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Board Meeting

July 17, 2025

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MASTER PLAN VARIANCE FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Approve Master Plan Variance for Building Demolition

**Funding:** No new funding required

In March 2020, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Master Plan at the University of Illinois Springfield. This comprehensive plan update serves as a guide to help establish priorities for campus renewal and future development. The plan references existing facilities, recently built sites, and future facilities; and identifies remedies for an aging campus infrastructure to support existing and future development. The plan also incorporates space programming, maximization of existing space utilization, and future land use for the 740-acre campus.

Since the issuance of the Master Plan update, the university has identified five buildings on its campus that have deteriorated to the point of requiring demolition. These include the Spencer House and two adjacent structures, as well as two temporary buildings located near the Business Services Building and the Visual and Performing Arts Building. The Spencer House is neither listed on nor eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The temporary structures, originally erected in 1970, were intended for short-term use and have long exceeded their expected 20-year lifespan. They have become increasingly expensive to maintain and operate. In all instances, the university will engage a licensed demolition contractor to remove the buildings in full compliance with applicable local, State, and federal environmental regulations.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate university officers, recommends the approval of a variance to the Master Plan for demolition of the five structures described herein.

The Board action 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 president of the University of Illinois System concurs.