

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM
Capital Planning and Budget Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025

The September 18, 2025, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget (CPB) Committee, which was held in the Symphony Room at Gordon Dining & Event Center and via Zoom Videoconferencing, was called to order at 10:45am by Committee Chair Regent Jim Kreuser.

A. Calling of the Roll

Present: Regents Jim Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Tim Nixon, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, and Mark Tyler
Absent: Karen Walsh

B. Declaration of Conflicts

Before considering any items on the agenda, Committee Chair Regent Kreuser asked if any Board members wished to declare any conflicts of interest as per Regent Policy Document 2-4, "Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for the UW System Board of Regents." Regent Rai declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item I. UW-Madison: Authority to Increase the Budget of the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research (WIMR) East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the July 10, 2025 Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee

After receipt of a motion and second, the minutes of the July 10, 2025, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

D. Proposed Consent Agenda

1. UW-Green Bay: Authority to Lease Vacant Land and Allow Third Party Construction of a Cell Tower.
2. UW System: Authority to Construct an All Agency Maintenance and Repair Project
3. UW System: Authority to Construct Minor Facilities Renewal Projects

Resolution D. was moved by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Prince, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

E. UW-LaCrosse: Authority to Construct the Prairie Springs Science Center Completion

Associate Vice President Deej Lundgren explained that this project is replacing the aging Cowley Hall and the new facility will be a modern, sustainable academic hub featuring advanced classrooms, research labs, a greenhouse, observatory, maker space, and collaborative zones—all designed to meet Wisconsin's Clean Energy Plan standards and ready for photovoltaic integration. Serving over 42% of UW-La Crosse students, primarily in the College of Science and Health, this center will directly support high-demand programs like Physical Therapy and Medical Technology, with nearly 87% of graduates contributing to Wisconsin's workforce. With more than 370 students annually engaged in faculty-led research

and over \$2 million in external grants awarded in FY21 alone, this project is a catalyst for innovation and impact. Construction is slated to begin in June 2026, with occupancy anticipated by December 2028. Chancellor Beeby was invited to the table to provide additional details and answer any questions.

Regent Nixon asked the Chancellor what the new building will provide for a typical Wisconsin family. He emphasized that he is a storyteller and likes to relate the projects to regular Wisconsinites. Chancellor stated that there will be more healthcare providers for the state and agreed with Regent Nixon that more healthcare providers means less waiting for treatment.

Resolution E. was moved by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Manydeeds, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

F. UW-Milwaukee: Authority to Construct the Health Science Complex Renovation

AVP Lundgren introduced the Health Sciences Complex Renovation project as a \$189.3 million capital investment that will reimagine 357,000 square feet of outdated hospital infrastructure in the Northwest Quadrant into cutting-edge academic, clinical, and research space. It will consolidate Health Sciences programs—currently spread across five buildings—into a single, interprofessional hub adjacent to the Ziemer Clinical Simulation Center. The renovation will modernize labs, expand student capacity by up to 15%, and support high-demand fields like physical therapy, biomedical sciences, and health informatics, where UWM graduates already achieve a 98% job placement rate. With over 500 clinical partners and 82% of alumni working in Wisconsin, this project is poised to strengthen the state's healthcare workforce and streamline time to graduation. Construction could begin as early as May 2026, with occupancy anticipated sometime in 2030. Provost Daire was invited to the table to provide additional details and answer any questions.

Regent Nixon asked Provost Daire to explain how this project will affect families in Wisconsin. Provost stated that in addition to having more highly trained and skilled healthcare providers, not all stay in Milwaukee but serve the entire state.

Regent Manydeeds asked that the UW take this project as a lessoned learned about buying empty hospitals. The hospital was bought about 15 years ago and he expressed the journey has been long and difficult to convert it to student space.

Regents Rai and Prince both shared their experiences as students when the building was used as a hospital. Both expressed their excitement to move forward and provide more opportunities for employment, staffing and recruitment.

Resolution F. was moved by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Prince, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

G. UW-Stout: Authority to Construct the Recreation Complex Addition and Renovation

AVP Lundgren introduced UW-Stout's Recreation Complex renovation—a \$31.7 million investment that reimagines the university's 1963 Sports and Fitness Center to meet the wellness needs of today's students. This project will transform a long-decommissioned

Olympic-sized pool into a multi-purpose gym, expand cardio and strength training areas, and introduce modern locker rooms, all while bringing the facility up to current code standards. A new west entrance and community space—made possible by a record \$5 million gift—will serve as a welcoming gateway for students and visitors alike. This renovation not only revitalizes aging infrastructure but also reinforces UW-Stout's polytechnic mission by supporting applied learning, student wellness, and recruitment. Students themselves have twice voted to raise segregated fees in support of the project, demonstrating deep commitment to its long-term success. The Recreation Complex is scheduled to bid in early 2026, with construction anticipated to begin that spring and substantial completion hoped for by summer 2028. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Eric Guenard, was invited to the table to provide additional details and answer any questions.

Resolution G. was moved by Regent Nixon, seconded by Regent Manydeeds, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

H. [UW-Stevens Point: Authority to Construct the Sentry Hall Addition and Renovation](#)

AVP Lundgren explained the transformation of the Collins Classroom Center, soon to be Sentry Hall is home to one of Wisconsin's fastest-growing business programs. With a 51% enrollment increase since 2019 and a strong record of placing graduates into the state's workforce, this \$98 million renovation and expansion reflects the university's momentum and commitment to preparing career-ready graduates. Supported by a historic \$10 million gift from Sentry Insurance, the project will create dynamic, tech-enabled learning environments and new centers for applied learning and community engagement. It's scheduled to bid later this year, with construction anticipated to begin next spring and occupancy expected in fall 2028. Interim Chancellor Ghandi, Assistant Dean of Sentry School of Business and Economics Kevin Neuman, and Director of Facilities Planning Greg Marsicek, were invited to the table to provide additional details and answer any questions.

Resolution H. was moved by Regent Prince, seconded by Regent Rai, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

I. [UW-Madison: Authority to Increase the Budget for Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research \(WIMR\) East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion.](#)

AVP Lundgren introduced the WIMR East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion Project at UW-Madison, a forward-looking initiative that will enhance the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research with a new addition designed to house a 30 MeV cyclotron, BSL2 laboratory space, mechanical infrastructure, and support offices for the School of Medicine and Public Health. This project, originally approved with a budget of \$48.5 million, is essential to advancing medical research and innovation on campus. During design, it became clear that the complexity and sensitivity of the cyclotron equipment required significantly more robust infrastructure than initially anticipated. Because no construction can occur above the cyclotron once installed, the university is proposing to expand the scope to include additional floors of white-box space—future-ready for labs, clinical use, or industry collaboration. With this expanded vision, the total project budget increases to \$62 million, ensuring long-term flexibility and maximizing the value of this investment. The project will be delivered through the UW Managed Program and is scheduled to begin construction in fall 2026, with

substantial completion anticipated in spring 2027. This facility will not only strengthen UW-Madison's research capabilities but also reinforce its leadership in health sciences and biomedical innovation. AVP of Facilities Planning and Management Cindy Tortsveit was invited to the table to answer any questions.

Regent Prince expressed her support for the increase in budget but also it will provide safe and local diagnostic treatment for patients.

Regent Nixon reiterated the cyclotron creates nuclear material that may only last an hour or 2. A cancer patient needs to be located in the building to receive the treatment. This treatment is available to cancer patients in Wisconsin that they would otherwise not get anywhere else.

Resolution I. moved by Regent Nixon, seconded by Regent Rogers, and approved on a voice vote, with Regent Rai abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

J. Report of the Associate Vice President

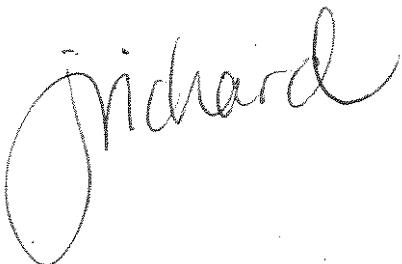
AVP Lundgren shared that SAVP Alex Roe recently retired and expressed his gratefulness to her and the team at CPB.

He communicated the CPB and the campuses are moving forward on the 2027-29 Capital Budget process.

Regent Nixon asked for a space utilization analysis be priority when creating the next budget. Regent Rai expressed his interest in a calendar for when campuses have done or when they will update their space utilization. This will create a streamline understanding as Regents cycle on and off the CPB committee as well as a way to articulate the campuses needs to the public. Regent Manydeeds asked for an update on the demolition projects and the progress of bringing them forth. AVP Lundgren acknowledged each Regents requests and he will provide updates and reports as requested.

The Capital Planning and Budget Committee adjourned at 11:31a.m. by a motion from Regent Rai and seconded by Regent Manydeeds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janis Richard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" at the beginning.

Janis Richard
Committee Clerk