

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM
Capital Planning and Budget Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2026

The February 5, 2026 meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget (CPB) Committee, which was held in Varsity Hall II, UW-Madison Union South, Madison, Wisconsin and via Zoom Videoconferencing, was called to order at 10:48am by Committee Vice Chair Regent Karen Walsh.

A. Calling of the Roll

Present: Regents Edmund Manydeeds, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Sara Rogers, Linda Terwilliger, Karen Walsh, Tim Nixon (Regent Nixon arrived at 10:52am)
Via Zoom: Regent Jim Kreuser
Absent: None.

B. Declaration of Conflicts

Before considering any items on the agenda, Committee Vice Chair Walsh 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." No conflicts of interest were declared.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee

After receipt of a motion by Regent Rai and second by Regent Prince, the minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

D. UW System: Authority to Demolish White Hall at UW-Whitewater

AVP Deej Lundgren introduced the request to authorize demolition of White Hall, a 1960s residence hall no longer in use and beyond its useful life. The \$1.8M project will be funded through State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenue, as part of the previously enumerated in 2023 as part of a \$45.4M systemwide demolition package. The work includes full structural demolition, utility and foundation removal, site backfilling, and restoration to green space. The project is planned to begin after bid opening in August 2026, with substantial completion expected by May 2027.

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

E. UW-Madison: Authority to Increase the Budget of the UW Managed Lakeshore Nature Preserve Frautschi Center

Lundgren presented a request to increase the Frautschi Center project budget by \$4.7M, bringing the total to \$21.5M, funded entirely through gift and grant dollars. The Center will serve the 300-acre Lakeshore Nature Preserve and is designed to be net-positive in energy, incorporating geothermal systems, green roofs, solar panels, and visitor infrastructure. He noted the budget increase is driven by inflation, tariffs, and limited specialized labor, particularly geothermal well drillers. Cost increases are largely offset by donor support. Long-term operations and maintenance will be funded through an endowment currently being raised. Lundgren also noted recent news coverage that understated Mr. Frautschi's role and emphasized the building as a lasting legacy.

Regent Walsh noted the push to fundraise now for the possibility of expensive repairs in the future.

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

F. UW-Madison: Authority to Complete Design and Construct the UW Managed Music Hall Phase I

Lundgren requested authorization to proceed with design and construction of Phase 1 of the Music Hall Renovation and Addition project, with a total project cost of \$57M. Music Hall, a historic building on Bascom Hill, faces failing stonework, structural issues, outdated mechanical systems, no ADA accessibility, and insufficient fire-safety infrastructure. Phase 1 will address these urgent needs through exterior repairs, roof replacement, major building-systems upgrades, and interior reconfiguration. After renovation, the La Follette School of Public Affairs—currently dispersed across campus—will consolidate into Music Hall, providing a sustainable, long-term home. Lundgren added that all design and construction documents will be organized for future work associated with a potential Phase II addition.

Nixon noted that the La Follette School of Public Affairs produces productive citizens and that UW-Madison is raising the main to cover these costs.

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

G. UW-Madison Host Campus Presentation, "Enabling Excelling. Overcoming Challenges: An Update on UW-Madison's Facilities Strategy to Transform the Build Environment"

Summary: Cindy Torstveit, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Management at UW-Madison, presented an update on UW-Madison's Facilities Strategy to Transform the Build Environment. UW-Madison delivered Mortgage Hall on time and under budget. It will house the College of Computing and AI and brought together 3 departments under one roof. 4 new facilities are in design and construction phases, totally 4.3 million gross square feet of campus and 2 billion in infrastructure investment.

UW-Madison is improving on sustainability as seen through achieving STARS Gold (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System, a higher education benchmarking system) and being #5 in research expenditures. Infrastructure decisions impact these accomplishments. They received silver in STARS in 2019 and now rank fourth out of 18th among peer leaders in operational sustainability (renewable energy, waste diversion, water use) and improved in academics category as well. They subscribed to 837 MW hours of renewable energy as an anchor tenant to the Alliant Energy Community Solar project in Janesville. Torstveit also described the opening of Kegonsa Research campus solar field that produces 2.25 MW of energy and was named North American Agrivoltaics Association Dual Use Plan of the Year. Mortgage Hall opened last Fall and was the most sustainable building constructed on campus at its opening. Now Lakeshore Nature Preserve Frautschi Center, possible through the generosity of Jerry Frautschi, will be the University's first net positive energy building.

UW-Madison was able to reach #5 in research by strengthening infrastructure for research, such as the Cyclotron project, expansion of the National Magnetic Resonance Facility, a new physics labs for Dr. Song for 2 dimensional materials and the next generation of quantum devices.

The presentation highlighted the need for facilities to keep up with research needs and to think about creating spaces to match modern learning and workforce needs. It also highlighted that the age of facilities is a pressing issue, and that nearly half of their gross square footage will soon need large infrastructure investment. Therefore, they conducted a facilities condition assessment. They are using the data to repurpose buildings, knowing what to remove, and knowing what to keep up. The presentation concluded with an ask for help from the Universities of Wisconsin and Board of Regents to remove obstacles and increase operational efficiency, invest in tools such as capital project management and planning software, attain the ability to use alternative project delivery on UW managed project for complex labs, advocate for increased all agency facilities maintenance and repair funding, a request for higher limited trades thresholds, and attaining bonding authority for the Board of Regents.

Regent Walsh asked if the West side of campus that encompasses the greenhouses and forest products lab are being deprioritized. Torstveit replied it has not fallen down on the list; they are updating the plan for the West side of campus in conjunction with Dean input.

Regent Walsh asked if McArdle [Laboratory] would be demolished. Torstveit replied their plan is not to put anything else in there and to vacate it for eventual demolition. Regent Walsh also asked about plans for the old University hospital building. Torstveit replied UW-Madison has not conducted a Campus Master Plan in 10 years and will look at that building as part of that. The Campus Master Plan process will start this summer. Some parts of that building are functioning well.

Regent Nixon clarified what the plans for West campus have changed; Torstveit said the plans would still support research.

Regent Manydeeds mentioned that Torstveit and her team work with Regents to help them understand existing problems, why they exist, and what help they need to alleviate them, and that she contacts him regarding projects of interest beforehand. He noted how informative the presentation was and gave his thanks.

No vote was required, and the report was received as presented.

H. Report of the Associate Vice President

Summary: AVP Deej Lundgren noted the Capital Planning and Budget office continues work on the 2027-2033 capital budget and visited campuses to walk through budget instructions, understand institutional priorities, and discuss long range planning needs. Campus submissions are in and 100 project proposals are being evaluated. A proposal capital budget will be presented to this committee in August 2026. Lundgren noted nearly \$32 million of the \$45.4 million authorized by the state in 2023-2025 has now been approved by the State Building Commission for projects at Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville and Parkside.

No vote was required, and the report was received as presented.

I. Closed Session Resolution

At 11:25 a.m., the Capital Planning and Budget Committee moved into closed session to consider personal histories, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., related to the naming of a facility at UW-Madison. The motion was made by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Nixon, and approved following a roll call vote.

Voted in the Affirmative: Regents Edward Manydeeds, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai. Sara Rogers,
Linda Terwilliger, Karen Walsh, Tim Nixon.

Unable to Attend: Regent Jim Kreuser

On behalf of UW-Madison, Deej Lundgren requested the Board's consideration for the naming of the Music Hall building as "Herb Kohl Hall".

Resolution I. was moved by Regent Rogers, seconded by Regent Nixon, and approved following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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