



Board of Trustees Meeting

Arkansas State University System

Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

By Zoom

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda

A. Proposed ASU System Resolutions

- 1. Resolution #24-47 approving the ASU System to proceed with the Equipment to Be Utilized for the Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing Capital Project at A-State**
- 2. Resolution #24-48 approving the ASU System to proceed with the Northpark Plaza Renovation Capital Project at A-State**
- 3. Resolution #24-49 approving the ASU System to proceed with the College of Veterinary Medicine Capital Project at A-State**
- 4. Resolution #24-50 approving the ASU System to begin the process of issuing student fee revenue bonds, in order to finance capital improvements on the campus of Arkansas State University**

III. Other Business

IV. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (System) requests approval to proceed with the Equipment to Be Utilized for the Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing Capital Project at Arkansas State University (A-State).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- The System is requesting approval to purchase equipment to be utilized in the creation of the Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing at A-State. The purchase of this equipment will enable the University to support future initiatives in advanced materials and steel manufacturing.
- The capital project, which is estimated to total \$10,000,000, will be funded entirely through federal grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with the Equipment to Be Utilized for the Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing Capital Project at Arkansas State University.


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary


Christy Clark, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (System) requests approval to proceed with the Northpark Plaza Renovation Capital Project at Arkansas State University (A-State).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- The System is requesting approval to begin renovation of the Northpark Plaza at A-State. The University has received funding for the capital project from a \$4,762,029 federal grant through the Arkansas Department of Human Services. The remodeling of Northpark Plaza will allow A-State to provide services related to this grant.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with the Northpark Plaza Renovation Capital Project at Arkansas State University.


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary


Christy Clark, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (System) requests approval to proceed with the College of Veterinary Medicine Capital Project at Arkansas State University (A-State).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- The System is requesting approval to proceed with the design and construction of the building that will house the College of Veterinary Medicine at A-State.
- The capital project, which is estimated to total \$33,230,293, will be funded through the issuance of taxable bonds totaling \$30,000,000 and institutional reserves of \$3,230,293.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with the College of Veterinary Medicine Capital Project at Arkansas State University.


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary


Christy Clark, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (ASU System) requests approval to begin the process of issuing student fee revenue bonds, in order to finance capital improvements on the campus of Arkansas State University (ASU-Jonesboro).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees of the ASU System (the Board) is authorized, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas, including particularly Act No. 62 of 1947, as amended (codified at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-62-301, *et seq.*), to borrow money for the purpose of financing capital improvements.

BACKGROUND:

- The ASU System has identified the need to finance capital improvements on the campus of ASU-Jonesboro, including particularly, without limitation, the acquisition, construction, furnishing, and equipping of facilities for the College of Veterinary Medicine (the Project).
- The Board has determined that all, or a portion, of the costs of the Project should be financed through the issuance of the Board's Student Fee Revenue Bonds (Jonesboro Campus) (the Bonds).
- The ASU System will obtain, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-62-306, *et seq.*, the advice of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board as to the economic feasibility of the Project.
- The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be approximately \$30,000,000; the term of the Bonds is not expected to exceed thirty (30) years; the anticipated average interest rate on the Bonds will be 5.50%; and the average annual debt service on the Bonds will be approximately \$2,035,621.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Chair and the Secretary of the Board; the President, the Executive Vice President and CFO; and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of ASU-Jonesboro are hereby authorized to do the following: (a) to present such information as they deem appropriate to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to obtain its advice as to the economic feasibility of the Project, and (b) to otherwise begin the process of issuing the Bonds.

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An authorizing bond resolution shall be considered and adopted by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Board recognizes that the terms of the sale of the Bonds may be different from the estimates shown above.


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary


Christy Clark, Chair



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Arkansas State University System
September 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
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Attendance

Members Present:

Christy Clark, Steve Eddington, Robert Rudolph, Paul Rowton, Price Gardner, Gary Harpole, and Jerry Morgan

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christy Clark at 10:00 a.m.

II. Agenda

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Mrs. Clark: Because of my employment with a company that could potentially be involved with the College of Veterinary Medicine Project, I am recusing myself from participating in Resolution 24-49. I ask that Vice Chair Steve Eddington lead the Board's consideration and any discussion of this resolution.

Mr. Gardner: Because of our firm's potential involvement in bond issues for the System and its campuses, I have agreed to recuse myself from any discussion or vote on bond issue resolutions, and will do so with respect to any discussion and vote on Resolutions 24-49 and 24-50.

Motion:

Motion to approve ASU System Resolutions 24-47 and 24-48

A motion was made by Price Gardner and seconded by Gary Harpole.
The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Vice Chairman Steve Eddington asked for a motion to approve ASU System Resolution 24-49.

A motion was made by Paul Rowton and seconded by Gary Harpole.
The motion passed. Christy Clark and Price Garder recused themselves.

Motion:

Motion to approve ASU System Resolution 24-50.

A motion was made by Jerry Morgan and seconded by Steve Eddington.
The motion passed. Price Gardner recused himself.

II. Other Business

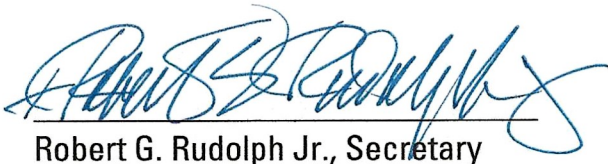
III. Adjournment

Motion:

Mrs. Clark asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Robert Rudolph and seconded by Gary Harpole.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary


Christy Clark, Chair