



BoR September 16, 2025

University System of Georgia Board of Regents
270 Washington St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

9:00 AM - Call to Order

Presenter: Chairman T. Dallas Smith

Virtual

Approval of Minutes

Presenter: Secretary Christopher McGraw

9:00 AM

August 12th Minutes

Committee of the Whole: Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Presenter: Regent Cade Joiner

Committee of the Whole: Academic Affairs

Presenter: Regent Erin Hames

Committee of the Whole: Organization & Law

Presenter: Regent Samuel D. Holmes

Committee of the Whole: Personnel & Benefits

Presenter: Regent C. Everett Kennedy III

Committee of the Whole: Finance & Business Operations

Presenter: Regent C. Patrick C. Jones

Committee of the Whole: Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance

Presenter: Regent James K. Syfan, III

Committee of the Whole: Real Estate and Facilities

Presenter: Regent Richard T. Evans, Sr.

Chancellor's Report

Presenter: Chancellor Sonny Perdue

Unfinished Business

Presenter: Chairman T. Dallas Smith

New Business

Presenter: Chairman T. Dallas Smith

2026 BoR Meeting Dates

Gala Update

Presenter: Regent Cade Joiner

Petitions and Communications

Presenter: Secretary Christopher McGraw

Executive Session

Presenter: Chairman T. Dallas Smith

Reconvene

Vote on proposed Chancellor compensation

Adjournment

11:30 AM

Presenter: Chairman T. Dallas Smith

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
August 12, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair T. Dallas Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present in addition to Board Chair Smith, were Board Vice Chair David B. Dove; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Richard T. Evans; Erin Hames; Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; Daniel V. Murphy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; Deep J. Shah; Haynes Maier Studstill; Mathews D. Swift and James K. Syfan, III. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Jonathan Bing, Student Government Association President at Albany State University, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Kerry Stallings, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 14, May 15, May 28, and June 11, 2025, Board meetings.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Tracey Cook, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented one approval item, Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

Approval Item:

Upon a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget Request totaling \$3.87 billion, an increase of \$267.5 million, and the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Request totaling \$197.7 million.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: 2026 HEALTHCARE PLAN

Karin Elliott, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, presented two approval items, approval of Healthcare Plan Changes and Premiums for Plan Year 2026 and approval of 2025 65+ Medicare Eligible Retiree Healthcare Contribution.

Approval Items:

1. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes and seconded by Regent Deep J. Shah, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Healthcare Plan Changes

and Premiums for Plan Year 2026.

2. Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans and seconded by Regent Patrick C. Jones, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to approve the 2025 65+ Medicare Eligible Retiree Healthcare Contribution.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – “GALILEO: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GEORGIA LEARNERS”

Julie Walker, Vice Chancellor of Libraries, State Librarian, led the Campus Spotlight, “Galileo: Celebrating 30 Years of Georgia Learners.” Ms. Walker began by presenting a brief overview of USG Libraries and Archives. Next, she introduced Lucy Harrison, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director, Galileo. Ms. Harrison discussed the history of Galileo and the progress throughout the years. She discussed Galileo’s impact of facilitating more than 50 million searches per year, cutting over \$130 million in annual costs for libraries, and saving \$200 million on textbooks in the last ten years. Next, Dr. Sarah Sansbury, Alumna, Augusta University and the University of West Georgia, Media Specialist, DeKalb County Schools, discussed Galileo’s impact within the educational system. Following Dr. Sansbury, Jason Wright, Alumnus, University of Georgia, George Washington University and Valdosta State University; master’s student, University of West Georgia; and Communication Director, the Georgia Institute of Technology Library, discussed his use of Galileo throughout his educational journey and now in his career. The final speaker in this spotlight was Zion Brannon, Senior, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, the University of Georgia. She gave insight on the usefulness of Galileo from a student’s perspective. The University System of Georgia celebrates the 30 years of success and the impact that Galileo has had on Georgia learners.

RECESS

The Board recessed for track committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Sonny Perdue gave his monthly report. He began by welcoming everyone back and saying that he hoped everyone had a great summer. Then, Chancellor Perdue welcomed Dr. Christopher “Mike” Johnson, the new president of the University of West Georgia (UWG) to the System. He continued by welcoming Dr. Ashwani Monga back to the System Office as Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of Academic Affairs. Chancellor Perdue went on to thank Dr. Monga for doing great work as UWG’s interim president. He also thanked Dr. Costas Spirou for his role as interim Chief Academic Officer in the System Office. Chancellor Perdue announced that Dr. Spirou has joined the System Office full-time as Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurial Strategies Officer and that he will be focusing on furthering higher education and economic development across the state of Georgia.

Chancellor Perdue continued his report by sharing new research milestones. He shared that record research expenditures had been attained by the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) and the University of Georgia (UGA). He reported that GIT’s preliminary research expenditures showed an all-time high of \$1.43 billion, which is an increase from \$1.34 billion in the previous fiscal year. Chancellor Perdue reported that UGA’s preliminary research expenditures for fiscal year 2025 was

\$654 million, which is a brand-new record for the institution, and that in 2024 the total was \$600 million.

Chancellor Perdue also reported on accreditation initiatives. He stated that USG is a founding member of the new accrediting body, the Commission for Public Higher Education (CPHE). Chancellor Perdue acknowledged USG's continued relationship with its current accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). He continued to share the latest Economic Impact Report. Chancellor Perdue stated that according to the latest data for Fiscal 2024, USG contributed \$23.1 billion to Georgia's economy and generated well over 168,000 full and part-time jobs across our state. He continued by saying that is a \$1.2 billion or a 5.4% increase in impact over the previous fiscal year and that USG continues to have the same employment impact on the state as Georgia's top five employers combined.

Next, Chancellor Perdue noted that the USG's institutions had a great summer in reference to their enrollment. He gave a reminder that USG awards four institutions, one institution in each of the USG's sectors, which had the highest summer enrollment growth by percentage change over last year, with a trophy, the highly sought-after Chancellor's Cup. Before presenting the winners with the respective trophies, Chancellor Perdue reported that all sectors had an enrollment increase over last year and that all but two institutions increased and that enrollment hit 191,224, which is a 6.7% increase over Summer 2024. He continued his report by presenting the Chancellor's Cup to the presidents of the respective winning institution. The winning institutions for an increase in summer enrollment were as follows: College of Coastal Georgia, fourth-time winner, for the state colleges sector, with an increase of 13.1%, trophy received by President Johnny L. Evans, Jr.; Fort Valley State University, three-time winner, for the state universities sector, with an increase of 9.6%, trophy received by President Paul Jones; Kennesaw State University, first-time winner, for the comprehensive universities sector, with an increase of 12.5%, trophy received by President Kathy Schwaig; and the Georgia Institute of Technology, fourth-time winner, for the research universities sector, with an increase of 9.7%, trophy received by President Ángel Cabrera. Chancellor Perdue finished this presentation by offering congratulations, saying that these trophies represent some of the most important work our institutions do and that he appreciates everything that USG's institutions are doing.

Chancellor Perdue also gave updates regarding upcoming events. He reported that the Georgia Film Academy will establish a new hub in collaboration with Assembly Studios. Chancellor Perdue also reported that Sandra Neuse, Vice Chancellor of Real Estate and Facilities, will be retiring in November of this year. He said that Ms. Neuse has built a reputation for honesty and fairness and that she is someone whose knowledge, trust and experience have helped USG a great deal. Chancellor Perdue expressed that she will be sorely missed. He also announced that after Ms. Neuse's retirement Frank Smith will take on the role of Vice Chancellor of Real Estate and Facilities. Chancellor Perdue added that Mr. Smith has been with the State since 2000 and served as Director of the State Properties Commission for the past sixteen years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Regent Cade Joiner gave an update on the 2025 USG Foundation Gala. He announced that the total of giving and pledges in fiscal year 2025 was \$7.93 million, which is a record. Regent Joiner

thanked everyone who contributed and Chancellor Sonny Perdue for opening doors around Atlanta in the business community to make this possible. He also thanked Scott Bryant, Vice Chancellor for Development and CEO of the USG Foundation, and Anna Groce, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development, for their work on the gala. Regent Joiner continued by announcing that the gala will be held on August 23, 2025, at the Delta Flight Museum, at 6:00 p.m. and that this is a black-tie event. He also announced USG is ninety percent of the way to its \$2 million goal, which will be double the amount from last year's contributions for the gala.

Dr. Shawn Little, Associate Vice Chancellor of Healthcare Education, gave an update on USG's Nursing Program. Dr. Little shared an overview of the enrollment growth since Fall 2024; increase of 928 students enrolled in the nursing program during that time which is a 14% increase to present. She continued by sharing that the projected new students enrolled in the nursing program from Fall 2025 to Fall 2028 is 2, 669. Chancellor Perdue also gave an update on the plans regarding the University of Georgia's new nursing program.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw announced that there were no timely petitions or communications for the Board to consider and that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held virtually on September 16, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair T. Dallas Smith called for an executive session at approximately 12:03 p.m. With a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Board members present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE

Following executive session, Board Chair T. Dallas Smith reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 12:53 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Upon a motion made by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to give public notice of the Board's intent to increase the Chancellor's salary by \$50,000 to \$572,500 to be effective October 1, 2025. As required by state law, a final vote will occur at least thirty days later.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

T. Dallas Smith
Chairman, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

Christopher A. McGraw
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:06 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Hames, were Committee Vice Chair Deep J. Shah; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Samuel D. Holmes; Cade Joiner; Lowery Houston May; and Haynes Maier Studstill. Board Vice Chair David B. Dove was also present.

Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, and seconded by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Arts, Entertainment, and Creative Technologies (BSAECT) at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective Fall 2026.
2. Upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, effective Spring 2026.
3. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy at Georgia Southern University, effective Fall 2025.
4. Upon a motion made by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Arts degrees with majors in Psychology, Chemistry, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Georgia Southern University, effective Fall 2025.
5. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved the termination of the Master of Arts in Teaching degrees in English and Mathematics at the University of North Georgia, effective Fall 2025.
6. Upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, the Bachelor of Business Administration in Real Estate, and the Master of Education in Secondary Education at the University of West Georgia, effective Fall 2025.
7. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Committee approved the institutional mission statement at Gordon State College, effective immediately.
8. Upon a motion made by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, and seconded by Regent Cade

Joiner, the Committee approved the institutional mission statement at Dalton State College, effective immediately.

9. Upon a motion made by Regent Cade Joiner, and seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury, the Committee approved the institutional mission statement at Georgia Southern University, effective immediately.
10. Upon a motion made by Regent Lowery Houston May, and seconded by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved the revision to Board of Regents Policy 2.8 Institutional Missions, effective August 12, 2025, to add a secondary mission function of offering select career-advancing master's degrees for Georgia Gwinnett College.
11. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, the Committee approved the revision to Board of Regents Policy 4.6 Discipline of Students, effective August 12, 2025.
12. Upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the revision to Board of Regents Policy 6.7 Sexual Misconduct Policy, effective August 12, 2025.

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13. The Committee approved the establishment of the Millikan-Reeve Pharmacy Professorship (Fund II) at the University of Georgia, effective August 12, 2025.
14. The Committee approved the establishment of the Diane L. Wynocker Professor for Advancing Canine Kidney Disease Research at the University of Georgia, effective August 12, 2025.
15. The Committee approved the establishment of the Barry Bustillo Distinguished Professor of Plant Nematology at the University of Georgia, effective August 12, 2025.
16. The Committee approved the establishment of the UGA Foundation Distinguished Professor of Artificial Intelligence at the University of Georgia, effective August 12, 2025.
17. The Committee approved the establishment of the NeSmith Professor of Blueberry Breeding at the University of Georgia, effective August 12, 2025.
18. The Committee approved several named faculty positions at Augusta University, Columbus State University, Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia.

INFORMATION ITEMS

19. The Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Ashwani Monga, provided an update on the University System of Georgia's public posting of course syllabi and CV components.
20. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Success, Dr. Dana Nichols,

provided an update on items approved through the Chancellor's delegated authority in June 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m., in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Patrick C. Jones called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Jones, were Committee Vice Chair Daniel V. Murphy; Regents Richard T. Evans; James M. Hull; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; Mathews D. Swift; and James K. Syfan, III. Chancellor Sonny Perdue and Board Chair T. Dallas Smith were also present.

INFORMATION ITEM

The Committee heard an information item on the action taken on June 16, 2025, by the Chancellor pursuant to authority delegated by the Board at its meeting on May 15, 2025. The Chancellor approved a request from the University of Georgia to establish special e-Tuition rates for eleven online programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:03 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at approximately 10:16 a.m., in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair James K. Syfan, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Syfan, were Committee Vice Chair James M. Hull; Regents Richard T. Evans; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Daniel V. Murphy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; and Mathews D. Swift. Chancellor Sonny Perdue and Board Chair T. Dallas Smith were also present.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the USG Office of Internal Audit, Ethics and Compliance Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030.
2. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the USG Internal Audit Quality Assurance Plan and 2026 review team.

INFORMATION ITEM

3. Chief Audit Officer Jenna Wiese provided the Committee with an update on the conclusion of the various internal audit engagements conducted across the system during Fiscal Year 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair James K. Syfan, III called for an executive session at approximately 10:30 a.m. Upon a motion made by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss the employee offboarding audit. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Upon a properly made motion and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 10:40 a.m. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:42 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at approximately 10:35 a.m., in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Holmes, were Committee Vice Chair Haynes Maier Studstill; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Erin Hames; Cade Joiner; Lowery Houston May; and Deep J. Shah. Board Vice Chair David B. Dove was also present.

APPROVAL ITEM

Upon a motion by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate degree by the University of Georgia to Melvin Douglas "Doug" Ivester.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair Samuel D. Holmes called for an executive session at approximately 10:37 a.m. Upon a motion made by Board Vice Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss student and personnel matters. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Upon a motion made by Regent Tom Bradbury and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Regents present voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 10:57 a.m. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:58 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at approximately 10:05 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Richard T. Evans called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Evans, were Committee Vice Chair Mathews D. Swift; Regents James M. Hull; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Daniel V. Murphy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; and James K. Syfan, III. Chancellor Sonny Perdue and Board Chair T. Dallas Smith were also present.

Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The Committee received an update on the following four actions taken by the Chancellor pursuant to authority delegated by the Board at its meeting on May 15, 2025:
 - Rental Agreements, Beacon Station Apartments, 1480 Wrightsboro Road, and The Row Apartments, 1812 Slaton Street, Augusta, Augusta University
 - Ranking of the Program Management and Design Professional Firms for Project No. J-442, Translational Research Building, Augusta University
 - Demolition of Langdale Hall, 1500 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Valdosta State University
 - Termination of Air Rights Lease, Rental Agreement, and Easement and Operating Agreement, Cancer Research Center, Augusta University

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2. The Committee approved the ranking of the program management and design professional firms for project number J-443, Student Support, Engagement and Wellness Facilities, for Savannah State University. The program management firms, in rank order, were:
 - 1) Comprehensive Program Services, Inc. (Atlanta) w/ H. J. Russell & Company (Atlanta)
 - 2) Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC (Atlanta)
 - 3) Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 4) Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC (Atlanta)

The design professional firms, in rank order, were:

- 1) Cogdell & Mendrala Architects, PC (Savannah) w/ McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture (Atlanta)
- 2) Collins Cooper Carusi Architects, Inc. (Atlanta)

- 3) Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung International, Inc. (Savannah) w/ Sizemore Group (Atlanta)
 - 4) Corgan Associates, Inc. (Atlanta) w/ Moody Nolan, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 5) LS3P Associates, LTD (Savannah)
3. The Committee approved the ranking of the program management and design professional firms for project number J-445, Space Science/Robotics Facility, for Columbus State University. The program management firms, in rank order, were:
- 1) Marx|Okubo Associates, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 2) Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC (Atlanta)
 - 3) Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC (Atlanta)

The design professional firms, in rank order, were:

- 1) 2WR|UG (Columbus) w/ LS3P Associates, LTD (Savannah)
 - 2) Walker Architects, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 3) Pond & Company (Peachtree Corners)
 - 4) Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc. (Columbus) w/ McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture (Atlanta)
4. The Committee approved the ranking of the design professional firms for project number J-447, Science & Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV – North Wing, for the University of Georgia. The design professional firms, in rank order, were:
- 1) Flad & Associates, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 2) Lord Aeck Sargent Planning & Design, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 3) Page Southerland Page, Inc. (Atlanta)

Regent James M. Hull recused himself from any discussion or vote on this item.

5. The Committee authorized the execution of an amendment to a sub-rental agreement at 8800 Redstone Gateway in Huntsville, Alabama, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Committee approved the naming of Steverson Family Baseball Facility at Georgia Southern University.
7. The Committee approved the naming of Toby and Alisa Tate Family Gate at Sanford Stadium for the University of Georgia.
8. The Committee approved the naming of Mark and Andrea Kauffman Plaza at Sanford Stadium for the University of Georgia.
9. The Committee authorized the demolition of buildings located at 219 West Moore Street and 223 West Moore Street in Valdosta for Valdosta State University, and requested that the Governor issue an executive order authorizing the demolition.

APPROVAL ITEMS

10. Upon a motion by Regent Mathews D. Swift that was seconded by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III, the Committee authorized project number BR-10-2601, Sanford Stadium Culvert Maintenance and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, for the University of Georgia.
11. Upon a motion by Regent Harold Reynolds that was seconded by Regent Patrick C. Jones, the Committee authorized the transfer of the name of the recently demolished Bostic Hall at Savannah State University to the student housing complex known as Tiger Court.
12. Upon a motion by Regent Mathews D. Swift that was seconded by Regent James M. Hull, the Committee authorized the allocation of \$65,900,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 Major Repair and Rehabilitation funds to the institutions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Daniel V. Murphy, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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APPROVAL ITEM

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1. The Committee will review a request from Georgia Southern and East Georgia State College.

Business Case:
Transition of East Georgia State College
Athletics from NJCAA to NAIA



July 23, 2025

Executive Summary

As part of the consolidation with Georgia Southern University, East Georgia State College (EGSC) proposes retaining and expanding its athletic program by transitioning from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Athletics is a cornerstone of EGSC's enrollment strategy, particularly at the Swainsboro campus, where student-athletes occupy over 55% of campus housing. This transition aims to amplify this strategy by increasing student-athlete enrollment, leveraging existing infrastructure, and reducing operational costs. To meet the NAIA's six-sport minimum, EGSC will add men's and women's cross country. EGSC seeks Board of Regents approval at the September meeting to meet the NAIA's October 2025 application deadline.

Background

EGSC's athletic program currently competes in the NJCAA and Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA), offering men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball. Athletics is a major driver of enrollment at the Swainsboro campus, with over 55% of housing occupied by student-athletes. Current rosters include Baseball (75), Women's Basketball (42), Men's Basketball (40), and Softball (30). The consolidation with Georgia Southern University provides an opportunity to enhance EGSC's athletic profile by transitioning to the NAIA, aligning with other University System of Georgia (USG) institutions, boosting enrollment, and ensuring financial sustainability.

Rationale for Transition

Enrollment Strategy

- Athletics is a critical enrollment driver at the Swainsboro campus, with student-athletes occupying over 50% of housing. Current rosters include Baseball (75), Women's Basketball (42), Men's Basketball (40), and Softball (30).
- The NAIA transition will expand enrollment by adding 20 student-athletes through cross country, increasing tuition and housing revenue.
- NAIA membership enhances EGSC's appeal to students seeking four-year degrees and diverse competitive opportunities, further supporting consolidation goals.

Cost Efficiency

- NAIA's regional conference keeps travel costs flat or slight up from FY2024 to FY2026, enabled by competition with Georgia NAIA schools, including USG members (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Dalton State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, College of Coastal Georgia) and non-USG schools (Reinhardt University, Life University, Point University, Truett McConnell University, Brenau University, Thomas University, Brewton-Parker Christian University, Savannah College of Art & Design).
- Cross country's low startup costs (e.g., uniforms, shared coach) and existing infrastructure maximize enrollment impact with minimal investment.

- We will do this under the existing East Georgia fee structure and are not seeking a fee increase at this time

Alignment with USG and Georgia Institutions

- NAIA membership aligns EGSC with USG schools (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Dalton State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, College of Coastal Georgia) and non-USG schools in Georgia, fostering in-state rivalries, enhancing competition, and simplifying logistics.
- Supports consolidation with Georgia Southern by positioning EGSC as a distinct NAIA program.

NAIA Requirements and Feasibility

- NAIA requires six sports. EGSC's four current sports (men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball) plus men's and women's cross country meet this threshold.
- Cross country leverages existing USG approval, requiring minimal investment, with men's and women's teams sharing a coach to reduce costs.
- NAIA leadership and the NAIA President have expressed support for EGSC's application.

Operational Independence

- The NAIA program will operate separately from Georgia Southern's NCAA teams, with distinct administration, coaches, student-athletes, and budgets.
- A financial firewall ensures no mingling of NAIA and NCAA funds.

Proposed Sports Portfolio

- **Current Sports:** Men's and women's basketball (40 and 42 athletes), baseball (75 athletes), softball (30 athletes).
- **Proposed Addition:** Men's and women's cross country, low-cost, recruiting 20 student-athletes.
- These sports meet NAIA's six-sport requirement with minimal investment.

NAIA Transition Timeline

- **October 2025:** Submit NAIA application.
- **February 2026:** NAIA site visit.
- **April 2026:** NAIA Council of Presidents vote.
- **July 1, 2026:** Official NAIA entry, with competition in 2026-27.

Stakeholder Engagement

- **NAIA Leadership:** Confirmed interest in EGSC's application.

- **NCAA Compliance** - We got approval from the NCAA that we would operate both NAIA and NCAA athletic programs.
- **NAIA University President:** Indiana University Southeast President provided guidance on transition steps, affirming EGSC's readiness.
- **EGSC Athletics:** Committed to collaborating with Enrollment Management for roster and enrollment goals.
- **Board of Regents:** Approval requested at September meeting for October 2025 application.

Risks and Mitigation

- **Risk:** Missing the October 2025 application deadline.
 - **Mitigation:** Early Board submission and proactive engagement.
- **Risk:** Staffing challenges for cross country.
 - **Mitigation:** Recruit a single part-time coach for both men's and women's teams via USG networks.
- **Risk:** Initial cross country costs.
 - **Mitigation:** Phased implementation and low-cost equipment purchases.

Financial History and Projections

Summary of Revenue and Expenditure Changes (FY2022–FY2025)

From FY2022 to FY2025, East Georgia State College experienced a **13% increase in revenue**, rising from \$335,738 to \$380,832. However, this growth was significantly outpaced by a **21% increase in total expenditures**, which climbed from \$764,051 to \$925,737.

Key expenditure trends over the four-year period include:

- **Travel expenses** increased by **45%**, rising from \$222,248 in FY2022 to \$321,921 in FY2025. This continued rise likely reflects a return to full athletic travel schedules and increased costs post-COVID.
- **Personal Services** grew by **35%**, increasing from \$240,268 to \$323,318, suggesting upward trends in staffing levels and compensation.
- **Operating Expenses** decreased by **9%**, dropping from \$301,535 to \$273,498, likely due to cost-containment strategies or more efficient operations.
- **Capital/Equipment Expenses** of \$7,000 were recorded only in FY2025.

As a result of rising costs, the **net deficit before institutional support** grew by **27%**, from (\$428,313) in FY2022 to (\$544,905) in FY2025.

To offset these increasing deficits, **institutional support** also grew by **24%**, from \$440,754 to \$544,905.

Despite the growing cost burden, institutional support allowed the program to **break even in FY2025**, covering 59% of total expenses. This reflects a **2% increase** in reliance on institutional funds over the four-year period, continuing a trend of significant support to sustain athletic operations far below the approved **85%** allowable institution support..

See financial history chart below.

4 Year Athletic Profit and Loss - Fund 12280

East Georgia State College

Historical Athletic Activity
FY2022 - FY2025

	2022	2023	2024	2025	4 Yr Change %
Revenue	335,738	331,663	359,475	380,832	13%
Expenditures					
Personal Services	240,268	270,668	296,533	323,318	35%
Travel	222,248	256,041	292,131	321,921	45%
Operating Expenses	301,535	269,420	239,043	273,498	-9%
Capital/Equipment Expenses				7,000	
Total Expenditures	764,051	796,130	827,707	925,737	21%
Net Surplus / (Deficits) Before Transfers	(428,313)	(464,467)	(468,232)	(544,905)	27%
Institutional Support	(440,754)	(458,673)	(477,730)	(544,905)	24%
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Transfers	12,441	(5,794)	9,498	0	-100%
Percent of Institutional Support	-58%	-58%	-58%	-59%	2%

Financial Projections

To support our athletes and growing programs, **total expenditures are projected to increase from \$966,817 in FY2026 to \$1,012,631 in FY2028**, representing a **4.7% overall increase**. Key areas of investment include:

- **Personal Services:** Rising by **10.2%** from \$333,104 to \$367,247, this reflects our continued investment in coaches and staff to strengthen program delivery and competitiveness.
- **Travel Expenses:** Travel expenses are projected to remain flat, reflecting anticipated savings from more efficient in-conference travel, which are expected to offset inflationary increases in transportation and lodging costs.
- **Operating Expenses:** Increasing by **4%**, from \$288,885 to \$300,556, ensuring that teams are equipped with the resources and supplies necessary for success.
- **Capital/Equipment Expenses:** Held steady at **\$7,800 per year**, reflecting a consistent approach to equipment investment and efficient resource utilization.

These investments result in annual **operating deficits before institutional support**, growing from **(\$575,420) in FY2026 to (\$608,350) in FY2028**. These deficits are fully offset by institutional support each year, maintaining balanced budgets post-transfers. **Institutional support accounts for 55% of total expenditures annually**, underscoring the college's continued commitment to athletic programming.

Beginning in **FY2027**, **non-athletic fund revenue** generated through the enrollment of 20 new student-athletes is projected to yield **\$276,120 annually** in tuition and fees. This new revenue stream helps reduce the net burden on the institution and demonstrates how athletic program expansion can support broader institutional goals.

See financial projections chart below.

East Georgia State College

**3 Year Projections
FY2026 - FY2028**

		Fiscal Year		
		2026	2027	2028
Revenue		391,397	397,775	404,281
Expenditures	Personal Services	333,104	349,759	367,247
	Travel	337,027	337,027	337,027
	Operating Expenses	288,885	294,663	300,556
	Capital/Equipment Expenses	7,800	7,800	7,800
	Total Expenditures	966,816	989,249	1,012,630
Net Surplus / (Deficits) Before Transfers		(575,419)	(591,474)	(608,349)
	Institutional Support	(575,419)	(591,474)	(608,349)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Transfers		-	-	-
Percent of Institutional Support		-60%	-60%	-60%
Non-Athletic Fund Revenue Increase due to Added Sports				
	Tuition and Other Fee Revenue (20 Students)	-	276,120.00	276,120.00

Projections by Sport

FY2026 Projections

		FY 2026					
		Administration	Baseball	Softball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Cross Country
Revenue	Mandatory Fee	318,903	15,750	6,300	8,400	8,820	4,200
	Misc Rev		10,143	4,329	6,893	7,659	-
	Total Revenue	318,903	25,893	10,629	15,293	16,479	4,200
Expenditures	Personal Services	71,703	64,520	45,817	97,652	27,161	26,250
	Travel	-	110,376	57,202	83,286	71,163	15,000
	Operating Expenses	24,443	77,724	53,106	60,702	62,710	10,000
	Capital/Equipment Expenses		5,000	2,800	-	-	
	Total Expenditures	96,146	257,620	158,925	241,640	161,034	51,250
Net Surplus / (Deficits) Before Transfers		222,757	(231,727)	(148,296)	(226,347)	(144,555)	(47,050)
Institutional Support		222,757	(231,727)	(148,296)	(226,347)	(144,555)	(47,050)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-

FY2027 Projections

		FY 2027					
		Administration	Baseball	Softball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Cross Country
Revenue	Mandatory Fee	325,281	15,750	6,300	8,400	8,820	4,200
	Misc Rev		10,143	4,329	6,893	7,659	-
	Total Revenue	325,281	25,893	10,629	15,293	16,479	4,200
Expenditures	Personal Services	75,289	67,746	48,108	102,535	28,519	27,563
	Travel	-	110,376	57,202	83,286	71,163	15,000
	Operating Expenses	24,932	79,278	54,168	61,916	63,964	10,404
	Capital/Equipment Expenses		5,000	2,800	-	-	
	Total Expenditures	100,221	262,400	162,278	247,737	163,646	52,967
Net Surplus / (Deficits) Before Transfers		225,060	(236,507)	(151,649)	(232,444)	(147,167)	(48,767)
Institutional Support		225,060	(236,507)	(151,649)	(232,444)	(147,167)	(48,767)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-

FY2028 Projections

		FY 2028					
		Administration	Baseball	Softball	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Cross Country
Revenue	Mandatory Fee	331,787	15,750	6,300	8,400	8,820	4,200
	Misc Rev		10,143	4,329	6,893	7,659	-
	Total Revenue	331,787	25,893	10,629	15,293	16,479	4,200
Expenditures	Personal Services	79,053	71,134	50,513	107,661	29,945	28,941
	Travel	-	110,376	57,202	83,286	71,163	15,000
	Operating Expenses	25,431	80,864	55,252	63,155	65,243	10,612
	Capital/Equipment Expenses		5,000	2,800	-	-	
	Total Expenditures	104,484	267,374	165,767	254,102	166,351	54,553
Net Surplus / (Deficits) Before Transfers		227,303	(241,481)	(155,138)	(238,809)	(149,872)	(50,353)
Institutional Support		227,303	(241,481)	(155,138)	(238,809)	(149,872)	(50,353)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Transfers		-	-	-	-	-	-

Conclusion

Transitioning EGSC's athletic program to NAIA supports consolidation with Georgia Southern, amplifies the Swainsboro campus's enrollment strategy, and achieves financial sustainability. Expanding athletics through the addition of cross country meets NAIA requirements while boosting revenue with minimal costs. Historical financials show deficits offset by transfers, but the FY2026 balanced budget reflects NAIA's cost-saving potential, enhanced by in-state competition with USG and non-USG NAIA schools in Georgia. EGSC requests Board of Regents approval at the September meeting to meet the October 2025 NAIA application deadline for a July 1, 2026 transition.

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ACTION ITEMS**I. Academic Programs****New Program Requests****1. Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science (BSMACS) from Georgia Institute of Technology**

Recommended: That the Board approve the request from President Cabrera that Georgia Institute of Technology be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science, effective Fall 2025.

Degree Name/Classification of Instructional Program/Modality:

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science

30080100 Mathematics and Computer Science

On Campus (Atlanta Main Campus)

System and Institutional Context**System-Wide/Strategic Plan Context (within mission fit):**

The synergy between Mathematics and Computing is at the heart of the next decades of industrial and technological development in Georgia, if not the world. As such this degree is directly aligned with the USG strategic planning goal of economic competitiveness.

Institutional Mission Fit:

Georgia Tech's mission is "to develop leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition" with a vision to be "a leading technological, research university relentlessly committed to serving the public good, breaking new ground in addressing the biggest local, national, and global challenges of our time." The intellectual focus of this proposed degree program is at the center of recent technological advances and challenges in the deepest and most foundational areas of computing, with the opportunity to improve the economic well-being of many. The nexus of Mathematics and Computing anchors some of the most critical areas of our age, and graduates who are conversant in that relationship will be well positioned to contribute to the challenges and opportunities that present themselves therein.

Need/Workforce Context

The information technology industry is rapidly evolving due to advances in machine learning and artificial intelligence. Future jobs in this industry will require the adaptation of existing protocols to specific problems which can only be achieved with an understanding of both the theory of the methods and their applications. The Mathematics and Computing degree stands apart by offering a balanced, integrated curriculum that develops both mathematical depth and computational fluency. It is ideal for students who want to understand not just how computational systems and algorithms work, but why they work, how to prove their properties, and how to build new ones from first principles.

In developing this degree, the institution spoke with representatives from various industries about the need for candidates with this dual background and how difficult a combination it is to find. A representative from Boeing noted “We can find either computer scientists with not much advanced math knowledge and thus difficulty adapting standard packages for our idiosyncratic uses or mathematicians with little to no experience in contemporary computing applications or writing solid code.” This degree prepares students for cutting-edge interdisciplinary fields such as artificial intelligence, computational science, data-driven modeling, algorithm design, and mathematical foundations of machine learning.

Labor Market/Career Placement Outlook/Salary:

SOC Code & Occupation	Additional education required for entry level?	Current Employment	Annual Openings	% Growth over Five Years	Median Salary (O-Net data)
15-1221.00 Computer and Information Research Scientists	No	36,500	3,400	11.4%	\$145,080
15-2051.00 Data Scientists	No	202,900	17,700	17.6%	\$108,020
15-1211.00 Computer Systems Analysts	No	14,670	1,100	13%	\$103,380
15-2021.00 Mathematicians	Yes	2,300	100	0%	\$116,440

Curriculum

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be equipped with a strong foundation in both mathematical theory and computing skills, enabling them to think critically and creatively at the interface of the two disciplines.

2. Students will be able to engage in integrated learning that combines mathematics and computing, enabling them to understand and apply concepts from both fields in a cohesive and interdisciplinary manner
3. Students will be able to connect mathematical models and computational methods to solve real-world problems.
4. Students will be able to communicate complex mathematical and computational ideas clearly and effectively.
5. Students will be prepared to engage with the ethical and societal aspects of modern computing, particularly in areas like artificial intelligence, data science, and computational decision-making, where mathematical and computational insights must be applied with care and responsibility.

Experiential Opportunities (High Impact Practices):

This program will include:

- **Collaborative Assignments and Projects:** Multiple courses, especially the advanced courses in the major are designed to include team projects and group homework assignments that require students to develop skills in collaboration, teamwork, project managements, in addition to the intellectual advancement in knowledge.
- **Common Intellectual Experiences:** The curriculum is synergistic by design, combining the theory of Mathematics with the theory and practice of computation. The program has a number of common experiences embedded into it, beginning with some introduction to the major in the first semesters in GT1000 and a suite of core courses. An Ethics component pushes the curriculum beyond the technological into the philosophical and social scientific realm.
- **First Year Experiences:** Georgia Tech has a robust first year seminar program, GT1000, which has an option for major-specific sections. The section focused on majors in this degree program will explore the options that the major provides as well as career opportunities and skills for success, both in this major and in general.
- **Undergraduate Research:** There are many options available for undergraduate research, particularly in summer REUs, for which these students will be well qualified and encouraged to participate in.

Assessment Plan:

Every year the program will be assessed through Georgia Tech's annual assessment process through the Office of Academic Effectiveness. Additionally, Georgia Tech requires that a survey of program graduates be conducted at the end of each term. This information is used to refine curriculum content as well as assessment methodologies.

Enrollment Forecast:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fiscal Year (Fall to Summer)	2026	2027	2028	2029
Base enrollment ¹		50	125	170
Lost to Attrition (should be negative)		(5)	(15)	(15)
New to the institution	0	60	70	80
Shifted from Other programs at institution	50	20	10	10
Total Enrollment	50	125	190	245
Graduates	0	0	(20)	(40)
Carry forward base enrollment for next year	50	125	170	205

Pipeline:

There are presently about 4,000 Computer Science majors and about 400 Mathematics majors. The same pipelines used for those degrees will be used for this program, and the institution expects many students from those programs will shift to this new major.

Marketing Plan:

Initially, the program will be marketed internally, to student organizations focused on related topics, and through academic advisors and majors fairs. Longterm, the Division of Enrollment Management and Office of Admissions will market this program in similar avenues as the BS Computer Science.

Financial Impacts:

Seven existing math faculty and eight existing computer science faculty will be partially reassigned to this program over the first four years. Given enrollment projections, there is an anticipated need of four new faculty and one staff assistant once the program grows.

Facility Impacts: None.

Technology Impacts: None.

Termination Requests

2. University of Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Morehead that University of Georgia be approved to terminate the following degree program effective fall 2025.

- a. Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Pathology

Abstract:

The PhD in Veterinary Pathology was deactivated in 2020 and moved to an area of emphasis within the Ph.D. in Comparative Biomedical Sciences. Enrollment in the Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology was limited due to funding and faculty restraints. Moving the program to an area of emphasis eliminated those restraints to allow the institution to recruit more PhD students in Veterinary Pathology. The final student in the PhD program finished in summer 2025; there are now no students enrolled in this program.

3. East Georgia State College

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Marrero that East Georgia State College be approved to terminate the following degree programs effective fall 2025.

- a. Bachelor of Arts in Fire and Emergency Services Administration
- b. Associate of Arts in Fire and Emergency Services Administration

Abstract:

These programs were deactivated in fall 2021 due to low graduation counts, and the last students graduated from these programs in spring 2023. The institution was previously working to form a partnership that would have sustained enrollment, but those plans did not come to fruition. There are no students enrolled in these programs.

4. Valdosta State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Carvajal that Valdosta State University be approved to terminate the following degree program effective fall 2025.

- a. Bachelor of Arts in Legal Assistant Studies

Abstract:

This program was deactivated in Fall 2023 when the one faculty line dedicated to this program became vacant, following low enrollment trends. Students looking to pursue a baccalaureate degree who are interested in this field, which requires an associate degree, are encouraged to complete degrees from VSU in Political Science or Organizational Leadership. The last student graduated from this program in spring 2024; there are no students enrolled in this program.

II. Board Policy Revision

5. BOR Policy 4.6 Discipline of Students

Recommended: That the Board approve the request from Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Ashwani Monga to rescind the approved changes from the August 2025 Board meeting to the Board Policy on Discipline of Students, effective immediately.

Abstract: The policy changes approved by the Board in August attempted to move the student Title IX procedures from Policy 4.6.5 into Policy 6.7 so that the student Title IX policies and procedures would be in the same place. However, components of the regular student conduct hearing and investigation procedures were inadvertently moved as well. The policies are being reexamined and proper language will be submitted at a future Board meeting for approval.

6. BOR Policy 6.7 Sexual Misconduct Policy

Recommended: That the Board approve the request from Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Ashwani Monga to rescind the approved changes from the August 2025 Board meeting to the Board Policy on Sexual Misconduct, effective immediately.

Abstract: The policy changes approved by the Board in August attempted to move the student Title IX procedures from Policy 4.6.5 into Policy 6.7 so that the student Title IX policies and procedures would be in the same place. However, components of the regular student conduct hearing and investigation procedures were inadvertently moved as well. The policies are being reexamined and proper language will be submitted at a future Board meeting for approval.

CONSENT ITEMS**III. Named/Endowed Faculty Positions****7. Establishments****Cooper-Mukharji Professorship in Veterinary Medicine**

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Jere Morehead that University of Georgia be authorized to establish the Cooper-Mukharji Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, effective September 16, 2025.

Abstract: The University of Georgia Foundation has verified funding sufficient to establish the endowed position as required by the Board of Regents Policy 8.3.2.3. The University of Georgia Foundation has confirmed the funds available to support the establishment of \$250,000.00.

Rationale: The College of Veterinary Medicine has completed arrangements for funding the Cooper-Mukharji Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, being named after the donors,Carolynn Cooper and Pratap Mukharji.

Carolynn Cooper earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Georgetown University and an MBA from Duke University. She is a long-time supporter of education, and most recently served as national board member for the ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation and President of ARCS-Atlanta. ARCS awards outstanding STEM students with grants to further education.

Pratap Mukharji earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Haverford and an MBA from Duke University. He is a retired management consultant, serving most recently as Board Chair for Heartisan Foods (which was acquired by Atalanta). He is a member of the Board of Directors of Due North an Schwazze, a member of the Governing Board of the Woodruff Arts Center, and a member of the Board of Directors of the High Museum.

The holder of this professorship is expected to have an outstanding national reputation and the promise of making significant contributions to teaching, research, and service (or engaged in a combination of such duties consistent with community or general practice in the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery).

Audrey Bailey Morgan Distinguished Endowed Dean's Chair in the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Kathy Schwaig that Kennesaw State University be authorized to establish the Audrey Bailey Morgan Distinguished Endowed Dean's Chair in the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts, effective October 1, 2025.

Abstract: The Kennesaw State University Foundation has verified funding sufficient to establish the endowed position as required by the Board of Regents Policy 8.3.2.3. The Kennesaw State University Foundation has confirmed the funds available to support the establishment of \$1,958,488.64.

Rationale: The Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts has completed arrangements for funding the Audrey Bailey Morgan Distinguished Endowed Dean's Chair in the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts. The fund is being established by a gift from the Bobbie Bailey Foundation on behalf of its chairman and CEO, Ms. Aubrey Morgan. Growing up during the Great Depression and unclear on her potential to continue her education at the collegiate level, the Georgia native benefited from the help of work scholarships to attend Asbury College, while she also studied business management at Georgia State. As a result of this opportunity, Audrey has focused her philanthropy on education and worked to invest in Georgia's students. Her family is the largest combined donor ever at Kennesaw State at over \$16 million since 1993.

This dean's chair position will allow the current dean of the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts and all future deans of the college to use annual disbursements from the chair to meet the highest priority needs of the college's students and faculty. The Chair holder will be appointed by the Provost with approval of the President.

8. Named Faculty Positions

Institution: Augusta University

University Faculty's Name: Ebony Whisenant, M.D.

Named Faculty Position: Ollie O. McGahee, Jr. M.D. Chair in Family Medicine

Effective Date: September 16, 2025

Institution: Georgia State University

University Faculty's Name: Jonathan Smith, Ph.D.

Named Faculty Position: W.J. Usery, Jr. Endowed Chair in the Department of Economics

Effective Date: September 16, 2025

Institution: Kennesaw State University

University Faculty's Name: Jawshing Arthur Liou, MFA

Named Faculty Position: Audrey Bailey Morgan Distinguished Endowed Dean's Chair in the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Institution: Savannah State University

University Faculty's Name: Kisha Aites, Ph.D.

Named Faculty Position: Dr. Thelma T. Daley Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Termed faculty in Education

Effective Date: September 16, 2025

Institution: University of Georgia

University Faculty's Name: Daniel Markewitz, Ph.D.

Named Faculty Position: Terrell Professor of Forestry and Natural Resources

Effective Date: September 16, 2025

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. Executive Session

The Committee will enter executive session to discuss pending applications for discretionary review. These are made to the Board of Regents Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to Policy 6.26. Applications for Discretionary Review involve personnel matters and student records.

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INFORMATION ITEM

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1. **Information Item: Update on USG Benefits Plan Procurements**

Ms. Karin Elliott, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, will present an update on two USG benefits plan procurements that are currently underway.

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APPROVAL ITEM

1. Revisions to *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers 1

1. **Approval Item: Revision to *Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers***

Recommended: That the Board approve the proposed revisions to the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers.

Background: Section 135 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S. Code § 1015d) was amended by striking “The Armed Forces on Active Duty, Spouses, and Dependent Children” and inserting “Qualifying Federal Service.” 20 U.S. Code § 1015d states:

In the case of a member of a qualifying Federal service whose domicile or permanent duty station is in a State that receives assistance under this chapter, such State shall not charge such member (or the spouse or dependent child of such member) tuition for attendance at a public institution of higher education in the State at a rate that is greater than the rate charged for residents of the State.

The USG Military Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waiver currently allows active duty, their spouses, and their dependent children who are ineligible for an in-state tuition classification to pay tuition at a rate that is not greater than the rate charged to Georgia residents. To ensure the military waiver policy remains aligned with 20 U.S. Code § 1015d, it is recommended that the policy be updated to include “member of a qualifying Federal service.” Qualifying federal service includes active-duty military, active-duty foreign service employees, and certain employees of the intelligence community.

Please note, strikethrough text represents a deletion from the current version, and highlighted text represents an addition.

CURRENT POLICY LANGUAGE

Excerpt of Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers

Military

1. Active duty military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children who meet one of the following criteria:
 - A. The military sponsor is currently stationed in or assigned to Georgia;
 - B. The military sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia, and the student or students remain continuously enrolled in a Georgia high school, TCSG institution, or a USG institution;
 - C. The military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia and the spouse and dependent children remain in Georgia;
 - D. The military sponsor is stationed in a state contiguous to the Georgia border and resides in Georgia;
 - E. Dependent children of a military sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia within the previous five years;

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 - F. Dependent children of a military sponsor if the child completed at least one year of high school in Georgia; or,
 - G. Any student utilizing VA educational benefits transferred from a currently serving military member, even if the student is no longer a dependent of the transferor.
2. Active members of the Georgia National Guard stationed or assigned to Georgia or active members of a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia, and their spouses and their dependent children.
3. Separated military members from a uniformed military service of the United States who meet one of the following:
 - A. Individuals who within 36 months of separation from such service enroll in an academic program and demonstrate intent to become domiciled in Georgia. This waiver may also be granted to their spouses and dependent children.
 - B. Any separated service member or any student utilizing transferred VA educational benefits and physically residing in the state.
 - C. Any individual as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c).

PROPOSED NEW POLICY LANGUAGE

Excerpt of Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers

Military and Other Members of a Qualifying Federal Service

1. Active-duty military personnel and other members of a qualifying Federal service as defined in 20 U.S. Code § 1015d(d), their spouses, and their dependent children who meet one of the following criteria:
 - A. The military or other qualified sponsor is currently stationed in or assigned to Georgia;
 - B. The military or other qualified sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia, and the spouse or dependent child student or students remains continuously enrolled in a Georgia high school, TCSG institution, or a USG institution;
 - C. The military or other qualified sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia and the spouse and or dependent child children remains in Georgia;
 - D. The military or other qualified sponsor is stationed in a state contiguous to the Georgia border and resides in Georgia;
 - E. ~~Dependent children of a~~ The military or other qualified sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia within the previous in the five years immediately preceding the first day of classes;
 - F. Dependent children of a military or other qualified sponsor if the child completed at least one year of high school in Georgia; or,
 - G. Any student utilizing VA educational benefits transferred from a currently serving military member, even if the student is no longer a dependent of the transferor.

1. **Approval Item: Revision to *Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers (Continued)***
2. Active members of the Georgia National Guard stationed or assigned to Georgia or active members of a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia, and their spouses and their dependent children.
3. Separated military members from a uniformed military service of the United States who meet one of the following:
 - A. Individuals who within 36 months of separation from such service enroll in an academic program and demonstrate intent to become domiciled in Georgia. This waiver may also be granted to their spouses and dependent children.
 - B. Any separated service member or any student utilizing transferred VA educational benefits and physically residing in the state.
 - C. Any individual as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c).

CLEAN NEW POLICY LANGUAGE

Excerpt of Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers

Military and Other Members of a Qualifying Federal Service

1. Active-duty military personnel and other members of a qualifying Federal service as defined in 20 U.S. Code § 1015d(d), their spouses, and their dependent children who meet one of the following criteria:
 - A. The military or other qualified sponsor is currently stationed in or assigned to Georgia;
 - B. The military or other qualified sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia, and the spouse or dependent child remains continuously enrolled in a Georgia high school, TCSG institution, or a USG institution;
 - C. The military or other qualified sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia and the spouse or dependent child remains in Georgia;
 - D. The military or other qualified sponsor is stationed in a state contiguous to the Georgia border and resides in Georgia;
 - E. The military or other qualified sponsor stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia in the five years immediately preceding the first day of classes;
 - F. Dependent children of a military or other qualified sponsor if the child completed at least one year of high school in Georgia; or,
 - G. Any student utilizing VA educational benefits transferred from a currently serving military member, even if the student is no longer a dependent of the transferor.
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1. Information Item: Systemwide Post-Tenure Review Audit Results

During this session Assistant Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit Ted Beck will provide an update on the results of the systemwide Post-Tenure Review Audit engagement.

2. **Information Item: Systemwide Vulnerability Management Audit Results**

During this session Assistant Vice Chancellor for IT Internal Audit Roger Boyd will provide an update on the results of the systemwide Vulnerability Management Audit engagement.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

September 16, 2025

1. Real Estate Actions Taken within Delegated Authority

The following pages contain a listing of the real estate actions taken during the period beginning April 1, 2025, and ending July 31, 2025, within the authority delegated by the Board to the Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities.

**Real Estate Actions Taken within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025**

Acquisition

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	1,918 acres University Center Lane Former Right of Way	\$105,000.00

Lease as Tenant

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Square Feet/Rent</u>	<u>Use</u>
Albany State University	Albany	4,140 sf \$4,657.50/month	Office for Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center Lease Extension
Columbus State University	Columbus	3,546 sf \$2,590.35/month	President's Office and Police Department Lease Extension
Fort Valley State University	Butler	6,132 sf \$6,204.77/quarterly	Classroom Space Taylor County Head Start Lease Extension
Fort Valley State University	Marshallville	14,324.75 sf \$1.00/year	Classroom Space City of Marshallville Head Start Lease Extension
Fort Valley State University	Oglethorpe	6,180 sf \$7,500.00/year	Classroom Space Macon County Head Start Lease Extension
Georgia College & State University	Milledgeville	13,000 sf \$10,833.33/month	Simulation Center for Graduate Nursing Program New Lease
Georgia Film Academy	Norcross	15,000 sf \$16,000/month	Classroom and office space Lease Extension
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	18,128 sf \$35,000.00/month	Classroom and office space Lease Extension/Expansion
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	2,400 sf \$1.00/year	Temporary warehouse space New Lease
Georgia Highlands College	Marietta	21,575 sf \$30,494.51/month	Marietta Campus Lease Modification for Tenant Improvements

**Real Estate Actions Taken within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025**

Lease as Tenant continued

Georgia Institute of Technology	Tucson	5,440 sf \$7,996.80/month	Georgia Tech Research Institute Tucson Field Office Lease Extension
Georgia Institute of Technology	Dublin	1,590 sf \$2,084.28/month	Office space Enterprise Innovation Institute Lease Extension
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	4,000 sf \$6,750.00/month	Georgia Tech Police Midtown Substation New Lease
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	2,179 sf \$1.00/year	Offices for Botanic Garden Lease Extension
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	0.98 acres \$1.00/year	Parking Lot – Botanic Garden Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Athens	10,900 sf \$21,800.00/month	Offices for Center for Family Research Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Leesburg	3.5 acres \$1.00/year	Lee County 4-H S.A.F.E Shotgun Shooting Team Space Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Athens	450 sf \$0.00/year	UGA Athletic Association Offices for Marketing & Promotions Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Athens	37,650 sf \$6,275.00/month	Warehouse & Office Space Offsite Library Repository Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Eatonton	3.03 acres & structures \$0.00/year	Rock Eagle 4-H Tompkins Inn Property Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Alma	69.77 acres \$0.00/year	Blueberry Farm Land UGA – Bacon County Extension Office Lease Extension
University of North Georgia	Oakwood	400 parking spaces \$1.00/month	Thurmond Tanner Ride Share Parking Lot Lease Extension

**Real Estate Actions Taken within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025**

Lease as Tenant continued

University of North Georgia	Watkinsville	9,100 sf \$1,863.00/month (Classroom) \$4,347.00/semester (Studio)	Classroom & Studio Space School Street Studios License Renewal
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Lease as Landlord

University of Georgia	Athens	Multiple Sports Facilities	Lease Area Expansion for Baseball Field and Tennis Complex Projects UGA Athletic Association Master Lease
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Right of Way/Easements for Compensation

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Purpose/Compensation</u>
University of Georgia	Georgia Department of Transportation	Bridge Replacement on CR 924/Bells Ferry Road at Woodward Creek \$10,096.00

Easements for Institution Benefit

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	City of Tifton	Utility Easement Georgia Museum of Agriculture
Georgia Institute of Technology	Georgia Power Company	Utility Easement for Woodruff Residence Hall – North and South
Savannah State University	Georgia Power Company	Utility Easement Marine Science Center

2. Ranking of Design Professional and Construction Management Firms, Project No. BR-90-2503, Wellstar Champions Complex Renovation, Kennesaw State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional and construction management firms named below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with each top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with each top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other respective listed firms in rank order.

Understandings: Qualifications-based selection processes were held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendations are made:

Project No. BR-90-2503, Wellstar Champions Complex Renovation, Kennesaw State University

Project Description: At its meeting in May 2025, the Board authorized a renovation of the building at 500 Chastain Center Boulevard (the “Building”) to create the Wellstar Champions Complex. Totalling over 78,000 square feet, the Building’s infrastructure will be modernized with installation of a new sprinkler system, updates to fire alarm equipment, and improved fiber connectivity. Planned layout modifications and renewed finishes will create flexible offices, conference rooms, touchdown workstations, and a break room. These improvements (the “Project”) will serve Kennesaw State University’s Football Operations, as well as various departments within the Administration and Finance Division, including Planning, Design and Construction, Plant Operations, Environmental Health and Safety, and Event and Venue Management.

The Project will be funded with \$8,000,000 in gifts and donations and \$7,550,000 in institutional funds.

Total Project Cost:	\$15,550,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	\$11,750,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 17

Recommended firms in rank order:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Number of construction management firms that applied for this commission: 12

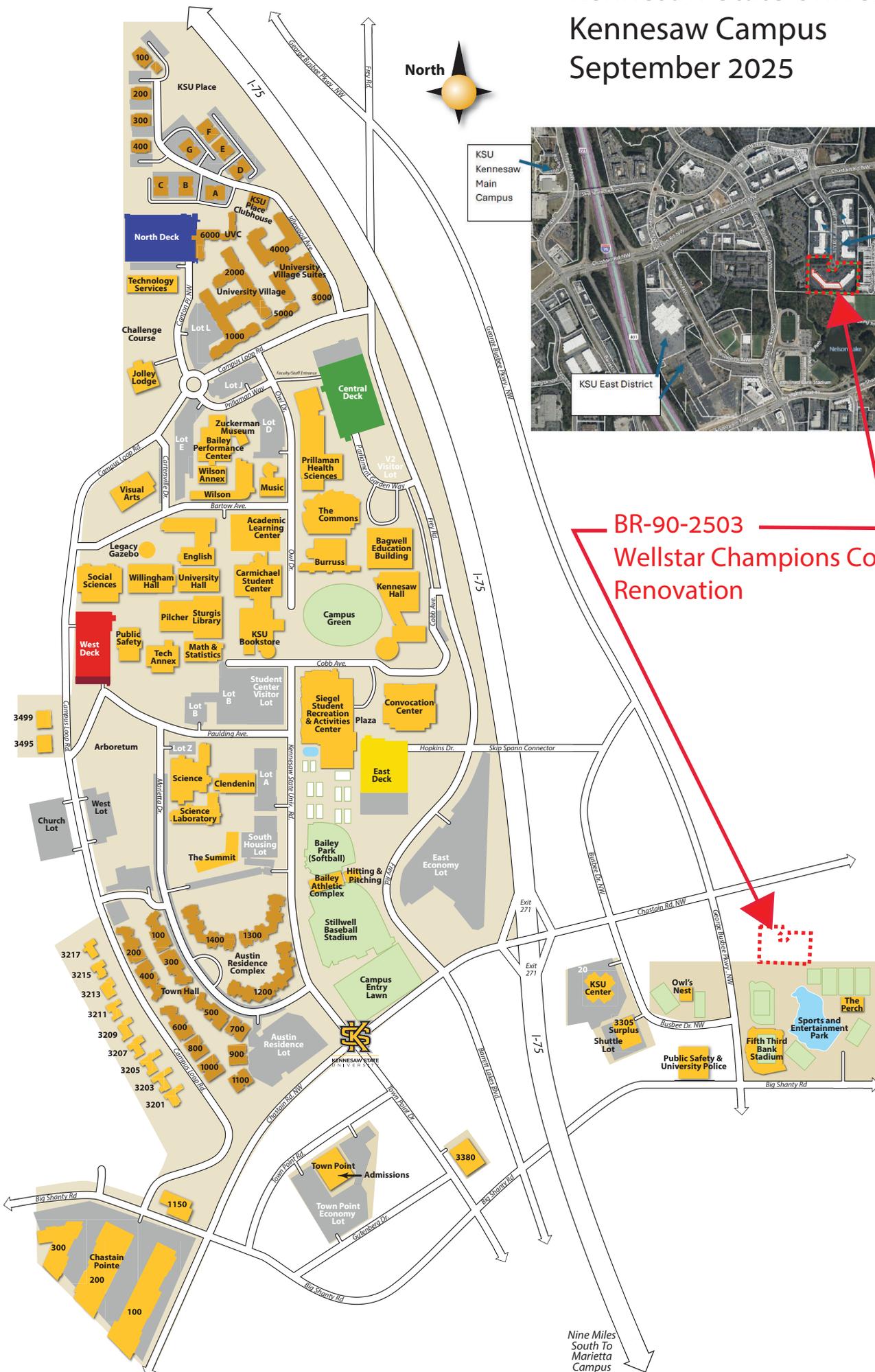
Recommended firms in rank order:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Kennesaw State University Kennesaw Campus September 2025



BR-90-2503
Wellstar Champions Complex
Renovation



Nine Miles South To Marietta Campus

3. Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. BR-50-2508, 100 Edgewood Avenue Classroom Renovation, Georgia State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms named below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Understandings: A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. BR-50-2508, 100 Edgewood Avenue Classroom Renovation, Georgia State University

Project Description: Authorized by the Board at its May 2025 meeting, Georgia State University plans to renovate approximately 60,000 square feet on the second, third, and fourth floors of the building located at 100 Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta. These efforts will provide modernized classrooms that align with the university's current educational needs and priorities (the "Project"). The new classrooms will replace those that will be eliminated by demolition of Sparks Hall. The scope of the Project also includes installation of communicating stairs between the three floors.

The Project will be funded with \$26,000,000 in private funding and \$2,000,000 in institutional funds.

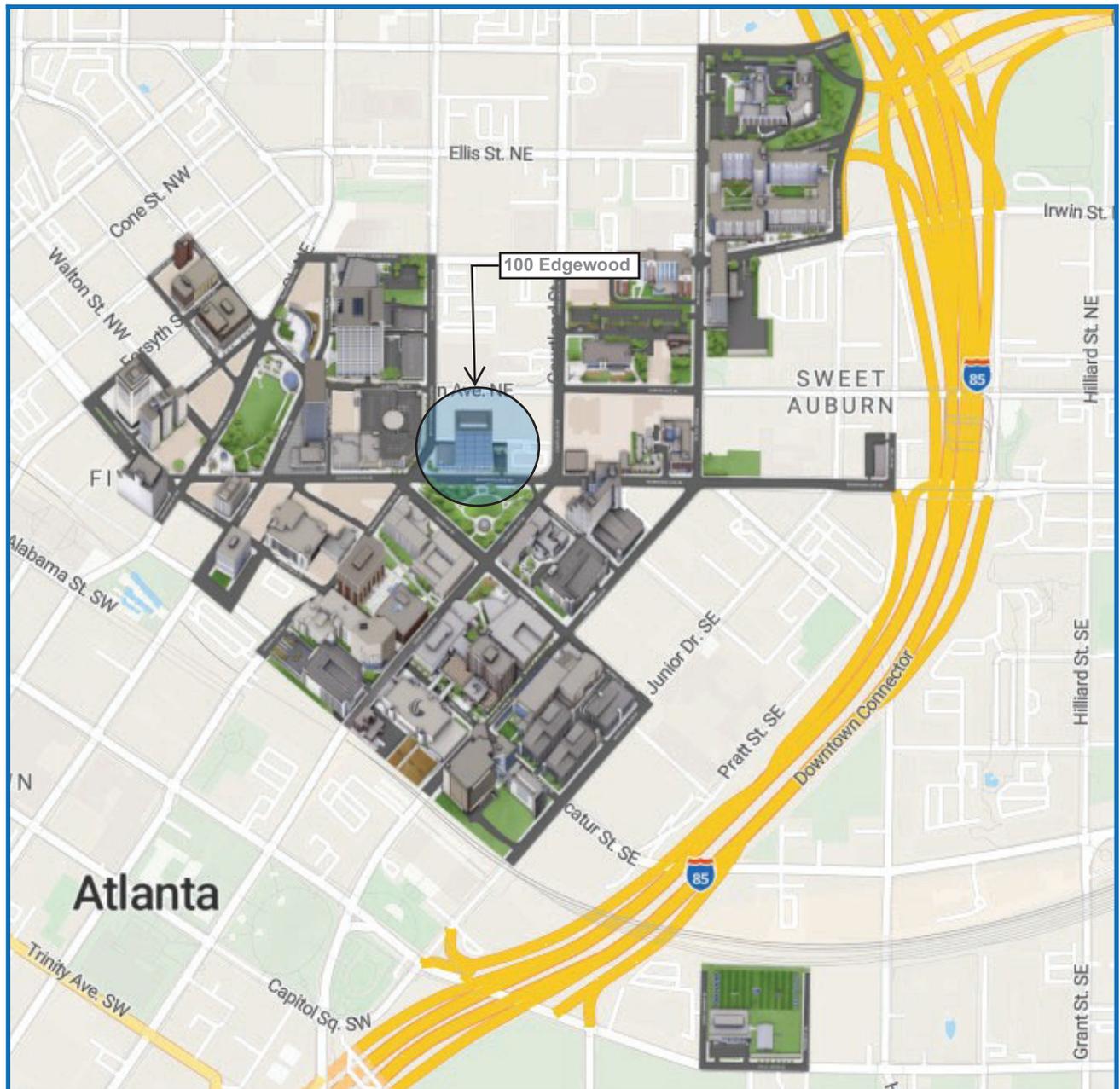
Total Project Cost:	\$28,000,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	\$18,150,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 21

Recommended firms in rank order:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

100 Edgewood Avenue Classroom Renovation



Atlanta Campus Map



4. Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. BR-50-2509, Arts and Humanities Building Expansion and Kopleff Recital Hall Entrance, Georgia State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms named below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Understandings: A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. BR-50-2509, Arts and Humanities Building Expansion and Kopleff Recital Hall Entrance, Georgia State University

Project Description: At its meeting in May 2025, the Board approved an expansion to Georgia State University’s Art and Humanities Building that will add approximately 20,000 square feet of space to the structure (the “Project”). The planned improvements will provide a larger lobby inside the entrance to Kopleff Recital Hall, gallery and multi-purpose space on the ground floor of the building, and additional academic office and event space on other floors. The expansion will help alleviate some of the space needs of the College of the Arts and support the institution’s goals of fostering creativity, innovation, and world-class education.

The Project will be funded with \$21,000,000 in private funding and \$2,000,000 in institutional funds.

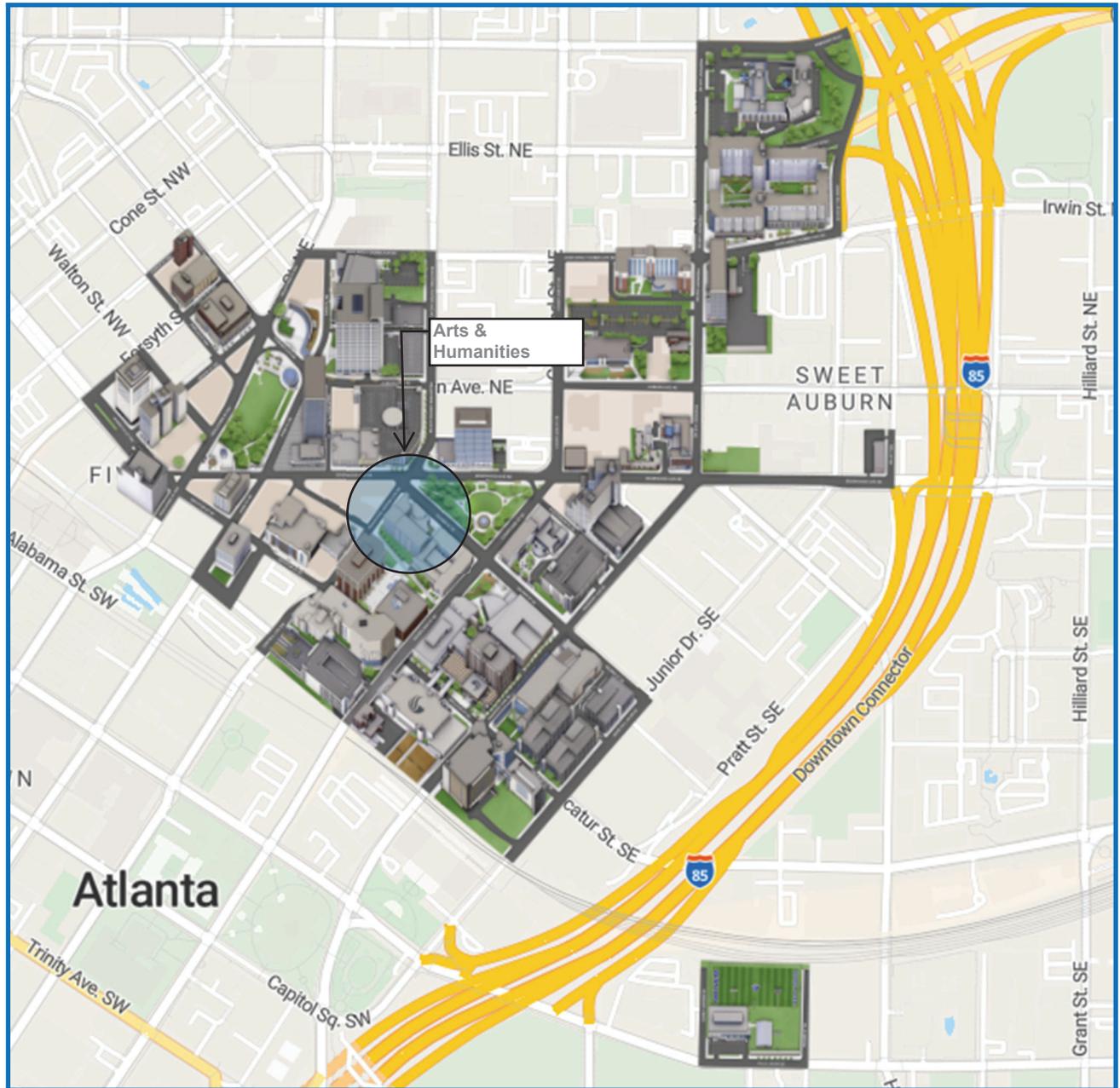
Total Project Cost:	\$23,000,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	\$14,350,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 17

Recommended firms in rank order:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Arts and Humanities Building Expansion and Kopleff Recital Hall Entrance



Atlanta Campus Map



5. **Authorization of Project No. BR-50-2602, University Bookstore Addition and Renovation, Georgia State University**

Recommended: That the Board authorize Project No. BR-50-2602, University Bookstore Addition and Renovation, Georgia State University (“GSU”), with a total project budget of \$5,050,000 to be funded with institutional funds.

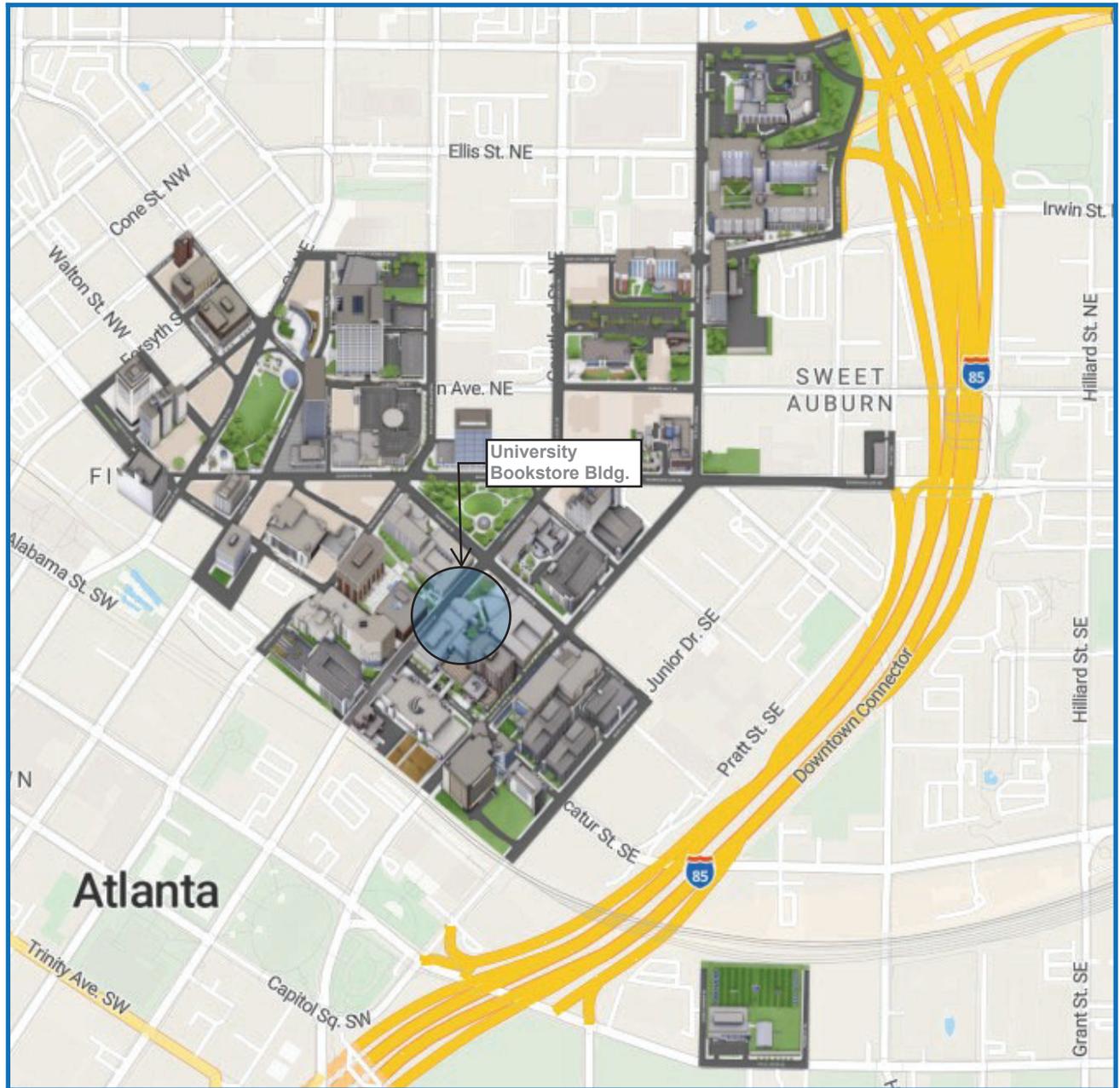
Understandings: GSU’s University Bookstore (the “Bookstore”) is currently housed in a two-story space on the third and fourth floors of the Bookstore Building (the “Building”) located at 66 Courtland Street in Atlanta. This location lacks exterior visibility and connectivity to pedestrian traffic on the campus Greenway, a wide walkway that runs diagonally across the core of GSU’s Atlanta campus. The space within the Bookstore is also insufficient to meet the evolving needs of students.

To address these challenges, GSU proposes to renovate approximately 16,500 square feet of space on the first and second floors of the Building into a more dynamic, inviting and functional Bookstore space (the “Project”). This would enhance the Bookstore’s visibility and accessibility and create a stronger visual connection to the campus Greenway. The new design would feature open merchandise display areas, a technology corner with a help desk, a coffee bar, a grab and go section, and soft seating for casual interactions. The addition would create a new entrance into the courtyard adjacent to the Building and Student Center East to provide seamless access for the campus community.

The estimated construction cost for the Project is \$3,340,000. If authorized by the Board, GSU staff will proceed with design and construction of the Project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures.

BR-50-2602

University Bookstore Addition and Renovation



Atlanta Campus Map



6. **Authorization of Project No. BR-10-2602, Georgia Center Renovation for Hospitality and Food Industry Management Program, University of Georgia**

Recommended: That the Board authorize Project No. BR-10-2602, Georgia Center Renovation for Hospitality and Food Industry Management, University of Georgia (“UGA”), with a total project budget of \$9,650,000 to be funded with \$4,650,000 in institutional funds and \$5,000,000 in gifts and donations.

Understandings: UGA’s program for Hospitality and Food Industry Management (the “Program”) has experienced exponential enrollment growth since its inception in 2019. Despite the Program’s high ranking amongst its peers, it lacks the instructional space required to further develop the educational environment for its students. To address this concern, UGA proposes to renovate two levels of office space in the Georgia Center to create a commercial teaching kitchen encompassing approximately 3,300 square feet and an event management lab totaling approximately 4,200 square feet (the “Project”). The kitchen would contain up to 14 student teaching stations, including the instructor/demonstration station, featuring commercial cooking equipment. The lab is envisioned as a large conference/hospitality room that would accommodate over 140 at round tables with movable partitions for space flexibility. The scope of the Project also includes improvements to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems to address exhaust needs, and new sewer and gas lines to support the kitchen.

The Project would allow for more comprehensive learning opportunities for the Program’s students, thus enriching their UGA experience. Moreover, with facilities comparable to the top hospitality programs in the country, the renovated space would serve as a recruiting tool for new students interested in obtaining a degree from the Program. Through this new experiential space and innovative course programming, UGA would continue to be a leader in hospitality management education.

The estimated construction cost for the Project is \$6,700,000. If authorized by the Board, UGA staff will proceed with design and construction of the Project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures.

7. **Sub-Rental Agreement, 5849 Peachtree Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia Film Academy**

Recommended: That the Board authorize execution of a sub-rental agreement for office and classroom space in Suite 300 of the building at 5849 Peachtree Road in Atlanta between Assembly Atlanta, LLC, as Sub-Landlord, and the Board of Regents, as Sub-Tenant, for the use and benefit of the Georgia Film Academy (“GFA”). This sublease would allow GFA to lease approximately 32,327 rentable square feet (“RSF”) of space (the “Premises”) at a total monthly amount of \$40,408.75 (\$484,905.00 per year/\$15.00 per RSF) for an initial term commencing on July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. The agreement would also include options to renew on a year-to-year basis for three consecutive, one-year periods ending June 30, 2029. Base rent would escalate approximately 4.0% per year during the term of the sublease.

Understandings: In December 2018, GFA began leasing approximately 12,000 RSF of conditioned warehouse space in Building 51 on the manufacturing campus of Lightera (formerly OFS BrightWave Solutions) at 2000 Northeast Expressway in Norcross. An additional 1,000 RSF was added to the leased space in August 2019. Building 51 is located on a portion of the Lightera property that was subsequently sold to the Urban Redevelopment Agency of Gwinnett County, Georgia (the “URA”).

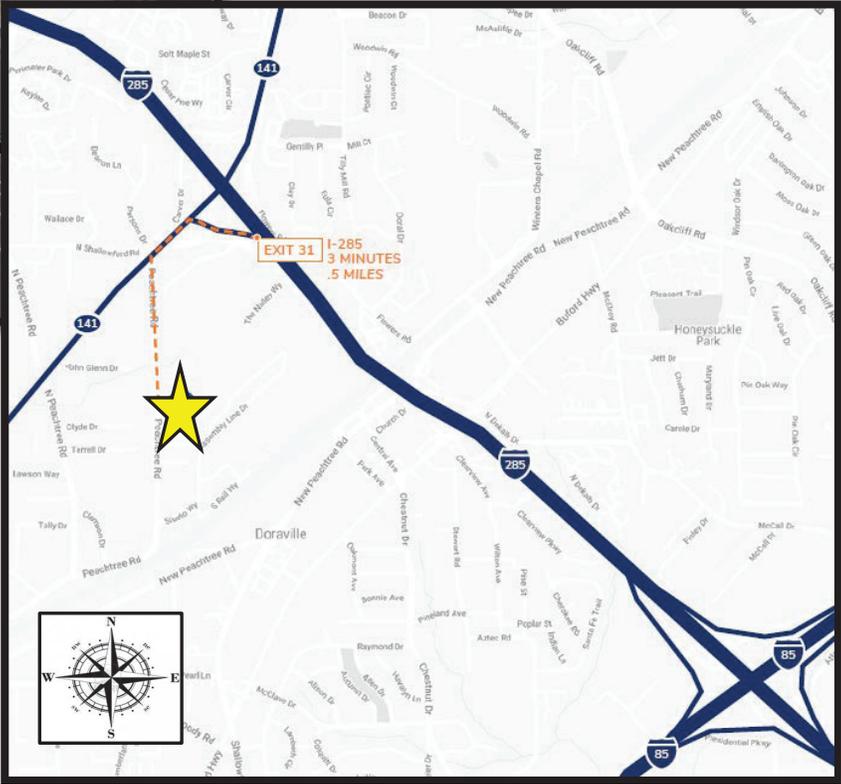
With the lease of Building 51 scheduled to expire in June of this year, and URA unwilling to agree to an extension without lease terms allowing the landlord to terminate the agreement with just six months’ notice, GFA sought to relocate its Northeast Atlanta operations to new space. Located just outside the gates of Assembly Studios, the Premises would nearly double GFA’s leased area, allowing for greater flexibility with class scheduling. Furthermore, the location is expected to provide increased opportunities for GFA’s students to gain experience working on film and television productions at the adjacent studios.

GFA will be responsible for expenses related to utilities and janitorial services during the term of the sublease. In addition to performing tenant improvements totaling over \$64,000 at its expense, Landlord also agreed to complete GFA’s requested buildout (the “Initial Buildout”) at amount not to exceed \$535,000. The Initial Buildout would create the various training spaces within the Premises, and GFA would be required to reimburse Landlord for the final cost of that work in the form of a one-time special rent assessment.

Sub-Rental Agreement

5849 Peachtree Road, Suite 300

Atlanta, Georgia



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8. Naming of Bud and Val Peterson Residence Hall, Georgia Institute of Technology

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the Curran Street Residence Hall (the “Hall”) that is currently under construction on the west side of the Georgia Institute of Technology (“GIT”) campus in Atlanta as “Bud and Val Peterson Residence Hall” in honor of GIT President Emeritus and Regents’ Professor G. P. “Bud” Peterson and his wife, former GIT first lady Val Peterson.

Understandings: President Ángel Cabrera confirms that this naming conforms to GIT’s naming guidelines and with the Board of Regents naming policy.

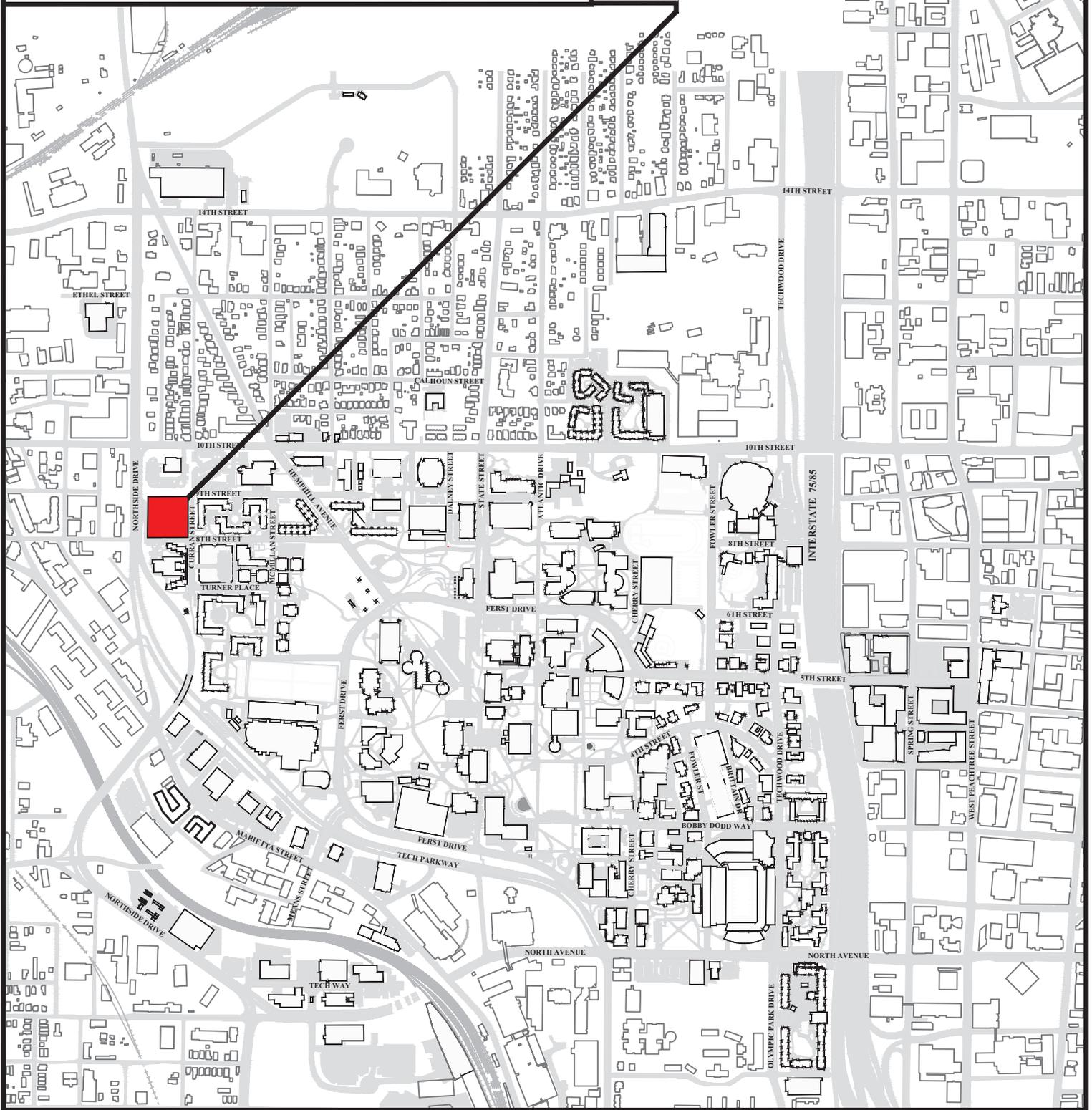
Bud Peterson became the 11th president of GIT in April 2009. Under his leadership, GIT enhanced student programs and grew enrollment; increased collaboration and built strategic partnerships in Atlanta and throughout Georgia; expanded its global reach and impact, with a focus on innovation; successfully executed *Campaign Georgia Tech*, a comprehensive campaign that surpassed its goal and raised \$1.8 billion; and more than doubled new research awards, exceeding \$1 billion for the first time in 2019. Since departing the Office of the President in August 2019, Bud Peterson has remained involved in campus life by serving as President Emeritus, a Regents’ Professor, and a member of the Campaign Steering Committee for GIT’s current comprehensive campaign, *Transforming Tomorrow*.

As GIT’s first lady, Val Peterson was a dedicated presence on campus and an ardent supporter of students and faculty. She served as a mentor to students and campus organizations and was the chief spokesperson for the Tech Ends Suicide Together initiative, which launched in fall of 2016. In 2020, the Georgia Tech Alumni Association recognized her as an honorary alumna for her devotion to the greater good of GIT.

The Hall will be the first new residential facility constructed on campus since 2005. Encompassing approximately 191,000 square feet, the Hall will accommodate first-year enrollment growth by providing 860 beds in rooms configured for double occupancy, collaborative learning spaces, community lounges, and group kitchens.

Bud and Val Peterson Residence Hall

Georgia Institute of Technology Campus Map Sept. 2025



9. **Naming of Batson-Cook Student Gate, Mickey Dunn Baseball Stadium, Kennesaw State University**

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the student gate at Mickey Dunn Baseball Stadium on the Kennesaw campus of Kennesaw State University (“KSU”) as “Batson-Cook Student Gate” in recognition of philanthropic support of the Batson-Cook Company.

Understandings: President Kathy S. Schwaig confirms that this naming conforms to KSU’s naming guidelines and with the Board of Regents naming policy.

A Georgia-based firm, Batson-Cook Company was founded in 1915 by W. C. Batson and Edmund F. Cook in West Point, Georgia. From its early work in textile and mill village construction, the firm has since expanded to become a general contractor, construction manager, and design-build contractor for almost every major industry throughout the southeastern United States.

Batson-Cook’s partnership with KSU spans over four decades and has surpassed \$1,000,000 in total support. The company has established the Batson-Cook Construction Annual Scholarship, employs more than a dozen KSU alumni, and maintains a robust internship program that welcomes several KSU students each summer. The most recent gift of \$50,000 to the 2025 Athletics Capital Campaign underscores Batson-Cook’s enduring commitment to KSU, its athletics program, and the broader student body.

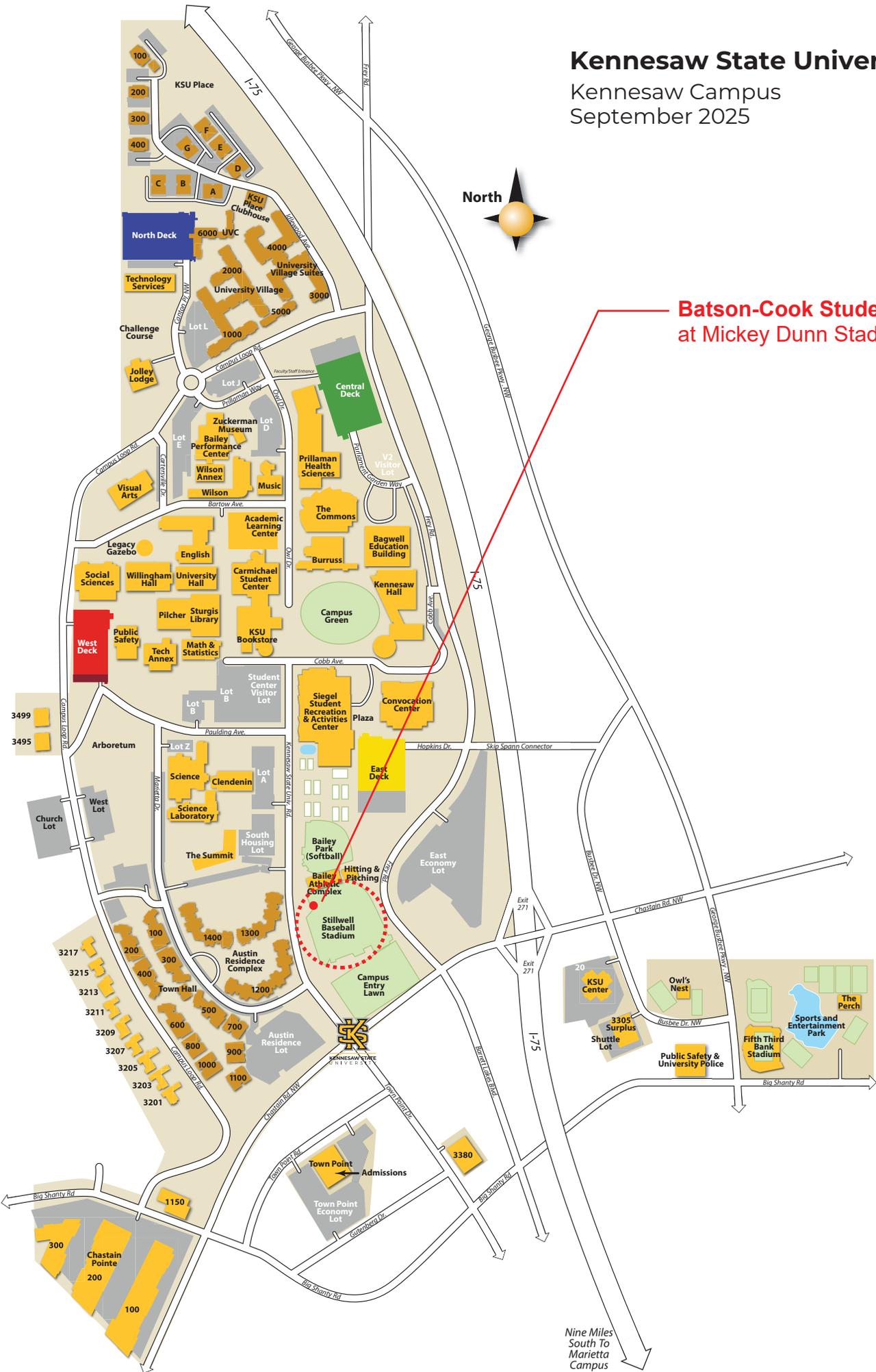
The renovation of Mickey Dunn Baseball Stadium is in the final phase with the replacement of the playing field and will reopen for the 2026 baseball season.

Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw Campus
September 2025



Batson-Cook Student Gate
at Mickey Dunn Stadium



Nine Miles
South To
Marietta
Campus

10. Naming of Heatherington Engineering Lab Building, Marietta Campus, Kennesaw State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the Engineering Lab Building on the Marietta campus of Kennesaw State University (“KSU”) as “Heatherington Engineering Lab Building” in recognition of the generous philanthropic support and vision of Dale and Ann Heatherington.

Understandings: President Kathy S. Schwaig confirms that this naming conforms to KSU’s naming guidelines and with the Board of Regents naming policy.

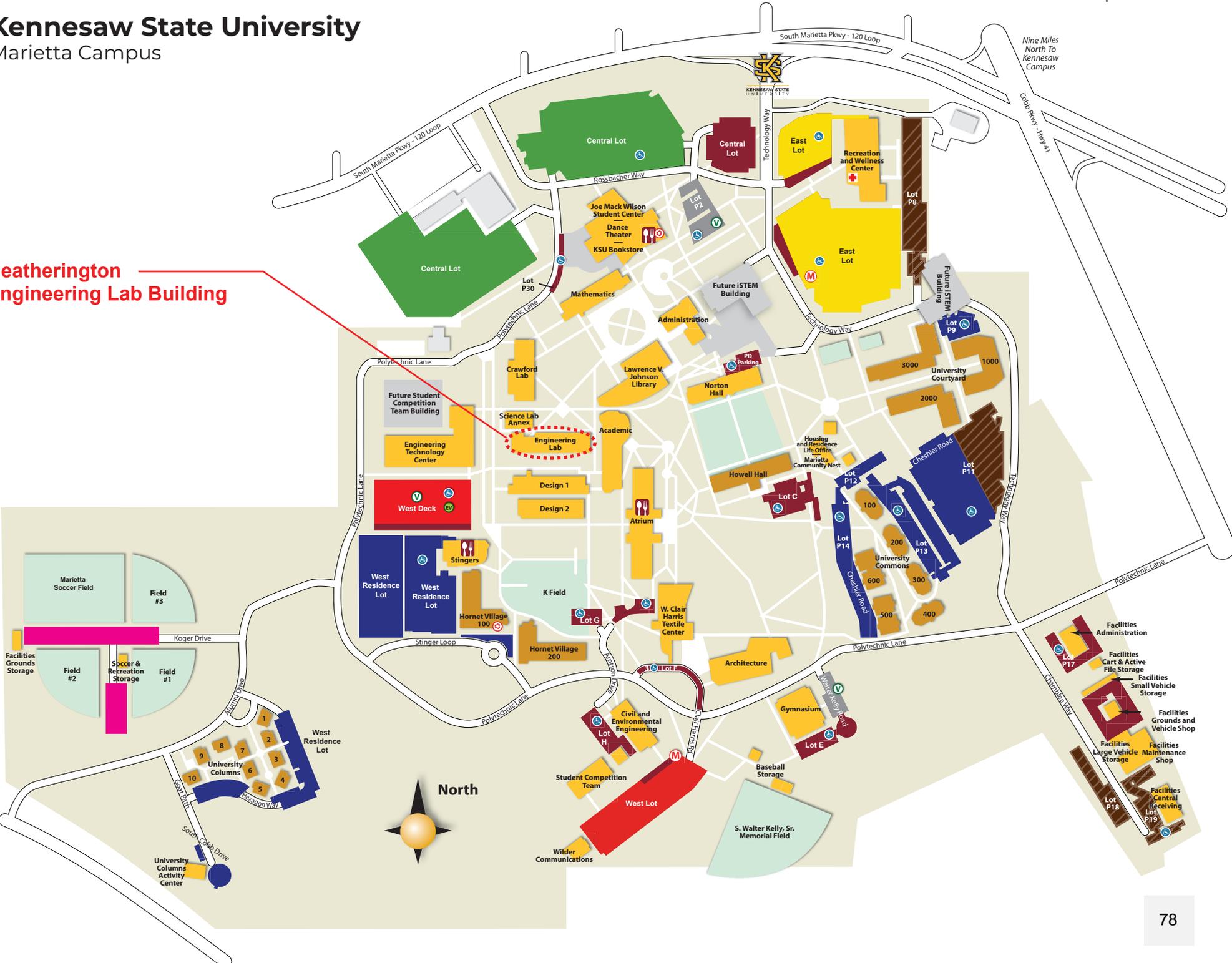
In 1969, Dale Heatherington received an associate’s degree in electrical engineering technology from Southern Technical Institute, the historical name for what is now known as KSU’s Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (“SPCEET”). He is best known as a co-founder of Hayes Microcomputer Products, a modem manufacturer founded in 1977. After his passing in 2021, Dale was posthumously inducted into the SPCEET Academy and into the Computer Museum of America Hall of Fame.

In 2022, the Estate of Dale Heatherington generously gave \$1,200,000 million to the KSU Foundation (“KSUF”) to establish the Heatherington Engineering Endowed Scholarship and to support the Mechatronics Lab in the Engineering Technology Center. Dale’s wife, Dr. Ann C. Heatherington, subsequently made a generous \$2,000,000 donation to KSUF in 2024. This contribution was equally divided between the establishment of a new Endowed Chair for SPCEET and an expansion of the Heatherington Engineering Scholarship.

Kennesaw State University

Marietta Campus

**Heatherington
Engineering Lab Building**



11. Naming of Major General James E. Livingston Medal of Honor Plaza, University of North Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the North Plaza at General William “Lipp” Livsey Drill Field on the Dahlonega campus of the University of North Georgia (“UNG”) as “Major General James E. Livingston Medal of Honor Plaza” in recognition of the lifelong service and outstanding valor of Major General James E. Livingston, USMC (Retired).

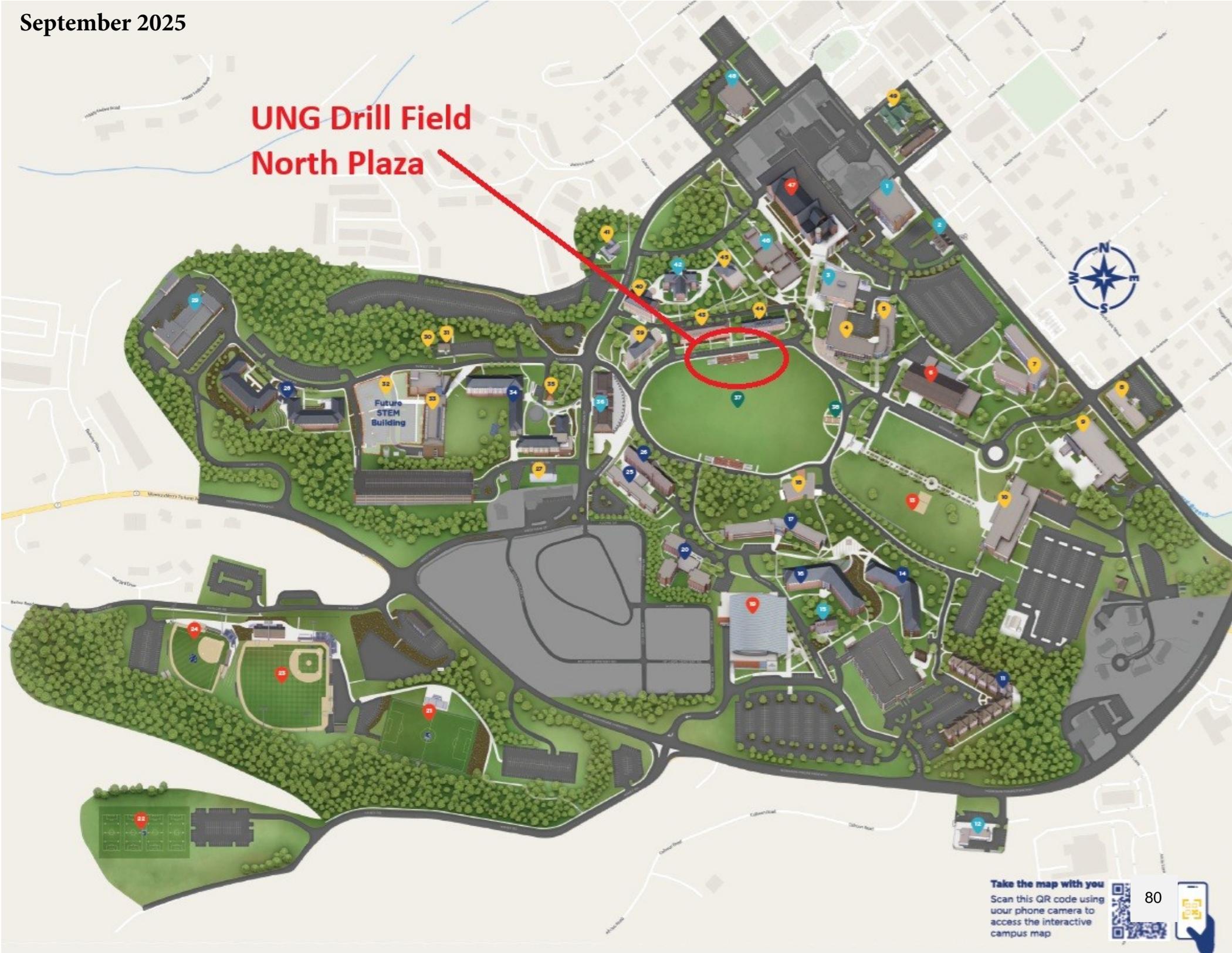
Understandings: President Michael P. Shannon confirms that this naming conforms to UNG’s naming guidelines and with the Board of Regents naming policy.

A native of McRae, Georgia in Telfair County, James E. Livingston attended North Georgia College (“NGC”) from 1957 to 1958. After departing NGC, he received a civil engineering degree from Auburn University in 1962, the same year that he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. On May 2, 1968, while serving as Commanding Officer, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty against enemy forces at the Battle of Dai Do in the Republic of Vietnam where he was wounded three times. On May 14, 1970, President Richard Nixon presented him with the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. He is currently one of only sixty-one living Medal of Honor recipients.

Major General Livingston had numerous assignments over his distinguished Marine Corps career, which spanned 33 years. He earned a master’s degree in management from Webster University and graduated from the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. In addition to the Medal of Honor, his service awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star Medal, Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, Purple Heart (third award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, and Combat Action Ribbon (second award).

Major General Livingston credits his formative experience in the NGC Cadet Corps with setting the foundation for his life and leadership. In October 2024, he donated one of the two original Medals of Honor he received in 1970 to UNG.

UNG Drill Field North Plaza



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12. Naming of Jennett Field, Valdosta State University

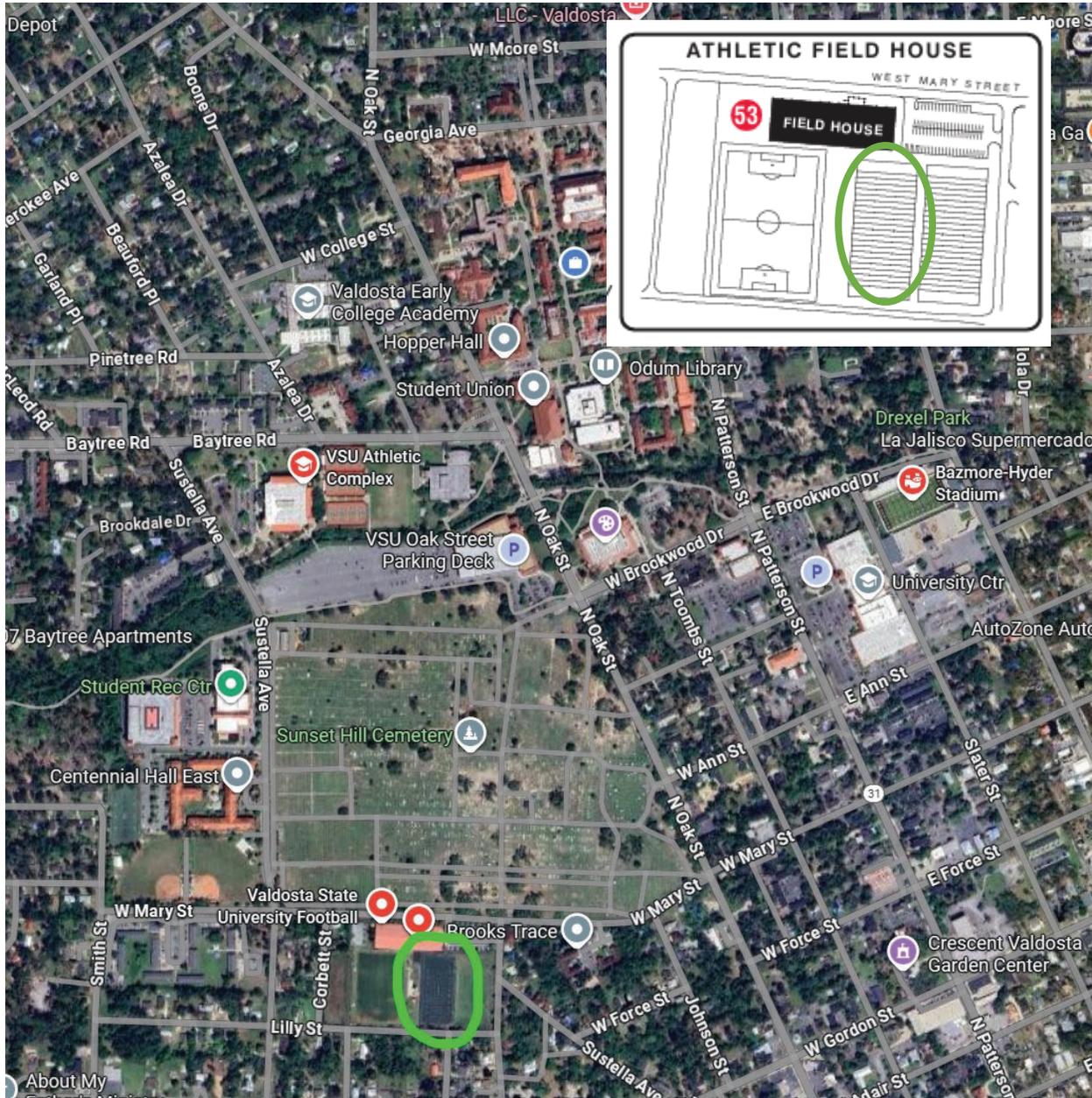
Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the renovated football practice field at Valdosta State University (“VSU”) as “Jennett Field” in honor of Jerry and Kay Jennett and in recognition of their generous philanthropic support and leadership.

Understandings: President Richard A. Carvajal confirms that this naming conforms to VSU’s naming guidelines and with the Board of Regents naming policy.

Steadfast supporters of VSU for nearly five decades, Jerry Jennett and his wife, Kay, strongly believe in the transformative power of higher education. Dr. Jennett has served as a long-time member of the VSU Foundation Board of Trustees and currently holds emeritus status in recognition of his years of service and guidance. He played a pivotal leadership role as a co-chair of VSU’s previous capital campaign and remains a trusted advisor to President Carvajal and senior leadership at VSU.

With personal and corporate giving exceeding \$8,300,000, including \$5,800,000 in personal contributions, the Jennetts’ support of VSU has positively impacted every facet of the university. Their generosity has endowed scholarships, funded equipment and facilities for athletics, and helped to advance VSU’s mission. The Jennetts’ most recent commitment of \$400,000 in personal giving and \$100,000 through Mr. Jennett’s company, Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation, represents over half the cost of replacing the football practice field with state-of-the-art athletic turf.

Naming of Jennett Field



13. Gift of Real Property, College Station Park and Ride Expansion Site, University of Georgia

Recommended: That the Board accept a gift of approximately 36.87 acres of unimproved real property (the “Property”) located on North Oconee Access Road in Athens from UGAREF Hardin Property, LLC, an affiliate of the UGA Real Estate Foundation, Inc. (collectively, the “Foundation”), for the use and benefit of the University of Georgia (“UGA”).

Understandings: In 2003, the Foundation acquired the Property, which is situated near the southeast quadrant of UGA’s Athens campus. The Property is due north of Phases I through V (which in total provide approximately 900 parking spaces) of the College Station Park and Ride Lot (the “Lot”), which primarily serves student commuters.

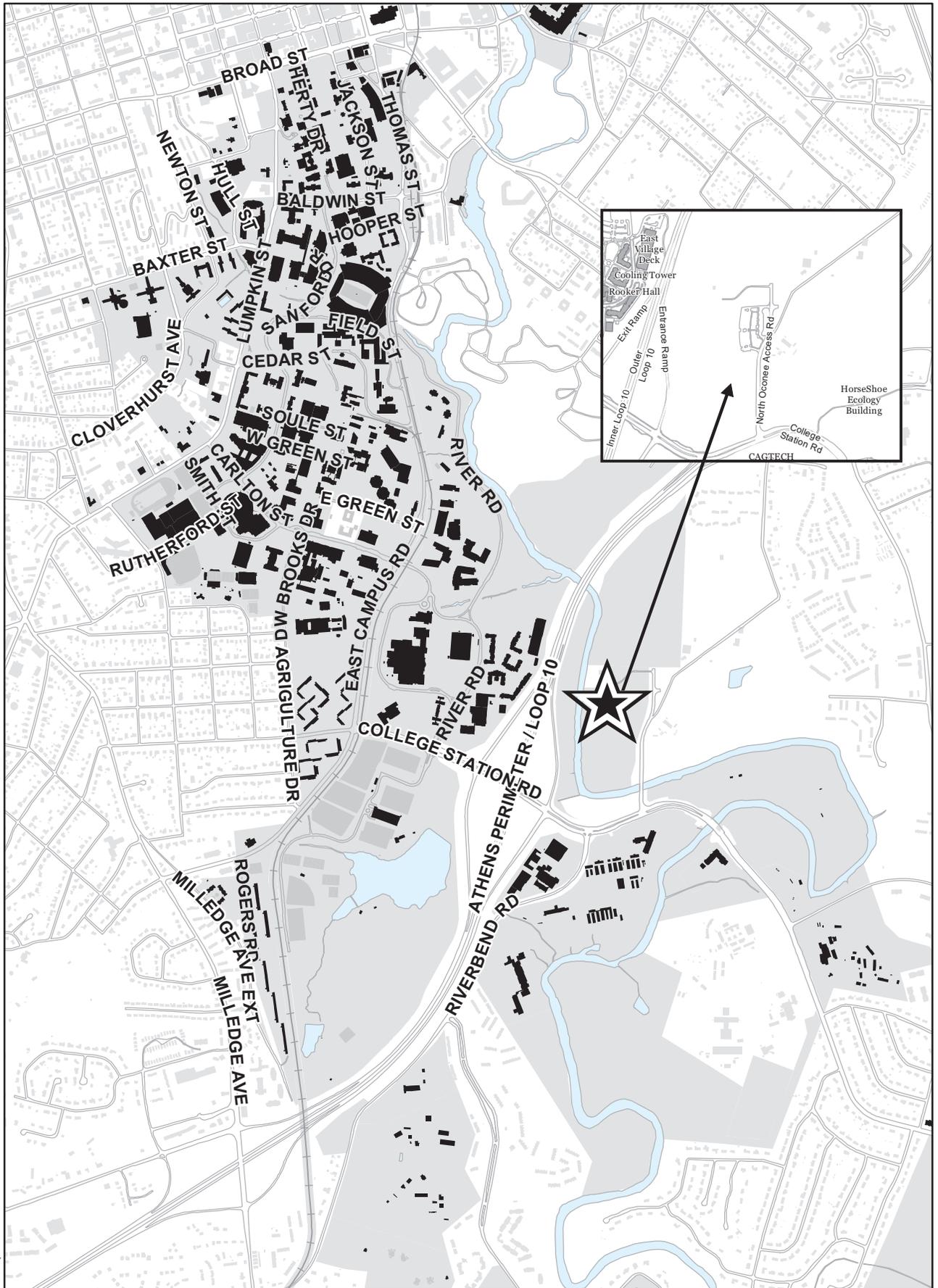
Demand for parking on campus continues to outpace the supply of available spaces, as evidenced by the number of students whose requests for parking permits have not been accommodated. At its October 2024 meeting, the Board approved the sixth phase (the “Project”) of the Lot to help address the unmet demand. To allow for commencement of the Project prior to the transfer of the Property, the Foundation granted a license agreement that permitted access by the Board of Regents and its contractor to begin work.

Construction of the Project, which added approximately 650 spaces to the Lot, was completed in time for the beginning of the Fall 2025 semester. The completion of the Project and the West Campus Parking Deck II, along with other operational adjustments, enabled UGA to reduce the unmet parking demand from approximately 7,200 students to approximately 5,200 students.

A recent appraisal by J. William Parker, MAI, with Parker Property & Appraisals, Inc., valued the Property at \$5,900,000, or approximately \$160,000 per acre. An environmental site assessment of the Property completed in January 2025 did not reveal any recognized environmental conditions. There are no restrictions on this gift, and title research will be conducted to confirm there are no reversions, restrictions, adverse interests, or adverse easements on the Property.



College Station Park & Ride Expansion, Phase VI



PROPOSED 2026 BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, January 13	Boardroom
Tuesday, February 10	virtual
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 10- 11	retreat @ TBD
Tuesday-Wednesday, April 14-15	Columbus State Univ.
Tuesday, May 12	Boardroom
Tuesday, August 11	Boardroom
Wednesday, September 16	virtual
Tuesday-Wednesday, October 13-14	Univ. of Georgia
Tuesday, November 17	Boardroom