to approve such transactions on behalf of the Board and will report promptly such transactions to the Board.

The cumulative total of emergency expenditures authorized pursuant to these modified procedures shall not exceed $20,000,000 unless otherwise approved in advance by action of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee of the Board.

These temporary modifications to procurement authorization procedures shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020, unless expressly extended by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Board actions recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs with the recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Ms. Holmes, this recommendation was approved.

Revise Budget for Renovation and Expansion, Civil Engineering Hydrosystems Laboratory, Urbana
In July 2017, the Board approved a $33,570,000 project budget for the Civil Engineering Hydrosystems Laboratory Renovation and Expansion project. Construction began in October 2018 and has progressed according to schedule. During construction, on March 4, 2020, a construction worker identified a failure in the adjacent existing roof structure. Upon investigation, it was determined that the adjacent roof assembly and deck is in an advanced state of deterioration and in need of replacement. This emergent replacement is necessary to allow for completing the current project’s existing exterior envelope and roofing scope. Roof replacement will require a budget increase of $2,200,000, bringing the total project budget to $35,770,000.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board approve increasing the project budget to $35,770,000.

The Board actions recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and gift funds.

The president of the University concurs.

On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Ms. Holmes, this recommendation was approved.