



**Report
to the
Board of Trustees
Meeting**

September 11, 2025

EIU'S MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Illinois University is a public comprehensive university that offers superior, accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and results of free and rigorous inquiry in the arts, humanities, sciences, and professions, guided by a faculty known for its excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and service. The University community is committed to diversity and inclusion and fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences within a student-centered campus culture. Throughout their education, students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens and leaders.



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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AGENDA

September 11, 2025
Grand Ballroom 1:00 PM
MLK, JR. Grand Ballroom
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, IL 61920

- 11:00AM I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Executive Session (*If voted upon by the Board in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.*)
- 1:00PM III. Reports
- A. Report from the Board Chair
- B. Committee Reports
- IV. Action Items
- A. Approval of Minutes
1. June 12, 2025, Board Meeting
2. June 13, 2025, Board Retreat
- B. Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics
- C. Approval of FY26 Budget – Final and Preliminary FY27
- D. Purchase Approvals
1. Cisco Network Lease
- E. Naming Request – “Frost Field at Coaches Stadium”
- F. Naming Request – “Monier Intramural Fields”
- G. Naming Request – “The Tarble Museum of Art at Eastern Illinois University”
- V. Information Items
- A. President’s Report: Title IX Update, Dr. Shawn Peoples
- B. Reports from Constituencies
- C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999
- D. FY 2025 Deposit & Investment Report
- E. University Highlights
- F. Other Matters
- G. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

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<https://www.eiu.edu/trustees/regulation01.php#:~:text=At%20the%20end,to%20the%20Board>

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Board Chair

B. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Christopher Hicks, Chair

Finance/Audit Committee

Timi Ngoboh, Chair

Academic/Student Affairs Committee

Julie Everett, Chair

University Advancement/Alumni Relations Committee

Bernie Rancho, Chair

Civil Service Merit Board

Barb Baurer, Chair

Board Regulations

Executive/Planning Committee

Note: All trustees are members of all committees.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS**

June 12, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Trustees convened on June 12, 2025 at 11:33 am in the MLK Jr. University Ballroom, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Chris Hicks, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Ms. Baurer	Present
Ms. Everett	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Ms. Morris	Present
Mr. Timi Ngoboh	Absent
Dr. Ranchero	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. Jay Gatrell, President
Dr. Holly Farley, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs
Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Director of Business Services/Treasurer
Mr. Jody Stone, Dean of Students (representing the Division of Student Affairs)
Ms. Mindy Spencer, Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Josh Norman, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Austin Hill, General Counsel
Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

Executive Session

Ms. Baurer moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider employment of employees, collective negotiating matters and executive session minutes as permitted by Section 2.C.1, 2 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ms. Baurer moved to return to the Open Session. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Board of Trustees reconvened after lunch at 1:00 pm in MLK Jr. University Ballroom for the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Report from Board Chair

Chair Hicks welcomed all to the Board of Trustees meeting and thanked President Gatrell and the Vice President's for their work.

Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Mr. Hicks shared President Gatrell's Springfield update noting he spent numerous hours in meetings with the Governor's Office in recent weeks. The community college bachelor's degree initiative will not be moving forward. Governor Pritzker's budget proposes a 3% increase that results in a 1% increase with 2% in reserve; it is uncertain if the 2% will be released later. MAP was increased to \$10 mil; Aim High remains stable, and Pell caps did not change in the senate bill, but based on current proposed language, 15 hours is required to be considered a full-time student.

President Gatrell and Keith Morrison with Van Scyoc Associates went to Washington, DC in June and Katie Anselment visited in March to meet with delegates and share the priorities of Eastern Illinois University.

The Search Committee for the Provost hire have drafted an advertisement for the position that will go live in August. The review will begin October 15, 2025, with campus visits in December.

Mr. Hicks gave an enrollment update from VP Norman who shared deposits are up 13% and orientations up 26%. The largest increase in deposits is from the Honors population, up 21% with 60 more deposits from students with a 4.0 GPA than last year.

New transfer admits and orientation reservations are up 3% while domestic graduate admits are down 15% and visa submissions are down 56% for international undergraduates and down 72% for international grads.

Finance/Audit Committee

Ms. Everett shared the Line-Item Status Report provided by Mike Hutchinson and VP Bierman's update on purchase approvals, the FY26 budget, FY25 appropriated projected results and the FY24 audit findings. FY25 is projected to end the year with approximately a \$2M deficit in ledger 1. FY26 is projected to also see a deficit. VP Bierman explained that appropriated funds are those received from the state and tuition; non-appropriated funds include fees, grants, charges, etc. Reserves will

cover the deficit. Personnel expenses, paired with the loss of revenue from international students' tuition, have impacted these deficits.

The FY26-27 Audit Schedule, FY26-27 Resource Schedule, and FY25 Risk Assessment were presented by Natalee Black. Organizational independence of the internal audit function was confirmed to the board during the presentation.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Everett shared Dr. Farley's update on the Spring 2025 course redesign results. Overall, the DWF (Drop, Withdraw, Fail) percentage across sections has reduced half a percentage point lower than Fall 2024, with Math 1160G showing the most improvement from the initiative. As the initiative continues, Fall 2025 data will be the real interest.

Mr. Jody Stone joined today's meeting as representative for VP Flaherty who could not be here. He gave an update highlighting the Dean of Students office and spoke about his team's focus on student centered retention. 2024-2025 has seen an increase in mental health issues, basic needs, and crisis intervention/crisis response. They saw over 200 more 1st year students last year than the year before. His team works to establish the importance of a sense of belonging, developing a culture of support with peers "Panthers Supporting Panthers" and encouraging student involvement. Their mantra to students and their families is to focus on happy, healthy, safe, and graduating.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee

Dr. Ranchero shared VP Spencer's campaign update stating Raiser's Edge will go live on July 21, 2025, with June 30 as the sunset date for Banner Advancement. Brandon Kurzweg has been hired as the Director of Alumni and Constituent Engagement. Additional hiring continues for two Directors of Advancement and other positions that are still vacant. Campaign training is ongoing. As of June 9, 2025 gifts totaled \$5,922,182 and Day of Giving resulted in over 1080 gifts. EIU's partnership with EAB includes a currently active lead form, being shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. The short survey presented will help us gauge interest from our alumni while also gathering updated contact information.

Action Items

- A.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025, Board meeting. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- B.** 1. Ms. Baurer moved to approve Fiber Life Safety Loop. This purchase is for running an alternative path for EIU's fiber lines that provide network connections, phone lines, and fire alarm connections. The recommended vendor is Commercial Electric, Inc. with cost not to exceed \$400,000. Ms. Everett seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Ms. Baurer	Yes
Ms. Everett	Yes
Ms. Madigan	Yes
Ms. Morris	Yes
Mr. Ngoboh	Absent
Dr. Ranchero	Yes
Mr. Hicks	Yes

- C. Ms. Madigan moved to approve the FY26 Preliminary Budget. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- D. Dr. Ranchero moved to approve the Non-Indentured Reserves. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- E. Ms. Everett moved to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- F. Ms. Madigan moved to approve the Transfer of Faculty Appointment. Ms. Baurer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- G. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the personnel contract extensions for K Paulson, Softball Head Coach and J. Anderson, Baseball Head Coach. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- H. Mr. Austin Hill conducted the election of secretary for the Board of Trustees for the 2025-2026 term by secret ballot. This position was made vacant due to the non-renewal of membership from the governor's office.

Ms. Everett nominated Ms. Madigan for Secretary. Ms. Morris seconded the nomination. Ms. Madigan was elected Secretary by secret ballot.

Information Items

President's Report

President Gatrell thanked student trustee Ms. Ameenah Morris for her service on the Board this past academic year. He then introduced Professor, Chris Kahler who gave a presentation on Student and Faculty Creativity at the Tarble Arts Center. In 1982 the Tarble Arts Center (TAC) hosted the first Department of Art Faculty Exhibition and continued it annually until 1993. It re-appeared every few years from 2009 to 2017, the date of the last Faculty Exhibition. TAC will hold the Department of Art + Design Faculty Exhibition in August 2025 of this year, and an Alumni Exhibition in November 2025 celebrating students over a 25-year period between 2000 – 2025. An

Undergraduate Exhibition will be held in February 2026 and a MA in Studio Art Exhibition in April 2026. TAC is open to the public with free admission, and membership is offered for member-only events.

Reports from Constituencies

None

Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Core Construction	South Quad Refresh	(A)	\$625,860.00
EBSCO Information Services	Library Subscriptions	(B)	\$470,000.00
City of Charleston	Fire Protection	(C)	\$418,959.58
Pace Systems Inc.	Veeam Data Platform	(D)	\$191,008.00
Kone Inc.	Elevator Maintenance	(E)	\$187,481.76
Air Charter Service	Charter Flights for Football	(F)	\$184,113.60
United States Postal Service	Postage for meter	(G)	\$180,000.00
Commercial Electric	Electrician Services	(H)	\$174,975.00
Dell Marketing LP	Microsoft 365 Renewal	(I)	\$159,877.97
City of Charleston	Beach Volleyball Courts	(J)	\$150,000.00

(B) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

(C) IPHEC Contract #2400LBM; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

(D) Exempt per Procurement Code

(E) IPHEC Contract #RM071017; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

(F) IPHEC Contract #2306GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

(G) Exempt per Procurement Code

(H) Exempt per Procurement Code

(I) Invitation for Bid (IFB) # EIUDLS2502

(J) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

(J) Exempt per Procurement Code

University Highlights

University Highlights were provided as well as spotlight events around campus, student/faculty/staff/alumni honors and achievements, athletic events and honors.

Other Matters – Chair Hicks thanked Student trustee Ameena Morris for her engagement and overall insight while serving on the Board and wished her well in future endeavors. He introduced Ms. Madison Veatch who will serve as student trustee in 2025-2026.

Public Comment –Mr. Mike Strack addressed the Board with concerns about his denied grade appeal to the Graduate School and submitted documents to Secretary, Joyce Madigan. These documents were shared with the full board.

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Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**Board of Trustees Retreat
Eastern Illinois University
Friday June 13, 2025
9:00 am. – 1:00 pm.
Charleston Country Club
Charleston, IL**

Attending Trustees: C. Hicks, J. Everett, B. Ranchero, B. Baurer, J. Madigan

Administrators: J. Gatrell, H. Farley, M. Bierman, M. Spencer, J. Norman, A. Hill

The retreat was convened by Chair Hicks at 9AM.

Enrollment Management Update & Strategic Plan.

VP Norman provided an overview of the SEM plan for FY26, including a market position update and revisions to marketing plan. Norman also provided a summary of FA25 data.

Campus Projects FY26 and FY27 Planning & Bond Potential Framework

VP Bierman discussed current bond structure, debt load, agency ratings and ongoing activities related to exploring potential bond issuance for projects in Thomas and Pemberton. Pemberton study Phase 1 complete with Thomas Phase 1 underway. The campus reinvestment project continues its work and is focused on office space planning.

Restructuring Academic Departments – Overview

President Gatrell provided an overview of the process and timeline for academic reorganization and consolidation of academic units.

Executive Session: Presidential Evaluation

Retreat Ended at approximately 12:45PM.

Action Item B. Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

*Governing Board Certification Form
Academic Year 2025-26*

As Chairman of the Governing Board at Eastern Illinois University, I attest that:

- 1) Responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of the institution.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, OVC, and all other relevant rules and regulations.
- 3) The Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Athletics and Faculty Athletic Representative, determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference.

Date Presented to the Governing Board: September 11, 2025

Signed: _____
(Chair of the Governing Board – Charles C. Hicks)

Please return completed form to:

*Beth DeBauche
Commissioner
Ohio Valley Conference
215 Centerview Drive, Suite 115
Brentwood, TN 37027
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Action Item C: Approval of FY 26 Budget – Final and Preliminary FY27

Approval is being requested for the budget of FY 2026 and the budget projection used in the Illinois Board of Higher Education submission for FY 2027 which is attached.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this item.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

The Budget Process

Each year, Illinois public universities define their appropriated and income funds budget requirements. The process follows this approximate timetable:

- Operating and capital budget projections as reviewed by the Board of Trustees in September 2025 for FY 2027 will be sent to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by October 15, 2025. The contents of these requests will be articulated in detail in Eastern's Resource Allocation Management Plan—RAMP—document.
- IBHE staff members meet in late October with each public university to discuss local and state-wide issues and priorities.
- The IBHE issues its recommendations to universities in early December. These recommendations are made available to the Governor's office.
- Eastern's recommended appropriation for FY 2027 is published by the IBHE in late January.
- The Governor presents budget recommendations in the annual State of the Budget address, normally given in February.
- Universities prepare and submit Illinois State Legislature (ISL) forms and narrative to the General Assembly offices within 48 hours after the Governor's budget address. The ISL document provides budgetary and descriptive statistics about the operation of the University.
- University presidents and senior staff provide testimony regarding their budget requests before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in March through May.
- Eastern's appropriation bill is drafted in April or May.
- On or about May 31, the General Assembly finalizes appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year that starts on July 1.
- The Governor signs the appropriation bill on or about July 1.
- The appropriated funds are available to the university by early July.

Prevailing Economics, Budget Assumptions, Year-over-Year Revenue and Expenditure Category Variance Discussion, and Significant Budgetary Initiatives

Eastern's appropriated funding (General Revenue Funds (GRF), primarily from tax revenues, and, Educational Assistance Funds (EAF), from gambling proceeds) peaked in FY 2002. At that time, about two-thirds of Eastern's total appropriated/income funds came from GRF, while the remaining one-third came from income funds (primarily from tuition revenues). Eastern's FY 2025 appropriation came from EAF and was below FY 2001–03 levels. In FY 2025 EAF funding represented approximately 52% of the University's total appropriated/income funds. EIU's projected state appropriation for FY 2026 is \$47,945,800, a 1% increase from its FY 2025 appropriation. For FY 2027 we have structured a budget request that requests a 10% appropriation increase.

EIU enrollment management, admissions, financial aid, marketing, and academic staff have been strategically working to increase enrollments.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

State statutes require governing board approval of operating budgets prior to the beginning of a fiscal year, we are requesting the approval of the FY 2026 budget and the FY 2027 budget projections.

FY27 Program Priority Requests

Each year the university requests targeted funds for strategic initiatives. The following Program Priority Requests (PPRs) integrate the IBHE's strategic plan – *A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability, and Growth (Thriving Illinois)*, the university's Plan 2028 adopted in FY 2023, and various criteria of the Commission on Equitable Public University Funding.

The *Thriving Illinois* goals for Illinois higher education are:

- a. Equity: Close the equity gaps for students who have historically been left behind
- b. Sustainability: Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions
- c. Growth: Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth

The EIU Plan 2028 themes are:

- a. Achieve Success for all students
- b. Engage the community, region, state, world
- c. Create a 21st Century Campus and Culture
- d. Encourage Innovation, diversify Revenue & Grow Enrollment

Commission on Equitable Public University Funding:

In accordance with Public Act 102-0570, an equitable, sufficient, and stable funding system would:

- a. Provide equitable funding so that students can receive the best educational experience and succeed at whichever institution they attend.
- b. Support a thriving postsecondary system that enriches the state and its residents.
- c. Fund institutions sufficiently to achieve student, institutional, and state goals.
- d. Ensure affordability for all students.
- e. Recognize institutional uniqueness.
- f. Provide predictability, stability, and limited volatility Students and families need predictability to plan for college.
- g. Include a "hold-harmless" provision.
- h. Support accountability.
- i. Support a collaborative higher education system.
- j. Encourage partnerships outside higher education.
- k. Articulate rationale for public support.

Recently filed Senate Bill 3965 supports the work of the Commission.

The following Program Priority Requests, in support of *Thriving Illinois*, the university's Plan 2028 objectives, and Commissions Goals are submitted to the Board of Trustees as part of the FY 2027 budget projections.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

Deferred Maintenance—\$4,000,000

The physical learning environment is critical to student retention. Many of our academic buildings are more than 50 years old and still have their original heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, electrical equipment, doors and windows.

This funding request would increase the annual state appropriation for deferred maintenance. The annual recommended deferred maintenance target is 2.5% of the current replacement value (CRV) of campus buildings. EIU's FY 2024 CRV stood at \$1,021 mil including infrastructure. Therefore, an annual budget of \$20.4 mil is necessary to halt additional accumulation of deferred maintenance. (Note that this amount is simply to stop the growth of deferred maintenance. It will not reduce the present accumulated amount, which as of June 30, 2024, was estimated at \$468 mil, including utilities infrastructure systems.)

One measure of deferred maintenance needs is called the Facility Condition Index (FCI) and is calculated by dividing the accumulated deferred maintenance by the replacement value (CRV). For FY 2024, the EIU FCI stands at 46% (\$468 mil divided by \$1,021 mil). An ideal target for higher education facilities is an FCI of 5% or less. An FCI greater than or equal to 15% is considered serious and indicative of a campus in poor condition. The university tracks and adjusts its estimate of the FCI on an annual basis. If funded, this PPR will help allow the university to gradually reduce the FCI over time.

Budget Detail:

Permanent Improvements	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>

Academic Space Enhancements - \$5,000,000

Five of our academic buildings have not experienced a change of function or modernization of their spaces since they were constructed. Most of these spaces are 50 – 85 years old and do not meet the academic needs of the 21st century or the learning needs of our student populations. The teaching methods and classroom/laboratory space expectations are much different than they were 50-85 years ago.

The project would be to enhance classroom, coloration, and common spaces in academic building in order to provide an improved experience for our students and visitors. This would include facilities of improvements including some lighting, flooring, electrical systems, technology, and other infrastructure improvements. It would also allow for improved learning equipment, collaborative seating, and improved learning spaces.

The recently released EIU Facilities Reinvestment plan identifies learning spaces and academic buildings as a top priority to attract and retain students which not only benefits the students but also the state of Illinois.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

Budget Detail:

Commodities	\$ 3,500,000
Equipment	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

Academic Base Support—\$1,940,000

This PPR provides academic base support to enable the university to recognize and enhance first-choice programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. It supports Eastern's Academic Excellence goal by aiding us to create a culture of rigor and to embed integrative learning opportunities systemically in our curricula.

In the strategic planning process, faculty, staff, and students established academic excellence as a key priority. One way to implement this directive and to enhance EIU's academic reputation is to identify and support first-choice programs that offer students high-caliber learning opportunities, to apply what they learn, and to secure employment or further their education.

First-choice programs recruit students with exemplary credentials, attracting them because the programs have a proven reputation for:

1. Offering a cutting-edge curriculum designed to help students develop and refine the knowledge and skills demanded in the workplace;
2. Connecting them to faculty members known for their teaching, research/creative activity, and service;
3. Requiring them to work collaboratively with their peers and their teachers; and
4. Enriching their academic experience with a diverse array of opportunities that require them to apply, transfer, and reflect on what they learn in the classroom and outside of it, including research projects, internships and practica, study abroad, service learning, and so on.

These characteristics of first-choice programs, in turn, enable graduates to be strong competitors for jobs and graduate school placement.

The funds requested for this academic base support PPR would be directed at three key areas crucial to establishing first-choice programs: providing scholarships to the best students EIU can enroll; retooling curricula to systematically embed integrative learning opportunities and improve the skills employers demand, including communication and problem-solving skills; and provide individualized advising, tutoring, mentoring, research/creative activity, career counseling, and internship and job placement.

In addition to aiding EIU to create a culture of rigor and to enhance its reputation, this request supports IBHE's strategic plan – *A Thriving Illinois: Higher Education Paths to Equity, Sustainability, and Growth*.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

Budget Detail:

12 Faculty	\$ 960,000
4 Support Staff	180,000
Contractual Services (includes scholarships)	400,000
Commodities	60,000
Travel	40,000
Equipment	<u>300,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 1,940,000</u>

Technology Enhancements—\$3,000,000

Upgrade network infrastructure to support increased collaboration in faculty research and meet security challenges securing university network.

Over the last few years, the demand for high-capacity networking has exceeded funding allocated to upgrade network infrastructure. The University must aggressively upgrade older equipment that no longer can support high bandwidth requirements of our faculty and students.

In addition to increasing network throughput the next generation of networking infrastructure will better address continuing network-related security challenges. The University needs the ability to secure, patch, and modify network security policy at scale which is supported by new network infrastructure.

Budget Detail:

Commodities	\$ 200,000
Equipment	<u>2,800,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>

Recruitment and Retention in a Diverse Learning Environment—\$450,000

This request supports interrelated initiatives to improve the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty, professional staff, and student body. It also reflects objectives that emerged through the recently completed strategic planning process. This planning process involved a cross-section of members of campus—faculty members, professional staff, students and members of the community—who considered how Eastern may enhance its efforts to respond to the changing demographics of Illinois college students and to prepare all students for global competition.

- Fund instructional materials and enrollment fees in higher education professional development seminars for faculty and staff participants in the University Professional Enrichment Program. This reinstated initiative fosters advancement opportunities for members of our campus, including members of groups who may be underrepresented in leadership positions.

C. FY26 Final Budget Approval and FY27 Budget Projections (continued)

- Design and deliver an enhanced dual career program for the spouses and partners of faculty and professional staff. This program supports the recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty and professionals to a region of Illinois with increasingly fewer professional employment opportunities.
- Strengthen support services that serve students with significant personal and psychology issues and those with disabilities.
- Reinstate support for two Visiting Distinguished Faculty Members or Visiting Distinguished Community Leaders who will enrich the campus climate with their knowledge and expertise on the issues affecting members of underrepresented and underserved groups.
- Design and pilot the Student Conflict Intervention teams and the Conflict Resolution Certificate Program for Students.
- Pilot incubator projects designed by student entrepreneurs that contribute to a richer campus climate that heightens student, faculty, and staff engagement and enhances services to members of underrepresented and underserved groups.

Budget Detail:

Personnel Services—faculty and professional staff	\$ 400,000
Contractual Services	40,000
Instructional materials, commodities	<u>10,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 450,000</u>

TABLE 1. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND FUND BALANCES

(All Amounts in Thousands)

FUND SOURCE	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 ACTUAL	FY25 PROJECTED	FY26 BUDGET	FY26 VS FY25	
					DOLLARS	PERCENT
OPERATING FUNDS:						
Appropriated/Income Funds:						
A. State Appropriations	43,495.6	46,540.3	47,471.1	47,945.8	474.7	1.0%
B. Student Achievement Appropriation	-	500.0	500.0	500.0	-	0.0%
C. Tuition and Fees	59,752.1	59,607.8	53,326.2	52,705.8	(620.4)	-1.2%
D. Misc Inc (includes excess funds)	811.7	1,008.7	434.5	337.0	(97.5)	-22.4%
E. Waivers	(10,570.8)	(11,038.3)	(10,107.6)	(11,000.0)	(892.4)	8.8%
Total Appropriated, Tuition and Fees	93,488.6	96,618.5	91,624.2	90,488.6	(1,135.6)	-1.2%
Deduct Expenditures	92,463.7	95,432.9	92,077.7	92,455.8	378.1	0.4%
F. Net Suplus (Deficit)	1,024.9	1,185.6	(453.5)	(1,967.2)	(1,513.7)	
Non-Appropriated Revenues						
G. Student Fees	20,441.8	20,414.7	18,805.8	19,119.0	313.2	1.7%
H. Federal (Pell, SEOG) and Other Grants	21,548.8	19,384.7	26,180.7	20,776.1	(5,404.6)	-20.6%
I. Gifts	4,595.7	2,901.0	6,361.4	5,383.0	(978.4)	-15.4%
J. Other Income	4,902.8	4,793.2	4,766.2	3,883.5	(882.7)	-18.5%
K. Housing and Dining Services	20,914.1	22,027.5	23,757.2	24,559.7	802.5	3.4%
L. Sales and Services	7,023.0	7,687.7	7,627.6	7,935.4	307.8	4.0%
Total Non-Appropriated Revenues	79,426.2	77,208.8	87,498.9	81,656.7	(5,842.2)	-6.7%
Deduct Expenditures	71,700.7	83,520.5	86,142.3	81,656.7	(4,485.6)	-5.2%
M. Net Surplus (Deficit)	7,725.5	(6,311.7)	1,356.6	-	(1,356.6)	
ALL OPERATING FUNDS:						
N. Revenues	172,914.8	173,827.3	179,123.1	172,145.3	(6,977.8)	-3.9%
O. Expenditures	164,164.4	178,953.4	178,220.0	174,112.5	(4,107.5)	-2.3%
P. Net Surplus (Deficit)	8,750.4	(5,126.1)	903.1	(1,967.2)	(2,870.3)	

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS

(All Amounts in Thousands)

Expenditure Class	FY23 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY24 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY25 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	FY26 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	FY26 VS FY25	
					DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	84,140.1	87,539.3	90,566.5	88,513.6	(2,052.9)	-2.3%
Retirement - Contribution	176.0	506.8	551.0	468.3	(82.7)	-15.0%
Medicare	1,172.7	1,219.6	1,244.5	1,254.5	10.0	0.8%
Group Insurance	2,397.1	2,377.6	3,287.7	2,511.3	(776.4)	-23.6%
Contractual Services	19,466.5	19,436.0	23,193.6	25,364.7	2,171.1	9.4%
Utilities	12,853.0	12,830.5	13,549.7	14,440.1	890.4	6.6%
Travel	709.3	928.0	842.9	836.0	(6.9)	-0.8%
Commodities	3,547.2	3,861.8	3,475.6	3,430.6	(45.0)	-1.3%
Equipment	4,324.4	4,151.8	5,012.6	2,715.4	(2,297.2)	-45.8%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	244.6	195.1	218.3	219.4	1.1	0.5%
Telecommunications	461.9	413.0	63.3	37.7	(25.6)	-40.4%
Permanent Improvements	4,336.5	5,118.7	3,563.4	2,288.4	(1,275.0)	-35.8%
Awards and Grants	23,153.1	34,236.8	26,336.6	26,185.4	(151.2)	-0.6%
Purchase for Resale	3,181.9	3,442.5	3,382.1	3,347.1	(35.0)	-1.0%
Transfers to Reserves	3,467.6	2,695.9	2,932.2	2,500.0	(432.2)	-14.7%
Excess Funds	532.5	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total All Funds Expenditures	164,164.4	178,953.4	178,220.0	174,112.5	(4,107.5)	-2.3%

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- STATE APPROPRIATED and TUITION INCOME FUNDS
 (All Amounts in Thousands)

Expenditure Class	FY23 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY24 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY25 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	FY26 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	FY26 VS FY25	
					DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	60,516.5	63,267.6	64,270.2	64,624.6	354.4	0.6%
Retirement - Contribution	92.2	323.6	254.2	250.0	(4.2)	-1.7%
Medicare	1,130.4	1,174.4	1,154.1	1,215.1	61.0	5.3%
Group Insurance	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	6,405.4	5,556.2	4,579.5	6,836.5	2,257.0	49.3%
Utilities	6,764.9	6,463.8	6,938.2	7,500.0	561.8	8.1%
Travel	210.1	354.1	273.6	275.0	1.4	0.5%
Commodities	748.8	829.0	736.7	701.2	(35.5)	-4.8%
Equipment	1,347.4	2,134.0	2,138.1	935.8	(1,202.3)	-56.2%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	150.6	131.0	170.5	170.5	-	0.0%
Telecommunications	216.4	213.4	32.0	11.0	(21.0)	-65.6%
Permanent Improvements	3,361.9	4,134.8	2,339.9	1,000.0	(1,339.9)	-57.3%
Awards and Grants	8,415.8	8,637.7	7,277.4	6,922.8	(354.6)	-4.9%
Transfers to Reserves	1,390.0	500.0	200.0	300.0	100.0	50.0%
Total Appropriated Expenditures	92,463.7	95,432.9	92,077.7	92,455.8	378.1	0.4%

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS

(All Amounts in Thousands)

Expenditure Class	FY23 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY24 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY25 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	FY26 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	FY26 VS FY25	
					DOLLARS	%
Personal Services	23,623.6	24,271.7	26,296.3	23,889.0	(2,407.3)	-9.2%
Retirement - Contribution	83.8	183.2	296.8	218.3	(78.5)	-26.4%
Medicare	42.3	45.2	90.4	39.4	(51.0)	-56.4%
Group Insurance	683.8	664.3	1,574.4	798.0	(776.4)	-49.3%
Contractual Services	13,061.1	13,879.8	18,614.1	18,528.2	(85.9)	-0.5%
Utilities	6,088.1	6,366.7	6,611.5	6,940.1	328.6	5.0%
Travel	499.2	573.9	569.3	561.0	(8.3)	-1.5%
Commodities	2,798.4	3,032.8	2,738.9	2,729.4	(9.5)	-0.3%
Equipment	2,977.0	2,017.8	2,874.5	1,779.6	(1,094.9)	-38.1%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	94.0	64.1	47.8	48.9	1.1	2.3%
Telecommunications	245.5	199.6	31.3	26.7	(4.6)	-14.7%
Permanent Improvements	974.6	983.9	1,223.5	1,288.4	64.9	5.3%
Awards and Grants	14,737.3	25,599.1	19,059.2	19,262.6	203.4	1.1%
Purchase for Resale	3,181.9	3,442.5	3,382.1	3,347.1	(35.0)	-1.0%
Transfers to Reserves	2,077.6	2,195.9	2,732.2	2,200.0	(532.2)	-19.5%
Excess Funds	532.5	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Non-Appropriated Expenditures	71,700.7	83,520.5	86,142.3	81,656.7	(4,485.6)	-5.2%

Table 5. FY 2027 APPROPRIATED BUDGET PARAMETERS--STATE APPROPRIATED and TUITION INCOME FUNDS

(All Amounts in Thousands)

REVENUES	FY23 ACTUAL REVENUES	FY24 ACTUAL REVENUES	FY25 PROJECTED REVENUES	FY26 BUDGETED REVENUES	FY27 BUDGETED REVENUES	FY27 VS FY26 DOLLARS PERCENT	
Appropriated/Income Funds							
State Appropriations	\$ 43,495.6	\$ 46,540.3	\$ 47,471.1	\$ 47,945.8	\$ 52,740.4	\$ 4,794.6	10.0%
Student Achievement Appropriation	-	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	-	0.0%
Tuition and Fees	59,752.1	59,607.8	53,326.2	52,705.8	51,355.9	(1,349.9)	-2.6%
Misc Inc (includes excess funds)	811.7	1,008.7	434.5	337.0	335.0	(2.0)	-0.6%
Waivers	(10,570.8)	(11,038.3)	(10,107.6)	(11,000.0)	(11,000.0)	-	0.0%
Subtotal Income Fund Net Revenues	93,488.6	96,618.5	91,624.2	90,488.6	93,931.3	3,442.7	3.8%
Add: Program Priority State Funds					14,390.0	14,390.0	
Total Appropriated, Tuition and Fees	\$ 93,488.6	\$ 96,618.5	\$ 91,624.2	\$ 90,488.6	\$ 108,321.3	\$ 17,832.7	19.7%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY23 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY24 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	FY25 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	FY26 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	FY27 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	FY27 VS FY26 DOLLARS PERCENT	
Personal Services	\$ 60,516.5	\$ 63,267.6	\$ 64,270.2	\$ 64,624.6	\$ 66,203.6	\$ 1,579.0	2.4%
Retirement - Contribution	92.2	323.6	254.2	250.0	250.0	-	0.0%
Medicare	1,130.4	1,174.4	1,154.1	1,215.1	1,215.1	-	0.0%
Group Insurance	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	1,713.3	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	6,405.4	5,556.2	4,579.5	6,836.5	6,954.0	117.5	1.7%
Utilities	6,764.9	6,463.8	6,938.2	7,500.0	7,875.0	375.0	5.0%
Travel	210.1	354.1	273.6	275.0	275.0	-	0.0%
Commodities	748.8	829.0	736.7	701.2	701.2	-	0.0%
Equipment	1,347.4	2,134.0	2,138.1	935.8	935.8	-	0.0%
Oper. Of Auto Equip.	150.6	131.0	170.5	170.5	170.5	-	0.0%
Telecommunications	216.4	213.4	32.0	11.0	11.0	-	0.0%
Permanent Improvements	3,361.9	4,134.8	2,339.9	1,000.0	1,000.0	-	0.0%
Awards and Grants	8,415.8	8,637.7	7,277.4	6,922.8	6,922.8	-	0.0%
Transfers to Reserves	1,390.0	500.0	200.0	300.0	300.0	-	0.0%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 92,463.7	\$ 95,432.9	\$ 92,077.7	\$ 92,455.8	\$ 94,527.3	\$ 2,071.5	2.2%
PROGRAM PRIORITY REQUESTS (PPR's)*							
Deferred Maintenance					4,000.0	4,000.0	
Academic Space Enhancements					5,000.0	5,000.0	
Academic Base Support					\$ 1,940.0	\$ 1,940.0	
Technology Enhancements					3,000.0	3,000.0	
Recruitment in Diverse Learning Environment					450.0	450.0	
Total Program Priority Requests					\$ 14,390.0	\$ 14,390.0	
Total Operating and PPR's	92,463.7	95,432.9	92,077.7	92,455.8	108,917.3	16,461.5	17.8%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,024.9	\$ 1,185.6	\$ (453.5)	\$ (1,967.2)	\$ (596.0)	\$ 1,371.2	-69.7%

TABLE 6. FY27 OPERATING AND PROGRAM PRIORITY REQUEST PARAMETERS--STATE APPROPRIATED and TUITION INCOME FUNDS

(All Amounts in Thousands)

Expenditure Class	DEFERRED MAINT.	ACADEMIC SPACE ENHANCE.	ACADEMIC BASE SUPPORT	TECH. ENHANCE.	RECRUITMENT & RETENTION IN A DIVERSE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	SUBTOTAL PPR'S	OPERATING BUDGET TABLE 5	TOTAL FY27 OPERATING BUDGET WITH PPR'S
Personal Services			1,140.0		400.0	1,540.0	66,203.6	67,743.6
Retirement - Contribution						-	250.0	250.0
Medicare						-	1,215.1	1,215.1
Group Insurance						-	1,713.3	1,713.3
Contractual Services					40.0	40.0	6,954.0	6,994.0
Utilities						-	7,875.0	7,875.0
Travel			40.0			40.0	275.0	315.0
Commodities		3,500.0	60.0	200.0	10.0	3,770.0	701.2	4,471.2
Equipment		1,500.0	300.0	2,800.0		4,600.0	935.8	5,535.8
Oper. Of Auto Equip.						-	170.5	170.5
Telecommunications						-	11.0	11.0
Permanent Improvements	4,000.0					4,000.0	1,000.0	5,000.0
Awards and Grants			400.0			400.0	6,922.8	7,322.8
Transfers to Reserves						-	300.0	300.0
Total--PPR AND OPERATING	4,000.0	5,000.0	1,940.0	3,000.0	450.0	14,390.0	94,527.3	108,917.3

**Eastern Illinois University
FY2027 Capital Budget Summary**

Regular Capital Projects	Amount
1. Rehabilitate Physical Science Building – Remodel & Rehabilitation	69,920,100
2. Rehabilitate Coleman Hall – Remodel & Rehabilitation	40,430,400
3. Rehabilitate Klehm Hall – Remodel & Rehabilitation	31,175,800
4. Renovation of space for Student Services which includes the demolition of two existing buildings (estimate needs further refinement) – Remodel & Rehabilitation	<u>107,104,800</u>
Subtotal	\$ <u>248,631,100</u>
Capital Renewal Projects	
1. Additional Funds for New Science Building Construction (815-010-082) to ensure funding for greenhouse replacement	2,442,100
2. Additional Funds for Utility Tunnel Repair (815-010-084) to replace potable water and compressed air lines – Safety & Utilities	4,477,300
3. Fire Alarm Upgrades Old Main/Klehm Hall/Student Services/ Buzzard/ Coleman – Life Safety	8,473,800
4. Roof Replacement, Booth Library/Physical Science/Buzzard/McAfee/Klehm Hall/FPM North/Lumpkin Hall – Safety & Rehabilitation	7,656,700
5. Rehabilitate Windows, McAfee – Safety & Rehabilitation	5,063,300
6. Chilled Water System Upgrades – Safety & Utilities	11,322,300
7. Rehabilitate Building Envelope, Booth Library/Old Main – Safety & Rehabilitation	9,289,700
8. Upgrade Electrical Building Distribution – Safety & Utilities	8,217,800
9. Utility Transformer – Safety & Utilities	<u>2,255,800</u>
Subtotal	\$ <u>59,198,800</u>
Total Capital Projects	\$ <u>307,829,900</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Remodel and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitate Physical Science Building – Project Number 2027–1

\$69,920,100

The Physical Science Building was originally constructed in 1938 as the first science building on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. Two wings and Phipps Lecture Hall were added to the building in 1969, at which time some HVAC and electrical upgrades were done to the original building. The overall building has not experienced any significant upgrades or improvements during its life. The total gross square footage of this facility is 128,683. The deferred maintenance needs of the building are extensive as all of the systems are past their expected life. Further, the teaching methods and classroom/laboratory space expectations are much different than they were 54-85 years ago. It is the current home to the department of Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Geography, Psychology. Upon the construction of the new Science building on the EIU campus, the Chemistry department will be the only department that will be moving out of the Physical Science Building. The students that the remaining departments serve deserve an improved learning environment.

The project would be to completely rehabilitate the facility, including building envelope, roof, mechanical systems, electrical systems and provide updated classrooms, laboratories and office spaces. The roof is approximately 50 years old, beyond its useful life, and leaks despite persistent patching. The windows are single pane; many of them are glazed with asbestos and coated with lead-based paint. The masonry has developed cracks in several areas, requiring stabilization and repair. All electrical components are outdated, some systems going back to the original construction. The electrical system itself is at or beyond capacity, as demand for modern instructional needs and conveniences have outpaced capital renewal. Steam condensate piping, used for heating, has numerous band clamps on the piping to stop leaks, as does the domestic water piping. Most mechanical systems are coated in asbestos thermal insulation, and all ceiling tiles used in the building contain asbestos, making them a safety hazard and causing ongoing maintenance issues. The building also contains a chiller and cooling tower used for the building and the campus, the system is fully depreciated and inefficient. The numerous ventilation hoods do not have demand control and run 24/7/365, wasting a tremendous amount of energy. The energy use intensity for the building is well above averages and guidelines identified by Energy Star. The plumbing fixture counts are too few for the building to current code. After Chemistry vacates, the space will need to be transformed into usable space for infilling occupants.

EIU is in the process of creating a new facilities master plan that focuses on our learning and living environments. As a part of that process, we will study this facility more in-depth and will refine the cost estimates as a part of that process.

Rehabilitate Physical Science Building – Project Number 2027–1, continued

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 48,250,800
Escalation (3 years at 2% per year)	2,895,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>5,114,600</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 56,260,400
A&E Fees (10%)	5,626,000
On-Site Observation	2,273,400
Reimbursables	568,300
Asbestos	<u>3,155,500</u>
Project Budget	\$ 67,883,600
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>2,036,500</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 69,920,100</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Remodel and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitate Coleman Hall – Project Number 2027–2

\$40,430,400

Coleman Hall is a liberal arts academic building on campus that contains mostly classroom and office space. It was constructed in 1965, added onto in 1967, and received a third small addition in 1991. The total gross square footage of this building is 115,538.

The project would rehabilitate the facility, including window replacement and addressing other building envelope deficiencies, mechanical systems, electrical systems and provide updated classrooms, restrooms, and office spaces. The windows are single pane and many of them are glazed with asbestos. All electrical components are outdated and date back to the original construction. Steam and condensate piping, used for heating, has numerous band clamps on the piping to stop leaks. In some locations inaccessible lines are leaking under the concrete slab. There is asbestos present throughout the building, including most floors and mechanical systems, making ongoing maintenance difficult. The plumbing fixture counts are too few for the building to current code, and most restroom cannot meet accessibility codes due to building limitations. The elevator has a control system that is no longer supported and needs retrofitted.

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SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 27,540,000
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	1,101,600
Contingency (10%)	<u>2,864,200</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 31,505,800
A&E Fees (10%)	3,150,600
On-Site Observation	1,280,900
Reimbursables	320,300
Asbestos	<u>2,995,200</u>
Project Budget	\$ 39,252,800
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>1,177,600</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 40,430,400</u>

Eastern Illinois University

Scope Statement

Category: Remodel and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitate Klehm Hall – Project Number 2027–3

\$31,175,800

Klehm Hall is an applied arts academic building on campus that contains classroom, laboratory, and office space. It was constructed in 1966 and added onto in 1968. The total gross square footage of this facility is 86,994.

The project would be to rehabilitate the exterior of the as needed, including window replacement, roof replacement, parapet repairs, and other building envelope deficiencies. On the interior, mechanical systems, electrical systems would be rehabilitated, and updated classrooms, laboratories, restrooms, and office spaces would be provided. The windows are single pane and many of them are glazed with asbestos. All electrical components are outdated and date back to the original construction. Steam and condensate piping, used for heating, has numerous band clamps on the piping to stop leaks. The labs are hindered with outdated support systems. There is asbestos present throughout the building, including most floors and mechanical systems, making ongoing maintenance difficult. The plumbing fixture counts are too few for the building to current code, and most restroom cannot meet accessibility codes due to building limitations. The elevator is in need of retrofit.

EIU is in the process of creating a new facilities master plan that focuses on our learning and living environments. As a part of that process, we will study this facility more in-depth and will refine the cost estimates as a part of that process.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 20,400,000
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	816,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>2,121,600</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 23,337,600
A&E Fees (10%)	2,333,800
On-Site Observation	1,280,900
Reimbursables	320,300
Asbestos	<u>2,995,200</u>
Project Budget	\$ 30,267,800
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>908,000</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 31,175,800</u>

Eastern Illinois University

Scope Statement

Category: Remodel and Rehabilitation

Renovation of space for Student Services which includes the demolition of two existing buildings – Project Number 2027–4

\$ 107,104,800

With the operation of the Renewable Energy Center and after completion of the campus steam system upgrades currently being planned for, steam production capability will no longer be available from the current steam plant location. Additionally, the Student Services Building on EIU's campus is dated and in need up updates. This will be an opportunity for EIU to reduce campus square footage by demolishing two buildings, one unused and one outdated, and relocate services into existing under-utilized square footage. The project would additionally rehabilitate existing space to meet the needs of departments that provide service to students.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 71,400,000
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	2,856,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>7,425,600</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 81,681,600
A&E Fees (10%)	8,168,200
On-Site Observation	3,321,100
Reimbursables	830,300
Asbestos	<u>9,984,000</u>
Project Budget	\$ 103,985,200
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>3,119,600</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 107,104,800</u>

Eastern Illinois University

Scope Statement

Category: Demolish & New Construction

Additional Funds for New Science Building Construction (815-010-082)

– Project Number 2027-5

\$ 2,442,100

Eastern Illinois University is in the process of designing a new science building for the campus (CDB Project #815-010-082). Due to cost escalation, it has been requested of EIU to reduce the scope of the project below the program level to align with available funds. One of the items currently being cut from the program is a new greenhouse. EIU's current greenhouse is in extremely poor condition but is a critical part of our biological sciences program. This request is for the replacement of the greenhouse.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 1,836,000
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	36,700
Contingency (10%)	<u>187,300</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 2,060,000
A&E Fees (10%)	206,000
On-Site Observation	84,000
Reimbursables	<u>21,000</u>
Project Budget	\$ 2,371,000
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>71,100</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 2,442,100</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Utilities

Additional Funds for Utility Tunnel Repair (815-010-084)– Project Number 2027-6 **\$ 4,477,300**

Eastern Illinois University is in the process of designing utility tunnel repairs for the campus (CDB Project #815-010-084). While the project is in process, EIU desires to add to the scope to replace domestic water supply lines and compressed air piping. Many of the domestic water supply lines in the tunnels are galvanized and are in poor condition, with many band clamps to stop leaks, and reduced water flow and quality associated with internal corrosion. The compressed air is used for control of all space temperature regulating systems and critical functions in various academic labs and preparation areas. A study performed by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity indicated that Eastern's distribution lines are undersized, causing loss of temperature control during periods of high air demand. In addition. The new piping system will be appropriately sized for the load it is serving.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 3,366,000
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	67,300
Contingency (10%)	<u>343,300</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 3,776,600
A&E Fees (10%)	377,700
On-Site Observation	154,000
Reimbursables	<u>38,600</u>
Project Budget	\$ 4,346,900
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>130,400</u>
 TOTAL Project Budget	 <u><u>\$ 4,477,300</u></u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Life Safety

Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Project Number 2027-7

\$ 8,473,800

This capital project updates the fire alarm detection, pull stations and notification devices to improve fire protection notification and increase occupant safety in the Old Main, Klehm Hall, Student Services, Buzzard Hall, and Coleman Hall buildings. New fire alarm systems will be compatible with the Simplex systems in campus security and will include an Emergency Notification System (ENS) to align with our 2013 Campus Security Plan as well as conform to the State Fire Marshal code standards and NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code. The ENS will provide student and staff notification of emergency actions such as shelter during severe weather or an active shooter on campus.

Characteristics of the installation will include:

1. Provide new Addressable Fire Alarm System with Voice Evacuation/Emergency Notification.
2. Where practical wiring shall be installed in existing fire alarm system conduits otherwise, new conduit or metal raceway with new wiring will be provided per EIU and CDB standards.
3. Where wiring cannot be concealed such as in mechanical or electrical spaces all wiring shall be installed in surface mounted conduit.
4. Wiring and conduits will be concealed in walls and ceilings in public spaces in Old Main.
5. In Klehm and Student Services, wiring and conduits will be concealed where possible or will incorporate surface raceways.
6. Wiring and conduits in mechanical or electrical spaces will be installed in surface mounted conduit.
7. In Old Main, consultant will work with Eastern Illinois University to determine historically significant areas and features within the building to ensure wiring and conduits will be installed concealed.
8. Due to ACM in corridor floor tile in Coleman some floor tile will be removed, abated and replaced.
9. Due to ACM in corridor floor tiles in Klehm, some floor tile will be removed abated and replaced.
10. Where existing appliance and device locations meet NFPA 72, new notification appliances will be installed; where existing appliance and device locations do not meet NFPA 72 or are inadequate, new devices will be installed to comply. Buzzard Hall currently is partly protected by sprinklers which cover some mechanical spaces in the basement and the open staircases/atriums, however no fire protection exists in all the egress corridors and individual spaces. The project would upgrade the fire protection system to 100% coverage providing fire protection in egress corridors and other spaces. Coleman Hall is a multi-story structure with no fire protection system. The project will install a fire protection service and fire sprinklers according to NFPA 13. In order to facilitate the fire protection and fire alarm in Coleman, it will be necessary to replace ceilings and the aged lighting to allow access for new piping, conduits, etc.

Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Project Number 2027–7, continued

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 6,340,000
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	126,800
Contingency (10%)	<u>646,700</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 7,113,500
A&E Fees (10%)	711,400
On-Site Observation	56,700
Reimbursables	31,500
Asbestos	<u>313,900</u>
Project Budget	\$ 8,227,000
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>246,800</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 8,473,800</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Rehabilitation

Roof Replacement, Booth Library/Physical Science/Buzzard/McAfee/Life Science Annex/Klehm Hall/FPM North/Lumpkin Hall, – Project Number 2027-8 **\$ 7,656,700**

This capital project will address roof deficiencies on multiple buildings around campus, specifically Booth Library, Physical Science, Buzzard Education Building, McAfee Gymnasium, Life Science Annex, Klehm Hall, Facilities Planning and Management North, and Lumpkin Hall. All roofs have deteriorated to the point where we frequently see roof leaks that require interim repair efforts. The roofs would receive a complete tear-off and replacement, at which time the insulation would be increased to current energy code.

Note this project may require asbestos abatement of some extent.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 5,610,000
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	224,400
Contingency (10%)	<u>583,400</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 6,417,800
A&E Fees (10%)	641,800
On-Site Observation	261,000
Reimbursables	63,200
Asbestos	<u>49,900</u>
Project Budget	\$ 7,433,700
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>223,000</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 7,656,700</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Rehabilitation

Rehabilitate Windows, McAfee – Project Number 2027-9

\$ 5,063,300

McAfee Gymnasium is a beautiful art deco structure constructed by the WPA in 1937; it is listed on the national register of historic places. This project will repair/replace the classroom and other windows in McAfee Gym and tuckpoint brick and masonry as necessary. The University will work with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to assure that public spaces will not be adversely affected by the project.

Note this project will require asbestos abatement.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 3,899,400
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	78,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>397,700</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 4,375,100
A&E Fees (10%)	437,500
On-Site Observation	8,500
Reimbursables	2,900
Asbestos	<u>91,800</u>
Project Budget	\$ 4,915,800
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>147,500</u>
 TOTAL Project Budget	 <u>\$ 5,063,300</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Utilities

Chilled Water System Upgrades – Project Number 2027-10

\$ 11,322,300

EIU's chilled water system consists of eight centrifugal chillers, six are water-cooled and two are air-cooled. The chillers are connected together in a decentralized loop, and supply comfort and process cooling to most major buildings on campus. Five of the water-cooled chillers are nearing 25+ years in age and are fully depreciated, less energy efficient than new, and a liability to the reliable operation of our chilled water system. This project we request would replace chillers and cooling towers, pumps, and repair cooling tower support steel which is deteriorating due to corrosion and causing a safety issue.

Note this project may require asbestos abatement of some extent.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 8,160,000
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	326,400
Contingency (10%)	<u>848,600</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 9,335,000
A&E Fees (10%)	933,500
On-Site Observation	379,600
Reimbursables	94,800
Asbestos	<u>249,600</u>
Project Budget	\$ 10,992,500
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>329,800</u>
 TOTAL Project Budget	 <u><u>\$ 11,322,300</u></u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Rehabilitation

Rehabilitate Building Envelope, Booth Library/Old Main – Project Number 2027-11

\$ 9,289,700

Old Main was constructed in 1899 and was the first building on campus and is on the national historic register. Booth Library was constructed in 1950; it is eligible for the national register of historic places. This project will repair/replace the windows, masonry, and entry doors as necessary. The University will work with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to assure that public spaces will not be adversely affected by the project.

Note this project will require asbestos abatement.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 6,364,800
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	127,300
Contingency (10%)	<u>649,200</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 7,141,300
A&E Fees (10%)	714,100
On-Site Observation	291,200
Reimbursables	72,800
Asbestos	71,500
Historical Preservation	<u>728,200</u>
Project Budget	\$ 9,019,100
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>270,600</u>
 TOTAL Project Budget	 <u>\$ 9,289,700</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Safety & Utilities

Upgrade Electrical Building Distribution – Project Number 2027-12

\$ 8,217,800

The existing distribution systems in Coleman and Klehm are original to the buildings. Both have substations and distribution which are more than 40 years of age and obsolete with no readily available replacement parts. This is especially an issue for the integral 5kV incoming switches for the unit substations (USS). Equipment was manufactured by Federal Pacific Electric (FPE) which ceased operations over 20 years ago. With the exception of some later additions, all distribution and branch panels and feeders are 40-50+ years of age and have surpassed normal life expectancies. Old Main has similar issues with the distribution and branch panels which exceed 50 years in age and are also manufactured by FPE.

None of the three buildings have adequate branch and distribution panel capacity to support new program needs. Motor controls are of similar age as the power distribution. Power distribution circuit capacity for necessary replacement of aging mechanical systems is needed.

Klehm is the only building of the three which has a generator and transfer switch for life safety system power such as exit signs, egress lighting and fire alarm system but is not large enough for any other use (19kW/24kVA). The single phase 120/240V generator is well beyond normal life expectancy (Onan - estimated 40-50 years old) and serviceability is questionable.

Old Main and Coleman lack Emergency Power System (EPS) to support central Life Safety systems.

Characteristics of the upgrades will include:

1. Provide new indoor MV Metal Enclosed switches for a 12.47kV loop and for feeds to new Unit Substations for Coleman and Klehm.
2. Replace existing Unit Substations (USS) in Coleman and Klehm. Provide both USS with new PowerLogic meter reconnected to the existing campus metering network. New USS will be sized for mechanical or other load needs.
3. Replace feeders for all existing distribution and branch panels in Coleman, Klehm and Old Main.
4. Replace existing distribution and branch panels in Coleman, Klehm and Old Main.
5. Add new 120/208V, 3Ø, 4W branch panels for future load needs in Coleman, Klehm and Old Main.
6. Replace generator, ATS and panels in Klehm for the EPS.
7. Add new EPS in Coleman and Old Main including new outside, weather enclosed diesel generators, automatic transfer switches and distribution for Life Safety systems.
8. Replace motor controls in Old Main.

Upgrade Electrical Building Distribution – Project Number 2027-12, continued

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 5,992,600
Escalation (1 year at 2%)	119,900
Contingency (10%)	<u>611,300</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 6,723,800
A&E Fees (10%)	672,400
On-Site Observation	235,200
Reimbursables	12,000
Asbestos	<u>335,000</u>
Project Budget	\$ 7,978,400
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>239,400</u>
TOTAL Project Budget	<u>\$ 8,217,800</u>

Eastern Illinois University
Scope Statement
Category: Safety & Utilities

Utility Transformer – Project Number 2027-13

\$ 2,255,800

Eastern Illinois University's main campus is powered through one utility transformer owned and operated by the campus. The transformer steps voltage down from Ameren's 69KV distribution voltage to 12.5 KV for campus distribution. The transformer has integral voltage regulators within the transformer, making it unique.

The current transformer is regularly checked and maintained; it is in good condition. However, if something were to happen to the transformer through act of God, equipment failure, sabotage, etcetera, the campus would be critically impaired. The lead time on a new transformer is estimated to be around three years. Our backup plan relies on renting strategically placed generators at distribution voltages at a rough cost of \$50,000 per week. The generators would consume roughly 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel per day. The total cost to run these generators for three years could be around \$50 million at \$3.90 per gallon of diesel. Also, the generators would only handle roughly 80% of our peak load, meaning basic operations would need to be curtailed during times of high electric demand.

This project would add a redundant transformer and regulation station next to the current transformer in the event of failure of the current transformer. Either transformer could be turned on or off through manual switching and handle the full load of the campus, making it a truly redundant component. The redundancy would significantly reduce the likelihood of a physically and financially crippling event of a system failure, at a relatively low cost of avoidance.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

Construction	\$ 1,591,200
Escalation (2 years at 2% per year)	63,600
Contingency (15%)	<u>248,200</u>
Construction Budget including contingency	\$ 1,903,000
A&E Fees (10%)	190,300
On-Site Observation	77,400
Reimbursables	<u>19,400</u>
Project Budget	\$ 2,190,100
CDB Fee (3%)	<u>65,700</u>
 TOTAL Project Budget	 <u>\$ 2,255,800</u>

Action Item: D.1. Cisco Network Lease

Purchase Item: Cisco Network Lease

Description / Explanation: This is an equipment lease for new network infrastructure. The financing will be provided by Cisco, however the purchase will be made to Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC. Presidio is an awarded vendor under IPHEC2011. The lease will be paid to Presidio at \$390,523.64 per year for seven years.

Cost: \$2,733,665.48

Recommended Vendor: Cisco Capital/Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC

Summary of Bids: IPHEC2011

BEP Goals: N/A

Fund Source: TBD

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this lease.

Action Items E.F.G.

E. Naming Request - Frost Field at Coaches Stadium

The University recommends renaming Monier Field as “Frost Field” in recognition of the many contributions of Mr. Harry Frost (B.S., Chemistry, 1960) and his wife, Gladys, to Eastern Illinois University Athletics, as well as his sustained philanthropic support to the Chemistry program at EIU. A resident of Paris, IL, Harry was a career chemist and innovator at Illinois Cereal Mills/Cargill Corporation for 56 years. Mr. Frost has been recognized as the Philanthropist of the Year (2017) by the EIU Foundation and an EIU Distinguished Alumnus (2013).

It is recommended that the Board approve the naming request “Frost Field at Coaches Stadium” for a period of time not less than 25 years as outlined in the gift agreement

F. Naming Request - Monier Intramural Fields

In 1971, the then Board of Governors named the predecessor to the current field at Coaches Stadium in honor of Mr. Camille Monier. Camille spent his entire career at Eastern Illinois University and retired as Superintendent of Grounds and passed away on December 6, 1988. In 2002, the renovation and creation of a new playing surface resulted in the revised nomenclature of “Coaches Stadium at Monier Field”. To continue to honor the many contributions and legacy of Mr. Monier to EIU, the University recommends naming the current intramural fields the “Monier Intramural Fields”.

It is recommended that the Board approve the naming request “Monier Intramural Fields” for a period of time not less than 10 years

G. Naming Request – The Tarble Museum of Art at Eastern Illinois University

Upon the recommendation of the Tarble Advisory Board, following a review of the relevant historical documentation and consultation with the current acting director, director emeritus, and a representative of the EIU Foundation, the University recommends a renaming of the “Tarble Arts Center” to more closely align the Tarble with the mission of the University and reflect the intention of the donor. Further, the proposed name will more accurately depict the programming available at the Tarble and reduce potential confusion with the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Additionally, the proposed name revision reflects the evolution of the Tarble and accreditation by the American Alliance of Art Museums since 2001.

It is recommended that the Board approve the naming request “The Tarble Museum of Art at Eastern Illinois University”

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. President's Report: Title IX Update, Dr. Shawn Peoples

B. Reports from Constituencies

- Faculty Senate – Todd Bruns
- Staff Senate – Tony Craven
- Student Senate – Claire Weber

C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alliant Insurance Services Inc.	Property Insurance	(A)	\$790,929.00
Dell Marketing LP	Campus Computer Purchases	(B)	\$300,000.00
CORE Construction	Thomas Hall Renovation Design	(C)	\$194,085.00
United Rentals North America	80 Foot Articulating Lift	(D)	\$177,134.00
Mythics LLC	Oracle Software Maintenance	(E)	\$170,779.76
Southern Bus and Mobility	Panther Shuttle Buses	(F)	\$168,000.00
EAB Global	Navigate360 Student Retention Platform	(G)	\$168,000.00
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance	Cleaning Products	(H)	\$108,106.00

- (A) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2101; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (B) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (C) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (D) IPHEC Contract # IPHEC1710; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (E) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1807; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (F) Invitation for Bid (IFB) # EIUMJT2508
- (G) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2222; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (H) IPHEC Contract #188GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

D. FY2025 Deposit and Investment Report

Eastern Illinois University
Deposit and Investment Report
For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2025

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

	Quarterly	Year to Date
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (2,159,345.12)	\$ (2,212,587.11)
Average Daily Invested Balance	111,482,908.11	105,904,852.47
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$ 109,323,562.99</u>	<u>\$ 103,692,265.36</u>
 Total Interest Earned on Investments	 <u>\$ 1,232,076.87</u>	 <u>\$ 4,996,022.03</u>
 Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	 <u>101.98%</u>	 <u>102.13%</u>
 Annualized Average Yield	 <u>4.43%</u>	 <u>4.72%</u>
 Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bil	 <u>4.23%</u>	 <u>4.47%</u>

Summary of Investments:

EIU invests primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper and money market funds. EIU investments may also include U.S. Treasury Notes, Government Agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc), Money Market Funds, Depository Accounts and Commercial Paper. Earnings rates for the quarter ranged from 4.39% to 4.48%

University/Foundation/Alumni/Agency General Ledger Cash by Major Category:

Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves	\$ 22,255,115.96
Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves	13,497,809.20
Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University	20,126,804.69
Construction Funds/Capital Projects	16,031,126.73
Income Fund Tuition	12,098,599.07
Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments	6,226,553.97
Housing/Student Life Construction/Repair/Replacement Reserve	(167,982.73)
Housing/Student Life Operating Funds	3,467,212.72
Student Loan/Work Study Funds	835,378.43
Research and Grant Funds	(2,194,910.72)
Parking/Lounge Operating Funds	676,559.31
Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations	227,641.28
Scholarships Receivable	5,827,892.18
General Revenue Funds Due From the State of Illinois	(29,031.40)
Total Cash Balance June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 98,878,768.69</u>

D. FY2025 Deposit and Investment Report Cont.

Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Operating Funds Account Balances as of June 30, 2025

First Financial Bank Deposit Accounts	\$ 6,946,777.28
Illinois National Bank	100,000.00
The Illinois Funds Money Market Account	94,970,244.36
Total Depository Account Balances	<u>\$ 102,017,021.64</u>

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

Average Daily Book Balance Cash	\$ (2,212,587.11)
Average Daily Invested Balance	105,904,852.47
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$ 103,692,265.36</u>

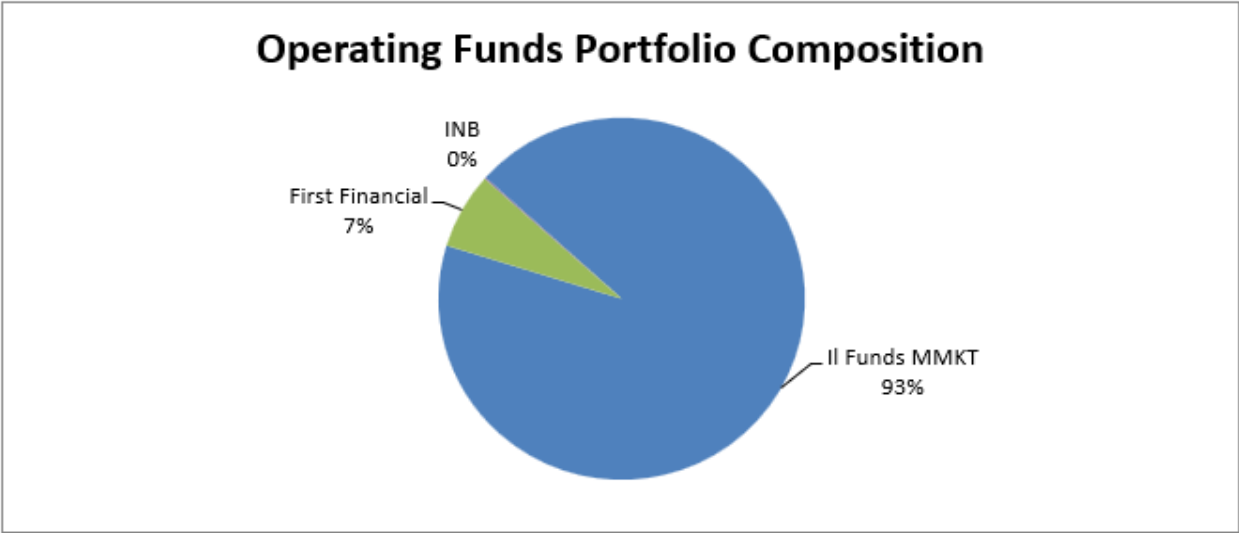
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>102.13%</u>
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Total Interest Earned on Investments	<u>\$ 4,996,022.03</u>
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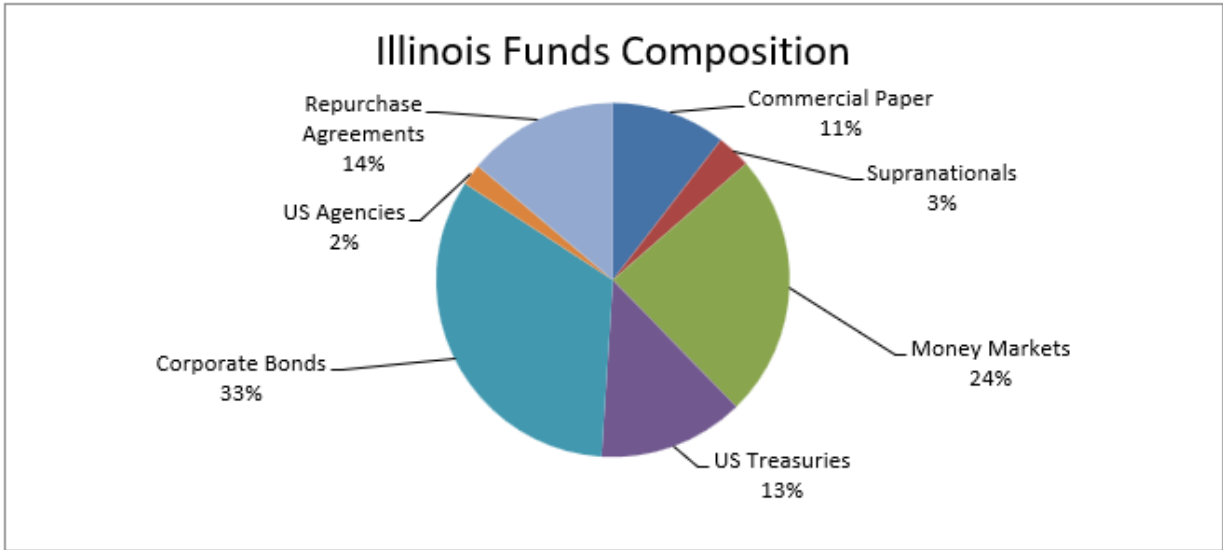
Annualized Average Yield	<u>4.72%</u>
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Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>4.47%</u>
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D. FY2025 Deposit and Investment Report Cont.



FY 2025 Deposit and Investment Report (Cont.)



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E. University Highlights

EIU Board of Trustees Meeting -- University Highlights (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's September 11, 2025 BOT meeting

From May 30 to August 25, 2025

These are summary highlights. A full list of news items is always available at castle.eiu.edu/media.

- June 10, 2025 – EIU's new student trustee Madison Veatch commends campus community
- June 26, 2025 – EIU connects high school students in foster care with higher education
- June 26, 2025 – EIU VP selected for prestigious veteran leadership program
- July 08, 2025 – WEIU TV News Director named National Academy of Arts & Sciences 25 Year Silver Circle Honoree
- July 17, 2025 – EIU Nursing achieves 100% NCLEX pass rate for 2nd consecutive year
- July 17, 2025 – EIU alum Kristie Markman helping brighten futures in southeast Illinois
- July 17, 2025 – EIU Night August 9 at Chicago White Sox game
- July 31, 2025 – Doudna Fine Arts Center 2025/2026 Season Announcement
- August 04, 2025 – EIU earns several top rankings and national distinctions
- August 11, 2025 – Booth Library partners with Doudna Fine Arts Center for August "Authors@EIU" event
- August 11, 2025 – EIU Panther Football schedule; six home games in 2025
- August 11, 2025 – EIU announces 2025 Homecoming Dates
- August 13, 2025 – Eastern Illinois University named to Phi Theta Kappa's 2025 Transfer Honor Roll
- August 20, 2025 – EIU receives \$25,000 grant from Earthrise Energy's RISE Grant Program
- August 20, 2025 – EIU to host outdoor, indoor Pickleball Court Ribbon Cuttings Aug. 21 and Aug.

E. University Highlights, Cont.

EIU Board of Trustees Meeting – Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's September 11, 2025 BOT meeting

From May 30, 2025 to August 25, 2025

A sample summary of positive or impactful news headlines* gathered from an online tool (headlines from within the above-stated date range):

- **EIU wins several accreditations (MSN)**
 - **Leading the Field in AI & Cybersecurity** (recognized by *MastersInAI.org*)
 - #9 spot on the 2025 list of the Most Affordable Online Master's in Cybersecurity.
 - AI and Cybersecurity online master's programs secured Top 10 placements on lists from the Forbes Association and other national ranking organizations.
 - **Top-Ranked Programs in Psychology and Communication**
 - Online BA in Psychology ranked #25 nationally for affordability (by *Affordable Degree Guide*).
 - EIU's Master's in Communication program ranked #1 in Illinois and #2 nationally for online delivery (by *MastersinCommunications.org*).
 - **Military-Friendly Designation**
 - EIU earned Silver Status as a *Designated Military Friendly® School for 2025/2026*.
 - **Most Engaged Campus for Student Voting**
 - EIU named *ALL IN Most Engaged Campus for College Student Voting*
 - **Other Major Recognitions**
 - #1 Independent Public Regional University in Illinois (USNWR)
 - #7 in the Midwest Region – *Top 50 Best Value Schools*
 - #2 for *Top Performers on Social Mobility* among Midwest public universities
 - *Top 5 Public University in Illinois* (Niche 2024/2025)
 - Top 25 & Top 20 Badges from University HQ for multiple programs
 - Inclusion in *Money's Best Colleges in America (2024)* for affordability and strong alumni outcomes
- **Eastern Illinois University receives \$25,000 grant for student scholarships (WRSP)**
- **Eastern Illinois University expanding a sports club [pickleball] (WCIA)**
- **EIU has new student trustee (thexradio.com)**
- **100% of EIU nursing students pass licensure exam for 2nd year in a row (WCIA)**
- **Eastern Illinois University hosts Scouting STEM camp**
- **Students in Illinois will be automatically admitted to colleges under a new law. Eastern Illinois University is already trying the strategy out (Illinois Public Media News)**
- **Six selected for 2025 EIU Athletic Hall of Fame**
- **2025 EIU Football Season Tickets Now on Sale (EIU Athletics)**
- **Eastern Illinois University 2025 Football Schedule (thexradio.com)**
- **Eastern Illinois University releases spring 2025 dean's list**
- **'Zombies' scare up aid for kids center [EIU students participate in local fundraiser] (Herald-Review.com)**

**EIU receives a significant amount of media coverage on the success of its Athletics teams and the achievements of its student-athletes; those items are not wholly represented on the above list but are available at eiupanthers.com.*

E. University Highlights, Cont.

EIU Board of Trustees Meeting – Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's September 11, 2025 BOT meeting

NOTE: Beginning in July 2025, EIU began using an updated news delivery system that already is benefiting its media placements regionally and nationally. As a result, 1)the above formatting change will accommodate the listing of more items in these summaries, and 2)EIU is achieving more targeted regional/hometown placements for student-specific achievements that will not always appear on this list due to space limitations.

F. Other Matters

G. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment