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Office of the President
April 23, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF LEASE
(COLLEGE OF MEDICINE-BOWLING GREEN CAMPUS)

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration to negotiate and execute a renewal lease between the University of Kentucky, (UK), and Bowling Green Warren County Community Hospital Corporation, (dba The Medical Center), for space located at 399 US31W ByPass, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Background: Pursuant to Governing Regulation II.G.3 the Finance Committee reviews and recommends to the Board of Trustees leases exceeding \$200,000 per year. The President or his designated representative is authorized to execute leases and easements not exceeding \$200,000 in value.

At its May 2, 2017 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a lease between UK and The Medical Center to house the UK College of Medicine's western Kentucky campus. Since opening the Bowling Green campus, 112 UK medical students have graduated with 33 more expected to graduate in May. Additionally, the total enrollment at this location will be increased from 120 (30 per year) to 160 (40 per year) over the next four years. This furthers the university's mission to benefit the Commonwealth and helps to fill physician shortages in this region of Kentucky.

The leased space supports the UK College of Medicine - Bowling Green Campus initiative and the delivery of didactic education components and primary clinical training activities. The 24,000 square feet leased space provides both administrative and academic space, classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, a patient exam room suite with observation room, simulation lab that includes an observation room and a lounge/locker room area. The annual rent, not to exceed \$912,000, will be paid with agency funds.

KRS § 48.111 requires legislative authorization of all leases with an annual cost of \$200,000 or more. The lease has been authorized by the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly. Contingent upon approval from the Board of Trustees, the lease will be reported to the Kentucky Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee in accordance with KRS § 56.823.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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