



EXECUTIVE

August 8, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO
GLASGOW POWER BOARD**

REQUEST:

The President requests that the Board authorize the University to convey an easement to the Glasgow Power Board across property owned by the University located off Hilltopper Way in Glasgow, KY.

FACTS:

The Glasgow Power Board is requesting a utility easement to allow for the boring of underground conduit to connect power from the Plant Board's pole #03744 to a point entering the property of Black Hills Farm, Inc. The waterway and lack of access from any other part of the neighboring property restricts access from any other point. In the event the University wishes to develop the property in a way that requires relocation of this utility, Glasgow Power Board will relocate the utility at no cost to the University.

While the easement crosses property owned by Western Kentucky University, it is currently leased to SpanTech LLC. Span Tech supports granting the utility easement.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the University take appropriate action to convey an easement to Glasgow Power Board across property owned by the University located on Hilltopper Way, Glasgow, Kentucky, as identified in the project drawing included with the Board agenda material.

MOTION:

Move that the Board authorize the University to take appropriate action to convey an easement to Glasgow Power Board across property owned by the University located on Hilltopper Way, Glasgow, Kentucky, as identified in the project drawing included with the Board agenda material.

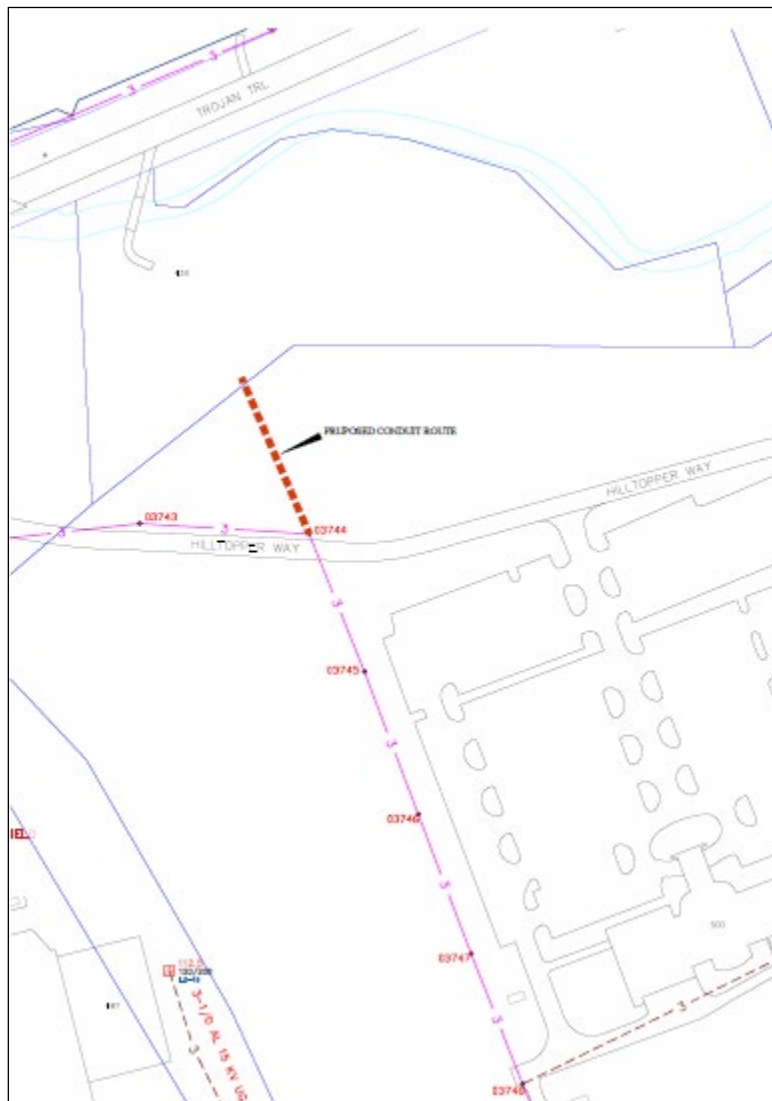


Figure 1. Proposed utility easement requested by Glasgow Power Board across property owned by Western Kentucky University on Hilltopper Way, Glasgow, KY. Easement is approximately 200 linear feet.

**PHILANTHROPIC NAMING REQUEST FOR THE
GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FACILITY**

REQUEST:

Approval of the philanthropic naming of the new facility which will house the Gordon Ford College of Business as Amy and David Chandler Hall in recognition of a significant leadership gift to the college.

FACTS:

David Chandler, a proud alumnus of WKU, earned his Science degree in 1982 and went on to build a distinguished career in business and community development. A native of Owasso, Oklahoma, his entrepreneurial spirit brought him to south central Kentucky, where he established a thriving business career marked by strong leadership and civic engagement.

Amy Hale Chandler, a lifelong resident of Bowling Green, Kentucky, earned her degree in Political Science from Western Kentucky University in 1993. She launched her legal career as Assistant Warren County Attorney in 1996 and made history in 2004 by becoming the first woman elected as Warren County Attorney.

This philanthropic naming request is recommended in recognition of Amy and David Chandler's philanthropic vision, which spans from WKU athletics and academics to support for the Chandler Memorial Chapel and other meaningful community initiatives.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

The Gordon Ford College of Business will cover cost of signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the philanthropic naming request for Gordon Ford College of Business facility

MOTION:

Approval of the philanthropic naming request for the Gordon Ford College of Business facility.

**PHILANTHROPIC NAMING REQUESTS FOR
GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FACILITY**

REQUEST:

Approval of 13 philanthropic namings of \$50,000 or more in the new Gordon Ford College of Business facility:

- 13'ers Fraternity Classroom in recognition of a gift from various members of the 13'ers Fraternity.
- Baird Lobby in recognition of a gift from the Perry Group and Vitale Group of Bowling Green, Ky.
- Barker Family Sales Classroom in recognition of a gift from Anne and Andy Barker of Bowling Green, Ky.
- Gary and Gail Broady Classroom in recognition of a gift from Gary and Gail Broady of Franklin, Ky.
- Browning Family Reflection Pool in recognition of a gift from Craig and Deborah Browning of Smiths Grove, Ky.
- Donald R. and Irene S. Dizney Classroom in recognition of a gift from Don and Irene Dizney of Ocala, Fla.
- Forvis Mazars Coffee Lounge in recognition of a gift from the employees of Forvis Mazars of Bowling Green, Ky.
- Franklin Bank & Trust Company Boardroom in recognition of a gift from Franklin Bank & Trust Company of Franklin, Ky.
- Jimmie Gipson Classroom in recognition of a gift from Joe and Charla Reeves of Louisville, Ky.
- Rick and Ann Guillaume Classroom in recognition of a gift from Rick (d.) and Ann Guillaume of Louisville, Ky.
- Houchens Industries Auditorium in recognition of a gift from Houchens Industries of Bowling Green, Ky.
- Douglas Gordon Martin Courtyard in recognition of a gift from Doug Martin of Cape Coral, Fla.
- Suzanne and Steve Reed Terrace in recognition of a gift from Suzanne and Steve Reed of Franklin, Tenn.

FACTS:

Each of these gifts was made by a WKU alumnus or friend to show their belief in the University, the Gordon Ford College of Business and this new facility to encourage innovation and active learning across all facets of the College and University.

These naming requests are recommended in recognition of each donor's philanthropic support of WKU and their investment in the future of business education.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

The Gordon Ford College of Business will cover cost of the signs for each room/area.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the philanthropic naming requests for the Gordon Ford College of Business facility.

MOTION:

Approval of the philanthropic naming requests for the Gordon Ford College of Business facility.

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN UNDER KRS
164.410(1) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE FUTURE
SITE OF THE NEW ACADEMIC COMPLEX BUILDING**

REQUEST:

The President requests approval of a Resolution which will authorize and direct the University, acting pursuant to its statutory authority under KRS 164.410 and the Eminent Domain Act of Kentucky, to acquire through condemnation proceedings, property identified as the future site of Academic Complex if the properties cannot be acquired at fair market value as determined by a qualified appraiser. This property is essential to the University's mission in providing academic instruction to students through construction of a new academic building funded by a state appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Timothy C. Caboni requests approval of a Resolution which will authorize the University to procure property under KRS 164.410 and the Eminent Domain Act of Kentucky if an agreement cannot be reached as to the parcel(s) fair market value.

MOTION:

To adopt the Resolution authorizing the University to proceed with condemnation of property at the future site of Academic Complex

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has provided a \$160 million appropriation to Western Kentucky University to replace the current Academic Complex building; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has previously been advised of the future site of a new Academic Complex building within the University's Campus Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, several properties lie within the site identified by the University for location of the academic building bounded by property currently owned by the University; and,

WHEREAS, the University is in the process of acquiring parcels of land so situated that are not owned by the University; and,

WHEREAS, acquisition of these properties by the University is critical and necessary as the site of the academic building, to further the University's public purpose and use of the surrounding property; and,

WHEREAS, the University has attempted and will continue to attempt to negotiate in good faith the acquisition of the properties not previously acquired and,

WHEREAS, if an agreement with the owners of the parcels of real estate not previously acquired cannot be reached as to its value based on appraisals from the state's prequalified appraisers, the University may proceed under KRS 164.410(1) in its own name to condemn the real estate properties in the manner provided in the Eminent Domain Act of Kentucky; and,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. Being authorized to do so under Kentucky law, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University authorizes the University to continue to attempt to negotiate in good faith to purchase parcels of property at the site of the future Academic Complex. In the event the University is unable to contract with the owner(s) of land necessary for the site of the academic building, the University may proceed with condemnation of the properties pursuant to state law.
2. The acquisition of the property shall be paid out of money appropriated to the University.
3. The President is authorized to take actions necessary on behalf of the University to proceed in accordance with this resolution.

This the 8th day of August 2025.

Jan West, Chair
Board of Regents

Attested:

Melissa Dennison, Secretary
Board of Regents

