



Board of Regents Special Meeting

April 2023

April 24, 2023

3:00 p.m.

West Committee Room, McNamara Alumni Center

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1. Real Estate Transaction - Review/Action

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2. Update on the Process to Select an Interim President

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3. Suspension of Election Notification Requirement and Election of Vice Chair - Review/Action

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4. Transition Issues and Expectations for the President - Review/Action

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determine the viability of leasing this publicly owned asset to the State for use by Governor Walz and his family during the construction period. This lease will allow the continued use of a public asset for a public purpose during the University's presidential transition period.

Board of Regents Policy: states that "The Board reserves to itself authority to approve any matter delegated to the president in Article II, Section I of this policy if it raises unusual questions of public interest or public policy, has significant impact on the University's mission, or poses a significant financial risk to the University."

The Senior Vice President recommends approval of the following real estate transaction:

Lease of 176 North Mississippi River Boulevard, Saint Paul (Eastcliff)

The administration recommends that the appropriate administrative officers receive authorization to execute a lease with the State of Minnesota for 176 North Mississippi River Boulevard in St. Paul (Eastcliff).

The leased premises will consist of the buildings and grounds at 176 North Mississippi River Boulevard, including the residence, accessory structures, and the 1.62 acres of land.

In 1958, the Brooks Family donated Eastcliff to the University of Minnesota. Since 1961, eight University presidents have resided there. Its unique characteristics balance private living quarters and public gathering spaces, similar to the role that the Goetz Center plays at the University.

With the recent announcement of President Gabel leaving the University and vacating Eastcliff, the University and the State began conversations to determine the viability of leasing this publicly-owned asset to the State for use by Governor Walz and his family during the construction period. This lease will allow the continued use of a public asset for the benefit of the State.

Unless the parties mutually agree to different dates, the lease for the premises is anticipated to commence July 1, 2023 or as soon as practicable thereafter, and continue through September 30, 2024, with three, one-month options for renewal, subject to certain termination rights by the State of Minnesota. The University will facilitate some minor refresh of the leased premises. The State of Minnesota will be responsible for any required information technology and security systems upgrades/installations.

The rent for the leased premises will be \$4,400 per month, or \$66,000 over the 15-month term. The State of Minnesota will also be responsible for the direct cost of utilities (electric/gas/water/sewer), snow removal and lawn care, which will be billed by the University on a monthly basis. The State of Minnesota shall arrange and pay for their own internet/cable/telephone, custodial, and security systems.

The rent received by the University will be used by Facilities Management to cover estimated minimal maintenance and reduced operating costs associated with the use of the property by the State for the lease period. There are no capital costs associated with the rent.

If the election notification section of the _____ is suspended, an election will be held for the unexpired term for the office of the Vice Chair. The individual elected shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which runs through June 30, 2023.

For the election, nominations may be made from the floor and voting will follow the normal election voting process as defined by Article III, Section D of the _____. The voting process requires that if there is more than one nomination, the vote must be by roll call. If there is not an election by the fourth ballot, the nominee who received the least number of votes is dropped.

Decisions and actions on employment matters, outside of those currently scheduled and within the current budget, will require additional review during this transition time. In particular, any employment actions involving your direct reports, such as pay adjustments, promotions or demotions, transfers, hires, or terminations, need to be reviewed beforehand by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Regents.

Chair recommendation:

4. Chancellor search, University of Minnesota Morris

Chair recommendation

5. Tribal Relations