



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

**Teleconference Meeting**  
**Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee**  
**12:15 pm, Tuesday, April 30, 2024**  
[Link to Zoom Meeting](#) or  
**Phone: 346-248-7799**  
**Meeting ID: 915 5850 7558**  
**Passcode: 457 743**

### **FAA AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 15-16, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

#### ***FACILITIES – MAY 15, 2024 – CONSENT AGENDA***

#### **1. Act on Request to Amend the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan to Remove Soccer Field – PSU**

Pittsburg State University (PSU) requests approval to amend the FY 2024 capital improvement project plan to remove the soccer field project from PSU's list of large capital projects. As the original project scope and budget have been reduced, the project is now a "small" capital project, which can be approved by the Board of Regents' President and CEO. The now \$1.4 million project is approved to proceed as a privately funded project for delivery under the authority of K.S.A. 76-757 via a contract to be executed by PSU's Foundation.

#### **2. Act on Request to Raze and Remove Monahan Outdoor Education Structures – PSU**

Pittsburg State University requests approval to raze an existing pole barn and remove an existing mobile home from the Monahan Outdoor Education Center. The PSU Biology Department received the 156-acre tract as a donation in 1988 and then worked to complete a pole barn for equipment and place a mobile home for a caretaker's quarters. Completed in 1994, the pole barn is a 40'x50' structure clad in metal with a 12' open lean-to. The mobile home is a 12'x60' 1990 model. PSU now has responsibility for the structures and wishes to remove them from university property as part of the initiative to reduce square footage and maintenance costs. The pole barn is in average condition but poses a liability concern on this remote site. The trailer has required extensive repairs during the last decade, remains in poor condition, is not ADA accessible, and no longer serves a purpose. Neither structure has any historical status or designation. A pending environmental assessment on both structures will confirm whether there are any hazardous materials to manage. The cost to eliminate the approximately 3,820 square feet of space is estimated at \$12,000 and will be funded by Arts and Sciences. The vacated areas will be converted into green space, and the site will continue to be maintained as part of the post-reclamation land that makes up the Monahan Outdoor Education Center.

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*Program Statement is available for review.*

**3. Act on Request to Amend the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan and Approve Program Statement for Kansas Advanced Immersive Research for Emerging Systems (K-AIRES) – KSU Salina**

Kansas State University requests approval to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 capital improvement plan to add the Kansas Advanced Immersive Research for Emerging Systems, or K-AIRES, building at the K-State Salina campus and accept the program statement. The facility is the first phase to revitalize the southernmost end of the K-State Salina campus following a \$10 million gift from General Atomics in October 2022.

The K-AIRES facility will house the new cyber-systems degree option and Pure Imagination Labs, an award-winning independent entertainment studio best known for combining proprietary technology with groundbreaking storytelling. The building will be a first-of-its-kind spatial computing studio and training facility incorporating augmented reality, virtual reality, and mixed reality simulations of real-world places. The facility will encompass 45,000-60,000 gross square feet in a single, two-story structure and will contain an AR/VR stage, simulation lab, laser projection cave, haptic lab, and a 30-meter high 180-degree LED dome in addition to classroom and office spaces. Students will be educated and trained in the enabling technologies of the future and more than 100 jobs are estimated to be added to the local economy.

Construction of the facility is anticipated to begin in August 2024 and the building will be open for occupancy in January 2026. The estimated total project cost is \$41 million. Initial construction costs will be financed through a debt issuance, as authorized in Section 164(g) of 2024 Senate Bill 28. The ongoing principal and interest payments will be funded through an annual appropriation from the State General Fund.

*Program statement is attached.*

**4. Act on Request to Amend the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan and Approve Program Statement for the Aerospace Education Hub (formerly Salina Aviation Innovation Ramp) – KSU Salina**

Kansas State University requests approval to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 capital improvement plan for the Aerospace Education Hub at the K-State Salina campus, acceptance of the program statement, and renaming the previously approved Salina Aviation Innovation Ramp project. The facility is the second phase to revitalize the southernmost end of the K-State Salina campus following a \$10 million gift from General Atomics in October 2022. The facility will enable the university to meet the needs of the next generation of pilots, mechanics, and other aeronautical engineering positions by housing the Applied Aerospace Research Center, the Aviation Maintenance Training Center and the Advanced Composites Lab.

The Applied Aerospace Research Center, or AARC, is at the forefront of UAS (unmanned aircraft system) research that influences and enhances UAS regulations and increases capabilities, founded on crewed aviation's culture of safety. The AARC staff comprises subject-matter experts, who will

connect with industry to provide training, consulting, collaboration, and research. The Aviation Maintenance Training Center provides hands-on training of the most up-to-date maintenance procedures to produce graduates prepared to obtain FAA licensure and begin lucrative careers at the major airlines or maintenance, repair, and overhaul facilities around the country. The Advanced Composites Lab not only trains students in the art and science of composite repair and fabrication, but also conducts research on future composite technologies. The Aerospace Education Hub will be the most advanced training and research facility of its kind in the country.

The facility will encompass 50,000-60,000 gross square feet of classroom, office, lab and hangar space. Construction on the facility is anticipated to begin in August 2025 and be completed in July 2026. The total estimated project cost is \$28 million and will be funded from a federal grant.

*Program statement is attached.*

#### **5. Act on Request to Approve Revised Program Statement for Renovations to Bluemont Hall - KSU**

Kansas State University requests approval of the revised program statement for the Bluemont Hall first floor renovations. The original program statement, approved at the September 2022 Board of Regents meeting, removed four classrooms from the first floor of Bluemont Hall in order to accommodate the new administrative suite and lobby entrance. Due to increased enrollment in the College of Education, renovations to 341 Bluemont Hall have been added to the project scope to ensure another classroom is available this fall. The project budget is not being increased due to this addition; instead, funds previously allocated for furniture are being moved to construction and furniture will be reused in other spaces. The overall project is ahead of schedule and is scheduled to be completed in August 2024.

*Program statement is attached.*

### ***FACILITIES – MAY 15, 2024 – DISCUSSION AGENDA***

#### **1. Act on Capital Improvement Requests for FY 2026 and Five-Year Plans – System**

As required by Kansas law and in accordance with the format prescribed by the Division of the Budget, the universities have submitted their FY 2026 capital improvement requests and five-year capital plans. The Board is scheduled to act on this matter at the May meeting, as the capital improvement requests are due to the Division of Budget on July 1, 2024.

**FISCAL – MAY 15, 2024 – AGENDA – CONSENT**

**1. Act on Johnson County Research Triangle (JCERT) FY 2026 Budgets – KU, KUMC and KSU**

*The issue paper will be provided in the Board’s agenda materials with the same budget data submitted to Fiscal Affairs in April.*

**2. Act on Distribution of FY 2025 Appropriation for Public University **Student Success Playbooks—System****

As requested by the Board of Regents, 2024 Senate Bill 28 appropriated \$8.5 million for the public universities’ academic playbooks. Staff recommends the Board approve the distributions in the same manner adopted by the Board for FY 2024.

*Draft issue paper is attached.*

**3. Act on Distribution of FY 2025 Appropriation to State Universities—KSU, FHSU**

As requested by the Board of Regents, 2024 Senate Bill 28 appropriated monies for Kansas State’ University Veterinary Medical Center and for Fort Hays State University. Staff recommends the Board approve transferring the appropriations to the universities for FY 2025.

*Draft issue paper is attached.*

**4. Act on Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program Distributions – Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026**

**FISCAL – MAY 15, 2024 – AGENDA – DISCUSSION**

**1. Receive Presentations and Discuss State University Tuition and Fee Proposals for FY 2025 (First Read)**

- **University of Kansas**
- **Kansas State University**
- **Fort Hays State University**
- **Emporia State University**
- **Pittsburg State University**
- **Wichita State University**

*The tuition and fee proposals for FY 2025 are due to the Board Office on Friday, May 3. Proposals will be assembled and included with the Board agenda materials.*

## FAA COMMITTEE AGENDA

Next FAA Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
Board of Regents' Board Room

Suggested agenda items:

- A. Approve minutes of April 17, 2024 committee meeting
- B. Follow up on issues raised during the April 30 teleconference call
- C. Review Board Agenda Items under Fiscal Affairs  
Presentations by Chief Financial Officers and Student Government Representatives
  - 1. Kansas State University
  - 2. University of Kansas
  - 3. Fort Hays State University
  - 4. Emporia State University
  - 5. Pittsburg State University
  - 6. Wichita State University
- D. **FAA 24-08** Review Progress on State University Deferred Maintenance Initiative  
(standing item)
- E. Audits for committee review and discussion (standing item)
- F. Other Committee Business

**Next meeting:**

**June 4 – 12:15 pm, Agenda planning conference call**  
**Tuesday, June 18 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Committee Meeting, Zoom**