

Authorization of Associated Entity Project — East Carolina University

ISSUE OVERVIEW

Section 600.2.5.2[R], Paragraph V.J UNC Policy Manual, *Regulation on Required Elements of University-Associated Entity Relationship*, states that “unless approved by the Board of Governors, any acquisition, disposition, or capital project undertaken by an Associated Entity shall not materially alter the value or functionality of any State property.” This requirement was instituted effective May 11, 2021, to ensure the University of North Carolina Board of Governors has adequate visibility and oversight of associated entity actions that may impact State property.

East Carolina University Educational Foundation Inc. is investing in a state-of-the-art multipurpose indoor practice facility designed to meet the training needs of multiple sports teams. The facility will feature a pre-engineered metal structure designed to house a full-size 100-yard football field with an additional 20 feet of runoff space around the perimeter. Its roof height will reach at least 65 feet at its center, providing ample clearance for football kicking practice. Safety is a key focus, with wall padding surrounding the entire practice area and sufficient runoff space to minimize the risk of injuries. The facility will be designed with the flexibility to enhance training opportunities for various athletic programs and will include an athletic training room, storage spaces, and sports medicine support areas to provide resources for recovery, treatment, and performance optimization.

The building's exterior will feature insulated metal wall cladding, translucent polycarbonate panels, and a brick base. To promote air circulation, the facility will have eight overhead doors and be climate-controlled, with two large air-rotation units for heating and air conditioning. This will provide athletes with a comfortable, year-round practice space regardless of weather conditions. The new facility will be located next to the outdoor fields, creating an integrated sports training hub.

East Carolina University Educational Foundation Inc. has committed to fully funding the construction of the facility, with a total estimated cost of \$24.5 million. The project will include a \$2.6 million contribution in the form of gifts-in-kind (GIK), leaving a funding requirement of \$21.9 million. The project is 100 percent committed, with approximately \$9.6 million in gifts received to date and the balance in outstanding pledges.

On September 13, 2024, the foundation board approved moving forward with the project, contingent upon the approval of the UNC Board of Governors.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve this request.



