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AGENDA ITEM

3. State Legislative Update Drew Moretz

Situation: With the primary election behind us, activity in Raleigh is picking up prior to the short session.

Background: The legislature returns to Raleigh for the legislative “short session” on April 25th. In addition to budget and UNC Policy items, several legislative committees have met or will be meeting before the start of the legislative session.

These “interim” legislative committees can issue “Committee Reports,” which can include draft legislation eligible for action in the upcoming session. UNC has been asked to present to a number of these committees with more appearances likely before the start of session. We have engaged with the members of the committee throughout the interim seeking to secure a positive outcome from the legislature, as committee reports are being drafted.

On March 15th, NC voters went to the poll in a high turnout primary and voted overwhelmingly for the Connect NC bonds. After the votes had been counted, voters in 99 of 100 counties and over 65% of total voters supported the bond, which provides over \$1 billion for capital projects throughout the UNC System. The primary elections also saw a number of hotly contested races with incumbents winning most of their elections.

Assessment: A number of issues important to UNC may be acted upon in the short session. Legislative committees continue to meet and we will know more about which issues are key priorities for legislators as these committees wind down.

Action: This item is for Information only