

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Thursday, January 23, 2025
4:00 pm

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 4:05 p.m. for a special called meeting. Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard presided.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Glenn Adams, Joyce Adams, Jerry Gregory, Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Dr. Warren McDonald, Donald Moore, Fred Nelson, Brandon Phillips, Johnae Walker, and William Warner.

Staff persons in attendance were Chancellor Darrell Allison, Associate Vice Chancellor Kenny Spayd, Vice Chancellor Juanette Council, Vice Chancellor Hector Molina, Vice Chancellor Omar Bell, Vice Chancellor Wesley Fountain, and Vice Chancellor Wanda Jenkins.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chair Jeffries Leonard read the State Government Ethics Act to remind all members of the board of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this act. No conflicts were reported.

BUDGET AND FINANCE UPDATE

Associate Vice Chancellor Kenny Spayd presented the following action item to the Board for approval:

Action Item BF1 – Increase in Project Authority- Health and Wellness Center

Board of Trustees approval is required for new capital projects or additions in construction project budget authority for previously approved projects. In December 2024, the University received construction bids for the \$12.9 million Health and Wellness Center project. However, the lowest bid received was higher than estimated and additional funding is required to complete the building and provide additional parking. To complete the building, the University is asking for an additional \$1 million in project authority, bringing the total project cost to \$13.9 million.

The \$1 million will allow the University to complete the inside of the building as envisioned. The base bid will include 65 parking spaces for the building and construct a roundabout that will allow traffic flow between Seabrook Auditorium and the building. The timeline includes an estimated 44-week construction period—with a late January or February 2026 opening for the building. A request for approval to use HEERF funds to fund the \$1 million increase is sought from the federal government.

Discussion: Trustee Will Warner asked if there is a chance HEERF funding will not be approved? AVC Spayd stated that he is anticipating the funds to be available.

Trustee Warren McDonald motioned to approve the additional \$1 million of project authority. Trustee Glenn Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jeffries Leonard adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Chair
Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University