

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM
Capital Planning and Budget Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2026

The July 16, 2026 meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget (CPB) Committee, which was held 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, Noah Fritz, Joan Prince, Sara Rogers,
Linda Terwilliger

Absent: Jill Underly

Joined as Guests: Timothy Nixon, Ashok Rai, Karen Walsh

B. Declaration of Conflicts

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

C. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2026 Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee

After receipt of a motion by Regent Prince and second by Regent Fritz, the minutes of the June 4, 2026 meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

D. Proposed Consent Agenda

1. UW System: Authority To Construct 2025-27 Classroom Renovation/ Instructional Technology Improvement Program Project
2. UW System: Authority to Increase the Budget of and Construct a Central Plant and Utility Distribution Renovation Project
3. UW System: Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects
4. UW System: Authority to Construct a Minor Facilities Renewal Project

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

E. UW-Parkside: Authority to Demolish the Child Care Center and the Regional Staff Development Center

Associate Vice President Deej Lundgren presented a request for authority to demolish the former Child Care Center and the Regional Staff Development Center for an estimated total project cost of \$358,000 of Segregated Revenues. Lundgren explained the sites would be restored to usable green space and that both buildings have been out of service for over a decade.

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

F. UW-Madison: Authority to Construct Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory Renovation and Expansion-Barron

AVP Lundgren presented a request for authority to construct the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory Renovation and Expansion in Barron County for a total project cost of about \$19.6 million (about \$9.6 million in existing General Fund Supported Borrowing, \$5 million in Segregated Revenue, and \$5 million in UW-Madison cash). Lundgren noted the project will update Biosafety Level 2 spaces and create Level 3 spaces and improve office and support areas. He emphasized the need for these lab capabilities in northern Wisconsin and the market for these services has increased by roughly 80% over the past few years. The lab will remain operational during construction. Construction costs have risen due to inflation, supply chain impacts, and schedule delays, explaining the \$5 million cash increase request. \$3 million in potential value engineering reductions have also been identified.

Regent Kreuser called upon Rob Cramer to discuss specifics of the project that add value to our state. Cramer noted how critical the services and testing that the lab provides are to our state, the state's agricultural community, and outreach in that part of the state. He also noted delays due to finding contractors and architects interested in and capable of providing the services for biosafety lab construction. Cindy Torstveit added the criticality of the modification and expansion of the lab to the state, farms, and Minnesota companies as well.

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

G. UW-Eau Claire: Authority to Name Science Building

Lundgren presented a request for authority to name UW-Eau Claire's new science and health sciences building the "Riverside Science Center". He presented background on the project, stating it is the largest capital construction project in UW-Eau Claire's history, is five stories, 330,000 square feet, and construction is expected to be complete in Spring 2027 with opening in Fall 2027. It will replace Phillips Hall. He detailed that the proposed name is descriptive and reflects both the building's riverside location and its function as a center for science and health sciences. It is not associated with any individual, corporation, or other legal entity, and no gift or donor recognition is involved. Because it is the naming of the whole building, it still falls under Regent Policy Document 19-14 to come before the Board for naming approval. The name also came through a broad campus and community engagement

process, including about 150 viable name submissions and more than 1,200 responses to a campuswide survey on finalist names.

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

H. UW-Madison: Report on Campus Cooling Issues

Lundgren reported on a major chilled water transmission pipe rupture adjacent to UW-Madison's Charter Street Heating and Cooling Plant which provides cooling to about one third of the Madison campus. He detailed that staff responded immediately, with priority to maintaining service to hospitals and critical research facilities. The campus rapidly secured temporary chilling equipment and implemented operational measures to reduce overall demand on the system. These efforts included temporarily closing or partially closing some buildings and relocating a number of summer academic activities. Lundgren further reported the repair effort itself is substantial. The damaged section of pipe has been removed, and work is underway to install a permanent replacement and restore the affected portion of the chilled water system. In parallel, UW-Madison and their partners are continuing to assess surrounding infrastructure and investigate the factors that contributed to the pipe rupture. Based on current information, repairs are expected to be completed before students return for the fall semester. The total cost of repairs and emergency response activities is still being determined.

Regent Kreuser asked for details on the pipe itself; AVP Lundgren answered the pipe was 48 inches in diameter and located 20 feet below grade. The pipe was challenging to get at and investigations revealed pipes previously not on maps. Regent Kreuser noted this points to our aging campus infrastructure, the need to prepare for this, and the need for the Legislature to know that these things happen. Regent Manydeeds noted that we have old chillers and other infrastructure in need of repair and replacement in the very near future and we and the campuses need to start identifying them, preparing to deal with them, and notifying state representatives of them because of our obligation to maintain our facilities. Regent Prince concurred, also noting the importance of attending pre-committee meeting briefings and being proactive for emergencies.

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

I. Report of the Associate Vice President

Summary: AVP Deej Lundgren presented an update on the UW-La Crosse Prairie Springs Science Center. Phase II was approved by this committee in September 2025 for just under 200 million dollars and adds classrooms, active-learning spaces, offices, and student support areas to this science complex. The project is significantly underway, including demolition of Cowley Hall which is expected to be completed later in the summer along with construction of the new science center.

Lundgren reported on mandatory sustainability reports, including a recently finished Energy Cost Reduction Plan and heating plant fuel oil inventory report as well as upcoming data collection for Energy Use in State Facilities reports.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden Hendersen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hayden Hendersen
Sustainability and Capital Governance Liaison