

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING
August 27, 2013
Urban Conference Room

Board Members Present

Stephen Colecchi, Chair
Ralph Della Ratta (by phone)
Dennis Eckart
Alex Evans
Richard Marsh
Jane Murphy Timken

KSU President's Cabinet

President Lester A. Lefton
Gregg Floyd
Charlene Reed, University Secretary
Willis Walker

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee Colecchi called the business meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Secretary Reed called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

Trustee Colecchi stated that public notification was given pursuant to state law and university policy.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Colecchi stated that the special meeting has been called for the purpose of considering approval of a new building for the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology (CAEST). He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda, hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

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*APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF APPLIED ENGINEERING, SUSTAINABILITY AND
TECHNOLOGY BUILDING*

Trustee Colecchi remarked that since the approval of the Foundations of Excellence, Building the Future initiative in September 2012, work has been underway to develop the project plans and designs. The projects have been reviewed on a monthly basis by a joint board and administration project oversight committee, and through regular reports to the Board of Trustees, he said. Recognizing the magnitude of the work and the fact that construction schedules will not always align with the meeting schedule of the Board of Trustees, the Board in March 2013 adopted Resolution 2013-21. Trustee Colecchi noted that Resolution 2013-21 delegates

authority to the Finance and Administration Committee to act on behalf of the Board, when action is urgently needed to keep projects on time and on budget as approved.

He noted that this meeting is the first time that the Board, through Board Chair Timken, has recognized such an urgent matter and authorized this meeting of the committee. The Committee likewise has determined the matter to be urgent, in keeping with the intent of the board resolution, and thus will consider the proposed approval of a new home for CAEST, which has a working title of the Aeronautics and Technology Building. Expedited action at this time would permit the awarding of contracts and ground breaking for the building's foundation work before the onset of the winter weather, he said.

With that, Trustee Colecchi called on Senior Vice President Gregg Floyd to present the recommendation.

Vice President Floyd presented the materials regarding the proposed Aeronautics and Technology Building. He noted that the administration has worked diligently to get the project to this point. The project presents a sequential issue for the administration, as this project must be completed before other projects can progress. He noted that the administration now has a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) with the construction manager-at-risk for the CAEST at \$17.750 million. It is critical that construction move forward to take advantage of good weather and proceed with other projects, he said.

Board Chair Timken disclosed for the record her service with a principal from Hammond Construction on another community board.

Trustee Della Ratta asked if the administration was certain that the GMP is accurate. Vice President Floyd responded that he believes it is. President Lefton commented that he is excited to get the project started and to see steel coming up from the ground. Trustee Colecchi then read the following motion:

WHEREAS, at its September 12, 2012 meeting, the Kent State University Board of Trustees approved construction of a new facility for the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology (CAEST) as a prioritized project within the Foundations of Excellence, Building the Future initiative; and

WHEREAS, a location and building structure has been developed and endorsed by the Joint Projects Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the proposed building will be approximately 55,200 gross square feet with two levels above ground and one below; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide classrooms, shop areas, and faculty offices on the upper two levels, and air traffic control rooms will be housed in the lower level; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$17.750 million, including \$16.750 million in bond revenues and \$1 million from the College, will be required for this project; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, as authorized in Resolution 2013-21, expedited approval by the Finance and Administration Committee is requested at this time to permit building foundation work to begin before winter weather protection is required, with its associated additional costs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance and Administration Committee, on behalf of the Kent State University Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with the project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

ACTION: Trustee Marsh moved, seconded by Trustee Eckart, that the motion be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Colecchi announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees would occur September 18, 2013, at the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center in Kent, Ohio. On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.