

MEETING OF THE AUDIT, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
JANUARY 19, 2022

This meeting of the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference¹ on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Ramón Cepeda, who serves as chair of the committee, stated that the chair of the Board of Trustees determined that an in-person meeting would not be practical or prudent due to COVID-19 and that under Section 7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, this meeting would be held virtually. Mr. Cepeda asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen;² Mr. Austin Verthein,³ voting student trustee, Springfield. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling, Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Naomi Jakobsson, Dr. Stuart C. King, and Ms. Mariama Mwilambwe, student trustee, Urbana, attended as guests.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of

¹ Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2022-01 and 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2).

² Ms. Phalen joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

³ Mr. Verthein joined the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Illinois System; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, interim comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Cepeda asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held November 8, 2021. On motion of Mr. McKeever, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:⁴ Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McKeever; No, none; Absent, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Verthein.

PRESENTATIONS AND BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Cepeda asked certain individuals in attendance to provide presentations and report on the items that will appear on the Board's agenda at its meeting on January 20, 2022. All proposed agenda items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

⁴ Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Undergraduate Library Redevelopment

Mr. Cepeda asked Dr. Ellinger to introduce the item recommending approval of the project budget and design for the Undergraduate Library Redevelopment project. Dr. Ellinger gave a history of the building and its use and referred to the proposed redevelopment of the Undergraduate Library to serve as an Archives and Special Collections building, housing portions of University Archives, the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, and the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections. Dr. Ellinger said this building will serve as a center for scholarship and teaching and allow for protection and storage of invaluable resources in climate-controlled storage. He said that Ratio Architects, LLC, and Shepley Bulfinch proposed a design for the building, and he asked Mr. Luke Voiland from Shepley Bulfinch to provide a design presentation to the committee.

Mr. Voiland gave an overview of the project and discussed considerations and aspects of the design. He said the project is expected to be LEED-Silver certified, and he showed several historic and current photographs of the Undergraduate Library. He reported on the four phases of the project, showed the site plan and floor plans, and presented renderings of exterior views of the plaza, highlighting the use of fritted glass to allow for variation in transparency. Mr. Voiland concluded the presentation at 11:15 a.m. and asked members of the committee if they had questions.

Mr. McKeever, Mr. Voiland, and Mr. John P. Wilkin, University librarian and dean of libraries, Urbana, discussed the current storage of rare books and archives.

Mr. Edwards referred to the campus master plan and the impact of the project on available study spaces that currently exist in the Undergraduate Library. Mr. Wilkin stated that use studies have been performed, and he listed the locations of other study spaces available throughout the campus. Additional discussion followed regarding the relocation of some services and collections currently housed in the Undergraduate Library.

Capital and Real Estate Items

Mr. Cepeda then asked Dr. Ellinger to report on capital and real estate items. Dr. Ellinger discussed the recommendation to name the 5525 South Pulaski Road Building at Chicago, formerly known as Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Medical Office Building. Dr. Ellinger described the use of the building and said the Board approved its acquisition in September 2021.

Dr. Ellinger then provided information regarding the recommendation to approve the project for Noyes Laboratory Rooms 219 and 250 Renovations at Urbana and gave a brief history and scope of the project. He said the overall vision is to meet the immediate program needs and academic mission of the units and address deferred maintenance backlog while providing much-needed occupant egress and laboratory safety standards within the teaching laboratories.

Lastly, Dr. Ellinger reported on the recommendation to approve the project budget and amend the professional services contract for Neuropsychiatric Institute Façade Repair, Chicago. He gave a history of the project and said the proposed budget is

\$20.5 million. He said that in order for the project to proceed, it is necessary to amend the professional services contract so that AltusWorks, Inc. can be employed and provide services through the completion of the project. Dr. Ellinger reported on the Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) participation rates for the project.

Award Contracts for Job Order Contracting System, Fiscal Year 2023, Chicago

Next, Mr. Cepeda asked Dr. Ellinger and Mr. John Coronado, vice chancellor for administrative services, Chicago, to discuss the recommendation to award contracts for the job order contracting system for Fiscal Year 2023. Dr. Ellinger explained that the Job Order Contracting (JOC) system is used for minor building alterations, remodeling, repairs, and related site work at the University of Illinois Chicago on an as-needed, as-required basis. He described the advantages of the JOC system and said it allows small projects to be completed in a timely fashion. He said this item recommends the awarding of 27 contracts and said that competitive bids were solicited in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. Dr. Ellinger noted that the JOC system increases rates of participation from MBE, WBE, and veteran-owned firms, and Mr. Coronado indicated he would provide additional details about these participation rates to the committee after the meeting.

Purchase Recommendations

Dr. Ellinger then reported on purchase recommendations, beginning with the recommendation to furnish and deliver a 2D Miniflux inverted microscope for the Carl Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at Urbana. He said the estimated cost of the purchase is \$1,346,497.20 and that it is an exempt from the usual selection processes of the Procurement Code because the procurement expenditure is for performing sponsored research and other sponsored activities under grants and contracts funded by the sponsor or by sources other than State appropriations. He described the advantages provided by the Miniflux system and said it will be the third of its kind in the United States.

Dr. Ellinger then provided information on the recommendation to purchase ophthalmology equipment for the new Outpatient Surgery and Specialty Clinics facility currently under construction at the UI Hospital in Chicago. He said the selected vendor had the lowest cost and responsive and responsible bid.

Next, Dr. Ellinger discussed the recommendation to purchase two monochromators for the Department of Physics at Chicago and said the purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code due to procurement expenditures necessary to perform sponsored research and other sponsored activities under grants and contracts funded by the sponsor or by sources other than State appropriations. He told the committee that a \$14.0 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) is being used to support the purchase and that the planned scientific program approved by the NSF cannot take place without this equipment.

Dr. Ellinger then reported on a renewal option for the purchase and delivery of coal for the Abbott Power Plant at Urbana. He said this is the third of five renewal options and that competitive bidding procedures were followed in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code.

Lastly, Dr. Ellinger provided information regarding a change order to increase COVID-19 lab services for testing saliva samples. He said this contract allows SHIELD Illinois to expand its testing volumes and that the costs will be paid through the SHIELD Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Public Health to provide COVID-19 testing to public school (K-12), community colleges, and the general community of Illinois residents at large.

Mr. Cepeda thanked Dr. Ellinger for the information and asked committee members if they had any questions. Dr. Ellinger and Mr. Verthein discussed the renewal option for the purchase and delivery of coal as it relates to the Illinois Climate Action Plan (ICAP), and Dr. Ellinger and Dr. Jones both referred to decreased coal use and efforts to reach sustainability goals.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Edwards asked if there was any new business to discuss. Dr. Ellinger reported on an emergency purchase request that was made on January 14, 2022, for 500,000 COVID-19

rapid antigen kits from I-Health labs. He said that due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Health asked for support from SHIELD Illinois to provide rapid antigen testing capabilities to be used as a supplement to the saliva-based tests. He said these are needed in K-12 schools and said the cost will be reimbursed through the SHIELD Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Public Health. He emphasized these tests are in addition to, and not a replacement for, the saliva-based tests from SHIELD. Dr. Ghosh told the committee that SHIELD Illinois operates on a cost-recovery basis and does not profit from this transaction. He said some rapid antigen tests are being provided to Chicago Public Schools, which will also be reimbursed. There were no additional questions regarding the emergency purchase.

Mr. Cepeda announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:41 a.m., Mr. Cepeda stated: “A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider setting the price for the sale or lease of property owned by the university.”

On motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Verthein, this motion was approved by the following roll call vote:⁵ Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McKeever, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no other business to discuss, the executive session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. McKeever, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m. by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McKeever, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Verthein; No, none.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT
Secretary

RAMÓN CEPEDA
Chair

⁵ Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

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