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Senator Shelley Funke-Frommeyer, Co-Chair  
Representative Shawn McPherson, Co-Chair  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
Annex Room 34  
701 Capitol Avenue  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Senator Funke-Frommeyer, Representative McPherson, and members of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee:

In accordance with KRS 164A.575., Northern Kentucky University respectfully requests interim authorization for a capital project to be 100% funded by private donor funds. The Reconstruct Outdoor Tennis Complex project has a total scope of \$3,000,000. The donor gift agreement has been signed and funds for project design have been received. The balance of funds will be paid upon receipt of project bids. The project was approved by the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents on January 15, 2025, and the Council on Postsecondary Education on April 18, 2025.

NKU's existing outdoor tennis complex is in very poor condition and the courts are currently unplayable. These funds will allow the six-court complex to be demolished and reconstructed at the current site. The courts will be used for both competitive and recreational tennis.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, [calvertc3@nku.edu](mailto:calvertc3@nku.edu) or 859-572-5208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Calvert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Calvert  
Vice President, Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer

cc: Adam Blevins, Council on Postsecondary Education  
Carla Wright, Office of State Budget Director

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Regents approve the following naming actions and approve initiation of the associated capital project:

- (1) The naming of a new pickleball facility at NKU, the naming of one individual tennis court in a new outdoor tennis facility at NKU, and the naming of the new outdoor tennis facility. “Reynolds Family Pickleball Facility” “Maria Reynolds Tennis Court” “NKU Tennis Complex”

**BACKGROUND:**

NKU’s Naming Policy provides for naming opportunities in recognition of a major contribution to the University. The policy allows flexibility in determining the level of contribution appropriate for each naming action, enabling each gift to be judged on its own merit.

After careful consideration by University officials and unanimous support by the University Naming Committee, it is recommended to offer the following naming recognitions:

- (1) The University has received a gift that will support the demolition of the current outdoor tennis facility at NKU, the construction of a new outdoor tennis facility, and the addition of pickleball courts at NKU. The gift will be made in two installments. The first will be used to fund the design of and related services for the facilities. If all parties approve the design of the facilities, then the second installment will be used to fund the construction of the facilities.

Donor: The Edward G. Reynolds Charitable Trust

Naming Gift: \$265,000 (first installment) and \$2,735,000 (second installment)

Naming Recognition: Reynolds Family Pickleball Facility

Naming Recognition: Maria Reynolds Tennis Court

Naming Recognition: NKU Tennis Complex

Recognition of the donor’s gift will be acknowledged by the naming of the NKU pickleball facility for the duration of its useful physical life, not less than 25 years, beginning on opening of the facility. In addition, one of the tennis courts in the new outdoor tennis facility will officially be named in honor of Maria Reynolds, beginning on opening of the facility and lasting for its useful physical life, not less than 25 years. The tennis facility will be named the NKU Tennis Complex, with the understanding that it may be renamed at a later date.

In addition to the naming, the Board of Regents’ Finance and Transactions Approval Policy requires prior Board approval of capital projects exceeding \$1 million. The capital project for the tennis facility will consist of design, demolition of the existing courts, and construction of a new outdoor tennis facility on the current site, which is estimated to cost \$3 million. The project will be funded entirely by the Reynolds gift and possible other private philanthropic funding. No University institutional funds will be used to fund this project. The project is expected to be completed in FY26.

Note that the donor’s original 2021 gift agreement, which related to possible construction of an indoor tennis facility, is superseded by the agreement reflecting the gift described above.

## **BOARD OF REGENTS**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **NAMING TO RECOGNIZE GIFT FROM THE EDWARD G. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST and APPROVAL TO INITIATE CAPITAL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Edward G. Reynolds Charitable Trust has agreed to make a significant gift in the amount of \$3 million to support design and construction of a new outdoor tennis facility and a new pickleball facility on the site of the existing tennis courts;

WHEREAS, the University's Naming Policy provides for naming opportunities to recognize major contributions to the institution, with approval by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents' Finance and Transactions Approval Policy requires prior Board approval of significant capital projects.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents approves the following naming recognitions; approves initiation of a capital project to design and construct a new outdoor tennis facility, with tennis and pickleball courts on the site of the existing courts; and authorizes the President or designee to sign all appropriate contracts in furtherance of the project:

Naming Recognition: Reynolds Family Pickleball Facility

Naming Recognition: Maria Reynolds Tennis Court

Naming Recognition: NKU Tennis Complex

**Board of Regents Special Meeting  
Northern Kentucky University  
Video Teleconference  
January 15, 2025**

**In Open Session**

**Call to Order:** Regent Nathan Smith, Chair, called the video teleconference special meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and requested that Tammy Knochelmann, Secretary to the Board of Regents, call the roll.

**Roll Call:** The following members of the Board were present. Lucy Burns, Shea Conley, Cori Henderson, Ashley Himes, Ken Perry, Nathan Smith, Sandra Spataro, André Ward, Brad Zapp. (Absent: Kara Williams)

Ms. Knochelmann confirmed that a quorum was present.

Chair Smith turned the meeting over to President Short-Thompson to introduce the business items:

1. **Enterprise Resource Planning System – Workday ERP**

VP/CFO Calvert provided an overview of the ERP project and the Workday ERP platform selection and was available for questions.

Regent Brad Zapp seconded Regent André Ward's motion to approve the resolution to authorize the administration to initiate and complete a capital project to replace its ERP with solutions offered by Workday, Inc., and authorize the President to sign all contracts that are appropriate to implement the project, including contracts with Workday, the University's third-party implementation vendor, and other necessary contractors and vendors.

Chair Smith called for a roll call vote. (***Motion carried without opposition.***)

| <b>Enterprise Resource Planning System<br/>Workday ERP</b> |            |           |
|--|------------|-----------|
|  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
| Lucy Burns   | X          |           |
| Shea Conley  | X          |           |
| Regent Henderson   | X          |           |
| Regent Himes   | X          |           |
| Regent Perry   | X          |           |
| Regent Smith   | X          |           |
| Regent Spataro   | X          |           |
| Regent Ward  | X          |           |
| Regent Williams  | Absent     |           |
| Regent Zapp  | X          |           |
|  | <b>9</b>   |           |

2. Tennis Naming, Renovation and Reconstruction Project

VP/AD Christina Roybal presented information on the Tennis Naming, Renovation and Reconstruction Project and was available for questions.

Regent Sandra Spataro seconded Regent Ken Perry's motion, which proposed the approval of a resolution that endorsed the following naming recognitions associated with the new tennis facility.

- Reynolds Family Pickleball Facility
- Maria Reynolds Tennis Court
- NKU Tennis Complex

The resolution also sought authorization to initiate a capital project to design and construct a new outdoor tennis facility that would include tennis and pickleball courts on the site of the existing courts, and authorization for the President or designee to sign all appropriate contracts in furtherance of the project.

Chair Smith called for a roll call vote. (***Motion carried without opposition.***)

| Tennis Naming, Renovation and Reconstruction Project |        |    |
|--|--------|----|
|  | YES    | NO |
| Lucy Burns   | X      |    |
| Shea Conley  | X      |    |
| Regent Henderson                                     | X      |    |
| Regent Himes   | X      |    |
| Regent Perry   | X      |    |
| Regent Smith   | X      |    |
| Regent Spataro                                       | X      |    |
| Regent Ward  | X      |    |
| Regent Williams                                      | Absent |    |
| Regent Zapp  | X      |    |
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3. Participation in New NCAA Division I Structure

VP/AD Roybal was available for questions.

Regent Cori Henderson seconded Regent Ashley Himes' motion to approve a resolution that requests the Board of Regents to endorse Northern Kentucky University's participation in the new Division I structure starting in the 2025-26 academic year. The resolution also directs the President and the Vice President/Director of Athletics to keep the Board informed about the ongoing progress and competitive trends within Division I athletics.

Chair Smith called for a roll call vote. (***Motion carried without opposition.***)

| Participation in New<br>NCAA Division I Structure |        |    |
|---|--------|----|
|   | YES    | NO |
| Lucy Burns  | X      |    |
| Shea Conley                                       | X      |    |
| Regent Henderson                                  | X      |    |
| Regent Himes                                      | X      |    |
| Regent Perry                                      | X      |    |
| Regent Smith                                      | X      |    |
| Regent Spataro                                    | X      |    |
| Regent Ward                                       | X      |    |
| Regent Williams                                   | Absent |    |
| Regent Zapp                                       | X      |    |
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4. Amendment to Chartwells Food Service Agreement  
VP/CFO Calvert was available for questions.

Regent Andrá Ward seconded Regent Ken Perry's motion for the Board to approve a resolution that authorizes the Vice President for Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer to execute an amendment to the Chartwells agreement. This amendment modifies the financial structure to a fee-for-service contract effective until June 2026, along with other negotiated terms approved by the Vice President for Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

Chair Smith called for a roll call vote. (***Motion carried without opposition.***)

| Amendment to Chartwells Food Service Agreement |        |    |
|--|--------|----|
|  | YES    | NO |
| Lucy Burns                                     | X      |    |
| Shea Conley                                    | X      |    |
| Regent Henderson                               | X      |    |
| Regent Himes                                   | X      |    |
| Regent Perry                                   | X      |    |
| Regent Smith                                   | X      |    |
| Regent Spataro                                 | X      |    |
| Regent Ward                                    | X      |    |
| Regent Williams                                | Absent |    |
| Regent Zapp                                    | X      |    |
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**Adjournment:** At 10:46 a.m., Regent Andrá Ward seconded Chair Smith's motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

***Signature on File***

**Tammy Knochelmann**  
**Executive Assistant to the President and**  
**Secretary to the Board of Regents**

***Signature on File***

**Ashley Himes**  
**Secretary of the Board of Regents**

I, Ashley Himes, Secretary of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the special meeting held on January 15, 2025, and that such matters are still in force and effect.



## Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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Governor

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**Aaron Thompson, Ph.D.**  
President

Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Capitol Annex, Room 136  
702 Capitol Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

April 22, 2025

Dear Senator Funke Frommeyer and Representative McPherson,

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on April 17, 2025, and, per KRS 164.020(11), approved an interim capital project for Northern Kentucky University using funds from a private donor:

- Northern Kentucky University Tennis Court Replacement
  - The NKU Board of Regents approved a total project scope of \$3,000,000 for this project at its January 15, 2025, meeting.
  - The project is entirely funded with a gift from a private donor.
  - The project will demolish and replace six (6) tennis courts to provide recreational opportunities for students. The current tennis courts are in poor repair and are unplayable due to substantial separation and cracking on the courts.
  - NKU may use remaining funds, should they be sufficient, to construct new pickleball courts on campus. The anticipated cost to construct the pickleball courts is significantly below the \$1,000,000 threshold requiring Council approval.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (502) 892-4198.

Sincerely,

Adam Blevins,  
Associate Director, Finance Policy and Programs

C: Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, NKU President  
Christopher Calvert, NKU VP of Finance  
Carla Wright, OSBD

**TITLE:** Interim Capital Project Request – Northern Kentucky University, Reconstruct Outdoor Tennis Complex

**DESCRIPTION:** The Finance Committee recommends the Council approve a \$3,000,000 private donor funds interim project at the Northern Kentucky University main campus that will demolish and reconstruct the existing outdoor tennis complex.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Adam Blevins, CPE Associate Director, Finance Policy and Programs

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**COMMITTEE REVIEW & APPROVAL**

The Finance Committee reviewed and endorsed for final approval the proposed interim capital project at its April 14, 2025, meeting.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) staff request authorization for an interim capital project to demolish and reconstruct the existing outdoor tennis complex on the university's main campus. The project will allow the six-court complex to be demolished and reconstructed at the current site on the west side of the main campus. The NKU Board of Regents approved the project on January 15, 2025. The project may be completed in conjunction with a pickleball court project should both fit within scope. The total combined scope for the project is \$3,000,000, and it will be funded privately.

House Bill 592 (RS 18) created a new provision in KRS 164A.575, which allows public postsecondary institutions to authorize capital projects not specifically listed in the state budget as long as: (1) the projects are funded with non-General Fund appropriations; (2) do not jeopardize funding for existing programs; and (3) are reported by the institution to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee. The relevant section of KRS 164A.575 is provided below:

- (15) Notwithstanding KRS 45.760, the governing board may authorize a capital construction project or a major item of equipment even though it is not specifically listed in any branch budget bill, subject to the following conditions and procedures:
  - (a) The full cost shall be funded solely by non-General Fund appropriations;
  - (b) Moneys specifically budgeted and appropriated by the General Assembly for another purpose shall not be allotted or re-allotted for expenditure on the project or major item of equipment. Moneys utilized shall not jeopardize any



- existing program and shall not require the use of any current General Funds specifically dedicated to existing programs; and
- (c) The institution's president, or designee, shall submit the project or major item of equipment to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review as provided by KRS 45.800.

During the interim, the agencies involved and the approval process for a capital project that exceeds \$1,000,000 is as follows:

- The project must be approved by an institution's board of trustees or regents;
- The project must be submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education for review and action;
- If approved by the Council, projects at KSU are submitted to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for review and action, and subsequently submitted by the Secretary to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review;
- If approved by the Council, projects at EKU, MoSU, MuSU, NKU, UK, UofL, WKU and KCTCS are submitted by the requesting institution to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review, and a copy is provided to the Finance and Administration Cabinet as information; and
- Following review and action by the appropriate agencies, the project may be initiated by the requesting institution.

Because this project was not previously approved by the Council nor authorized by the General Assembly in the enacted 2024-2026 budget (RS 24, HB 6), Council approval is now required to authorize this project. NKU will use private donor funds to finance this project. Debt will not be used to finance any portion of this project; therefore, provisions of KRS 45.763 do not apply.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Following action by the Council, CPE staff will notify the president of NKU, the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee regarding this interim capital project.