

April 25, 2024

Geoffrey T. Landward
Utah System of Higher Education
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Landward,

I am writing on behalf of Southern Utah University (SUU) to formally request approval from the Board of Higher Education for the repurposing of our current institutional residence located at 11 N 200 W in Cedar City. This request aligns with *Board Policy R715 and R205, governing Institutional Residences for Colleges and Universities in the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as Presidential Appointment, Compensation, and Benefits.*

The property in question, constructed in 1979, encompasses 6,028 square feet of space, with a two-car garage, situated on a .31-acre lot adjacent to our campus and directly north of the new Beverley Center for the Performing Arts. The acquisition of this residence was strategic, reflecting SUU's commitment to expanding its physical presence and securing properties in the vicinity of the university.

We propose to repurpose the residence to address our pressing need for additional office space. The conversion will involve minimal alterations to accommodate office functions, with no current plans for structural modifications. This temporary repurposing will allow us to utilize the space efficiently while ensuring flexibility for future use as an Institutional Residence, as envisaged by our long-term planning.

The proposal presented here was endorsed by the SUU Board of Trustees during their meeting on March 15, 2024. We believe this initiative aligns with SUU's strategic objectives and will contribute to the university's mission of providing an exceptional educational experience to our students.

We welcome the opportunity to address any queries or concerns you may have regarding this proposal. Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mary B. Pearson
CFO/Vice President of Finance & Administration
Southern Utah University

cc: President Mindy Benson
Tiger Funk, Vice President of Operations