



# UCF Board of Trustees

September 27, 2024

## Agenda Item

FACC- 1: Lake Nona Cancer Center Project Approval

## Proposed Action

The Board of Trustees is asked to approve, on its consent agenda, \$3,850,000 of funds to design and construct interior renovation and remodel improvements to the Lake Nona Cancer Center. These funds consist of \$2,604,395.44 of Auxiliary funds provided by College of Medicine, \$798,781.82 of PECO funds, and \$446,822.74 of Carryforward provided by College of Medicine.

## Authority for Board of Trustees Action

Board of Governors Regulation 1.001, sections (3)(b) and (7)(e)  
Presidential Authority and Delegation, section (7)(a)2  
Capital Projects Funding Policy  
UCF Board of Trustees – Facilities and Infrastructure Committee Charter

### Supporting Documentation Included

Attachment A: Lake Nona Cancer Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Scope of Work Diagram  
Attachment B: Capital Projects Certification Form, LNCC Renovation/Remodel

### Facilitators/Presenters

Jon Varnell, Vice President for Administrative Operations

## **Summary of Key Observations/Recommendations**

The research enterprise at the College of Medicine is growing, with external research awards last year hitting an all-time high – both in overall funding as well as funding amount per research faculty. In addition, the potential return-on-investment for College of Medicine research grants and contracts from National Institutes of Health is very high.

The Lake Nona Cancer Center (LNCC) is owned by the UCF Foundation. A portion of the building is leased to UCF partners Sarah Cannon Research Institute, HCA Radiation Oncology, and Florida Cancer Specialists. The main focus of the LNCC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor group of researchers is on the molecular and cellular basis of cancer development and metastasis, with an emphasis on development of novel therapies for cancer patients. The proximity of the LNCC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space to these industry leaders, combined with its availability and relatively low cost of renovation, makes the LNCC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor an ideal space for renovated wet labs to support research and partnerships.

## **Additional Background**

The main goals of the project are to provide additional wet lab research space with appropriate infrastructure to attract and support the research of multiple research teams. Upon completion, this renovation will consolidate medical research at the Health Sciences Campus, and free space on Main Campus for other research groups.

This renovation/remodel includes the following scope:

- Build-out of three faculty offices
- A dedicated generator and associated infrastructure to support critical research equipment
- Electrical modifications for research equipment
- Fume hood installations, including electrical, mechanical and piped gas lines
- Access control and security camera installations
- Telecom infrastructure upgrades and modifications

## **Implementation Plan**

The Planning, Design and Construction team and UCF Information Technology, in coordination with the College of Medicine, have completed the design phases for this project and has recently received construction bids. Approval of this request will allow construction to proceed, targeting an August 2025 completion date. The construction will be conducted in a single phase and coordinated with the current occupants to minimize disruptions in the occupied LNCC building.

## **Resource Considerations**

Auxiliary, PECO, and Carryforward funds as described above have been budgeted for this project.