

ECR 1

Office of the President
December 2, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GIFT
FROM B. THOMAS GOLISANO TO BENEFIT THE KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees ratify the following actions taken by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky at the Committee's special meeting on October 28, 2025.

Accept a charitable gift totaling \$50 million from B. Thomas Golisano. This gift will represent a strategic investment in the health of children and families across Kentucky and a powerful partnership between UK's children's health system and the Golisano network of children's hospitals. The gift will be made in five installments of \$10 million.

In recognition of the Donor's philanthropic impact on the University, the gift will be recognized by naming:

UK's children's hospital: **Golisano Children's at UK**
UK's affiliate network the: **Golisano Children's at UK – Affiliate Network**
UK's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) specialty clinic: **Golisano Children's at UK – Richmond Road**

These naming opportunities were recommended by the University's Advisory Committee on Naming University Property on Monday, October 27, 2025.

This gift is unrestricted and will expand access to services so that families can receive care as close to home as possible, which is demonstrated to improve outcomes, provide specialty services so that children do not have to leave the state for care, and provide wraparound support that heals the child physically, emotionally and spiritually so that children do not just survive, but thrive.

Background: B. Thomas "Tom" Golisano is an entrepreneur and philanthropist best known as the founder of Paychex, a leading provider of payroll and Human Resources (HR) services he led as CEO from 1971 to 2004 and continues to serve as chairman/director. He established the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation in 1985, focusing on expanding opportunities and health equity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; his philanthropy includes major support for Special Olympics' Healthy Communities initiative. Mr. Golisano has named four children's hospitals, including: University of Rochester, Upstate Children's Hospital (Syracuse), Children's Hospital of Buffalo and Children's Hospital at Lee Health (Fort Myers). All now bear the Golisano name.

In this instance, the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Board, believed it was in the best interests of the University to take the actions described above. Accordingly, the Executive Committee held a special meeting on October 27, 2025 and took the actions described above.

Governing Regulation II authorizes the Executive Committee of the Board to exercise oversight of the financial and business interests of the University and possess the same powers as the Board of Trustees during periods between meetings of the full Board of Trustees.

KRS 164.190 and Governing Regulation II requires the Executive Committee to submit to the Board of Trustees at each meeting, for the latter's consideration and approval, a complete record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee thus submits this ECR 1.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____