

August 9, 2023

Mr. David R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner  
Utah System of Higher Education  
Two Gateway  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Subject: Approval to Proceed with Design of New Baseball Stadium

Dear Commissioner Woolstenhulme:

The University of Utah requests approval to proceed with design of a new baseball stadium on the site of the current practice field. The University has been using the Smith Ballpark owned by Salt Lake City for its games. With the Salt Lake Bee's announcement that they will be relocating to Daybreak, Salt Lake City has announced its intention to redevelop the site of the Smith Ballpark and it will no longer be available for University use. This provides an opportunity to bring the University's team to campus.

The stadium will include seating for 1,200 spectators along with ticketing, restrooms, concessions and merchandise areas. Team facilities will include lockers, showers and other support and training spaces. It will also include press / media spaces and provide for broadcasting capabilities. Lighting and sound systems will be designed to minimize impacts outside of the stadium. Parking will be addressed through existing University lots near the site with the impact further mitigated by the low-traffic- times of the games. Additional information is included in the attached.

The proposed total project budget is \$35,000,000 and will be funded by donations. Athletics revenues will fund operations and maintenance costs. No state funds will be used for this project nor will they be requested for operations and maintenance costs or future improvement needs.

This project was approved by the University's Board of Trustees in their meeting on April 5, 2023. We request that this be presented to the Board of Higher Education for approval to proceed with design at a maximum cost of \$2,500,000. We will then return to a future meeting to seek approval to proceed with construction of the project. This will allow for a more thorough review by the Board before a full commitment is made to the project.

Thanks, as always, for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Chief Financial Officer