



Board of Trustees Meeting by Zoom

Arkansas State University System

Friday, June 27, 2025 at 8:30 AM

By Zoom/ASU System Office

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Welcome

III. Agenda

A. Proposed ASU System Resolutions

- 1. Resolution #25-24 approving the ASU System Office FY26 operating budget and the authority to execute the budget**
- 2. Resolution #25-25 approving the ASU System to proceed with Phase II of renovations to the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum for Arkansas State University**
- 3. Resolution #25-26 approving the ASU System to proceed with Phase I of the restoration of the Duke Wells Center at Henderson State University**

IV. Executive Session

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (System) requests approval of the FY2026 System Office operating budget, and the authority to execute this budget, during the fiscal year.

ISSUE: Each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees must also approve the operating budget of the System Office.

BACKGROUND:

The operating budget establishes expenditure levels for certain categories of expense, including salaries, supplies and services, and capital-related expenditures. Moreover, the budget establishes sound fiscal policy, by which the System Office manages its annual fiscal affairs.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE:

The Arkansas State University System Office is funded as a non-formula entity with an FY2026 operating budget of \$5,287,520, of which \$2,908,591 is categorized as a state appropriation, and with \$2,378,929 coming from other sources, including institution and Foundation support. A COLA raise of 2% is currently proposed for System Office staff for FY2026, at a projected net cost of \$59,940. The projected total increase in budgeted salaries, as a result of the COLA raises, promotion raises, position eliminations and creations, and net effect of adjustments for FY2026 over FY2025, is projected at \$328,672.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System's operating budget, including the System Office budget, and salary adjustment plan are approved, and authority is granted to execute the budget in the amount of \$5,287,520.

Paul Rowton, Secretary

Steve Eddington, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (ASU System) requests approval to proceed with Phase II of renovations to the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum for Arkansas State University.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- The ASU System is requesting approval to proceed with Phase II of the grain bin upgrades at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyrone, AR. Phase II will include the addition of a six-foot, chain-link fence; lockable guards; new lighting; security cameras; crosswalk with signage and flashing lights; two large "smart" monitors for image/video display; and landscape improvements. Arkansas State University received a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Commission (ANCRC), allowing complete renovations.
- The capital project will be funded through an ANCRC grant of \$1,272,000.
- A copy of the Capital Project Proposal Form is attached to this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with Phase II renovations to the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum for Arkansas State University.

Paul Rowton, Secretary

Steve Eddington, Chair

ASU System

Capital Project Proposal Form

In accordance with Board policy, the term "capital project" means a new construction, renovation, or remodeling project with a projected cost exceeding \$1,000,000. Campus officials shall complete a Capital Project proposal form and submit it to the President for review and recommendations. The President will submit Capital Project proposals to the Board of Trustees for approval. Forms should be submitted electronically to the System Vice President for Finance.

Institution	Arkansas State University-Jonesboro	Date	6/17/25
Project Name	Southern Tenant Farmers Museum-Phase II		

Project Description (*in detail*)

Phase II is a continuation of the grain bin upgrades at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyrone, AR. Phase II includes the addition of a 6' chain link fencing, lockable guards, new lighting, security cameras, crosswalk with signage and flashing lights, two large "smart" monitors for image/video display, and landscape improvements.

Estimated Date of Commencement	07/01/25
Estimated Date of Completion	06/30/26
Total Project Cost Estimate	\$ 1,272,000

Please provide the detail of cost estimate below:

	Estimated Project Cost
Construction (include cost of built-in equipment)	\$ 1,167,000
Architect/Engineer Fees	105,000
Contingencies (not to exceed 10% of Construction and A&E)	
Land Purchases	
Movable Equipment and Furniture	
Total Cost of Project	1,272,000

Please provide details of planned sources of funding:

	Amount	Percentage
General Improvement		0.0%
Institutional Reserves		0.0%
Institutional Operating Funds		0.0%
Federal Grant Funds		0.0%
Special Revenue Funds	1,272,000	100.0%
Foundation or Other Private Monies		0.0%
Loan Proceeds (if approved)		0.0%
Total Proposed Funding	1,272,000	100.0%

Notes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

ACTION ITEM: The Arkansas State University System (ASU System) requests approval to proceed with Phase I of the restoration of the Duke Wells Center at Henderson State University (HSU).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- The ASU System is requesting approval to proceed with Phase I of the restoration of the Duke Wells Center at HSU. Henderson State University received a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Commission (ANCRC), which will cover the costs to repair mechanical/plumbing elements, as well as the wood flooring, in its historic gymnasium.
- The capital project will be funded through an ANCRC grant of \$1,300,000.
- A copy of the Capital Project Proposal Form is attached to this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with Phase I of the restoration of the Duke Wells Center at Henderson State University.

Paul Rowton, Secretary

Steve Eddington, Chair

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Institution	Henderson State University	Date	6/9/25
Project Name	Phase I of the Duke Wells Center Restoration		

Project Description (in detail)

The ANCRC Fiscal Year 2026 Grant for this project will cover costs to repair mechanical/plumbing elements and historic gymnasium wood flooring in Phase One. Exterior elements have succumbed to deterioration and damage due to weather and natural elements over the last several decades, the roof replacement and exterior repairs will be covered in Phase Two. Interior elements are worn out, outdated, failing and in great need of replacement, these work elements will be covered in Phase Three.

Estimated Date of Commencement	07/01/25
Estimated Date of Completion	05/30/25
Total Project Cost Estimate	\$ 1,300,000

Please provide the detail of cost estimate below:

	Estimated Project Cost
Construction (include cost of built-in equipment)	\$ 1,072,500
Architect/Engineer Fees	227,500
Contingencies (not to exceed 10% of Construction and A&E)	
Land Purchases	
Movable Equipment and Furniture	
Total Cost of Project	1,300,000

Please provide details of planned sources of funding:

	Amount	Percentage
General Improvement	0	0.0%
Institutional Reserves	0	0.0%
Institutional Operating Funds	0	0.0%
Federal Grant Funds	0	0.0%
Special Revenue Funds	1,300,000	100.0%
Foundation or Other Private Monies	0	0.0%
Loan Proceeds (if approved)		0.0%
Total Proposed Funding	1,300,000	100.0%

Notes

ANCRC Funded