

OHIO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

February 17, 2021

The Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (the "Commission") met by teleconference on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at +1-415-655-0001, Meeting number (access code): 185 655 2548#, written notice of which had duly been given to all members of the Commission. The following members attended: Thomas Needles, Chair; Frederick Church, Vice Chair; John Martin, Secretary; John Adams; James Shindler; Susan Tate; Wanda Carter and Mike Gonsiorowski. Also present were: Ben Christensen of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; Alexander G. Burlingame of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, Bond Counsel to the Commission; and a representative of the institution appearing before the Commission.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Upon call of the roll, the Secretary declared that a quorum was present. He also stated that the notice of this meeting had been given to all media, organizations or other persons who requested that information in accordance, and in full compliance, with Section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The record should also show that this meeting is was held and conducted by means of teleconference as permitted by Ohio House Bill 197, signed into law on March 27, 2020, as amended, including as amended by Ohio House Bill 404 signed into law on November 20, 2020. All appropriate notifications and access information have been given to the public and media as required by said House Bill.

The Chair noted that the minutes of the Commission meeting of January 20, 2020 were sent to each member prior to this meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Tate that was seconded by Mr. Adams, all Commission members present approved the minutes of that meeting by the affirmative individual vote of each member present, with the exception of Mrs. Carter who abstained.

DENISON UNIVERSITY

The Chair next called upon, David English, Vice President for Finance & Management, to speak to the Commission members regarding the financing request of Denison University. The University is seeking preliminary approval for campus construction projects that start this summer. The University is a liberal arts institution located in Granville, Ohio. Enrollment is approximately 2,200. Under normal circumstances, aproximatley 99% of students live in University housing. That percentage has gone down some due to COVID. Enrollment has held-up well and the University is operating with a small budget surplus. Endowment value surpassed \$1 billion at the end of the calendar year. A portion of the financing will be for a new student wellness center. The existing facility dates to the 1950s. The University will be emphasizing prevention in addition to treatment of existing conditions. The University also is replacing its heating plant. Existing heat facilities also date to the 1950s. They were built when the University still used coal in closer proximity to the railroad tracks. The University now uses natural gas. Proceeds also will be used to continue the University's program of updating student

residence facilities, as well as for updating University HVAC, technology and administrative facilities.

Mr. Gonsiorowski congratulated the University on its investment performance. In response to a question from Mrs. Carter, Mr. English noted that University policy to build to LEAD Silver standards. Environmental considerations on the heating plant project are impacted by the system's interconnectivity with existing campus buildings. In response to questions from Mr. Needles, Mr. English confirmed that alumni giving was a meaningful component of endowment growth. The endowment spend rate typically between 4.8% and 5%, factoring-in adjustments for endowment value and inflation. The University has been handling COVID well. There were 15 cases in the fall. The University conducted periodic testing and student body-wide testing twice. There so far are a similar number of cases to date this semester. University COVID numbers are lower than the surrounding community. The University already has more applications for fall 2021 than it received for fall 2020. Some sports remain active but with increased precautions. Swimming and basketball are examples. The University has achieved operational savings as a result of COVID. This includes savings from decreased sports travel and food, and faculty not attending conferences. The savings has been offset by COVID related measures, including procurement of masks. The University has considered the investment in its facilities given increased interest in remote education during COVID. Part of the University's attraction is its campus experience beyond what happens in the classroom. The improved facilities will maintain that attraction.

Mr. Burlingame stated that the resolution approves the Preliminary Agreement with the College. That agreement and related resolution preliminarily approve the projects and the financing and refinancing transaction.

Mrs. Carter moved and Mr. Gonsiorowski seconded the motion that Resolution No. 2021-02 be adopted.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the roll and, pursuant to the roll call, the following votes were cast:

Aye: Adams; Carter; Church; Gonsiorowski; Martin; Needles; Shindler; Tate

Nay: None

The Secretary declared the motion passed and Resolution No. 2021-02 adopted.


Resolution No. 2021-02 is as follows:

OTHER BUSINESS AND CALL OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The Commission meeting schedule for April, May and June may change. It will be discussed at the March meeting.

This is Wanda Carter's last meeting. Mrs. Carter joined the Commission in 2005. Mr. Needless and other Commission members acknowledged Mrs. Carter's dedicated and thoughtful contributions to the Commission and higher education in the State. She will be missed.

It is now expected that the Commission will next meet on March 17, 2021 by teleconference, if necessary, or upon the call of the Chair. On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



Secretary