

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

March 24, 2017

Patrick Ormsby, Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Governors State University Board of Trustees Executive Committee was called to order by Board Vice Chair Lorraine Tyson at 11:06 am. Also in attendance was Board Secretary Bruce Friefeld, President Elaine P. Maimon, Provost Deborah E. Bordelon, Vice President for Administration and Finance Kimberly Lambert-Thomas, General Counsel Alexis Kennedy, and Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Development Management Jim Zumerchik. By phone, Executive Assistant to the President Penny Perdue was present. Board Chair Patrick Ormsby was absent.

ACTION ITEM

Tyson entertained a motion to approve *Resolution 17—24: Approval of Contract with Cypress Envirosystems of San Jose, CA for the Purchase and Installation of 250 Wireless Pneumatic Thermostats (WPT)*. Friefeld made a motion. Tyson seconded.

Thomas explained this action is being brought before the Board Executive Committee due to a time constraint in the contract. Campus buildings A-E currently have 250 conventional thermostats for temperature control that must be maintained individually by University engineers. This contract will authorize the purchase and installation of 250 WPT units for these buildings, allowing for a more environmentally efficient control of internal temperature and a more cost effective, centralized maintenance of the units. On February 27, 2017 the University was awarded two energy efficiency grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a total of \$193,282.50, which will cover 74% of the project cost. University funds of \$63,000 will be expended for the project. Under the terms of the grants the equipment installation must be completed by May 8, 2017.

Tyson asked whether there were any vendors in Illinois available to perform the work. Thomas responded that an Illinois vendor is not available, and a check of Cypress Envirosystems' references produced very positive feedback. Tyson then questioned whether there was a penalty associated with the timely completion of the project. Thomas stated there is a provision in the grant documentation that the work must be completed by May 8, 2017; however, the contract

with Cypress Envirosystems was written to reflect that they will incur a substantial penalty for failure to complete the project by May 8. She added the project is expected to wrap up on April 26, which would leave approximately two weeks to address any problems. Kennedy confirmed that the terms of the penalty are the full amount of the grants. Tyson asked if these grants were state funded, to which Thomas responded they are federal funds that pass through the state. She added that within a year the University should recoup its \$63,000 investment in cost savings. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

Tyson thanked Thomas and Zumerchik for securing the grants and for their responsiveness to all inquiries about the project, citing it has been an excellent example of collaboration.

Tyson entertained a motion to adjourn. Friefeld made a motion. Tyson seconded. The meeting of the Governors State University Executive Committee adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney