

BOARD APPROVED OCTOBER 6, 2023

Cindy Ream Corporate Secretary

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FR: Rob Wynkoop, Vice President for Auxiliary Services

DATE: September 25, 2023

RE: Approval to Purchase Land from and Execute Ground Lease to Chi Omega of Purdue

University, Inc. d/b/a Chi Omega Sorority

## **Attachments**:

Resolution

Exhibit A: Chi Omega Sorority Property

## **Acquisition Intent:**

West Lafayette campus

This proposed land acquisition from, and ground lease to, Chi Omega of Purdue University, Inc. d/b/a Chi Omega Sorority ("Chi Omega") will facilitate the sorority's plans for future growth. The sorority has owned and operated at 402 Waldron Street, West Lafayette, since 1920.

- Specifically, Purdue will buy 0.61 acres of land at 402 Waldron Street, West Lafayette from Chi Omega for \$4,000,000.
  - o The appraised value is approximately the same as the purchase price.
  - o Operating Funds Reserves will be used for the purchase.
- Additionally, land owned by The Trustees of Purdue University and located at 509, 519, and 523 Waldron Street, as well as 1005 6<sup>th</sup> Street, will be ground leased at market rate to Chi Omega Sorority for a period of 40 years, where they intend to build a new sorority house.
- The current property will be leased back to Chi Omega Sorority during the construction of their new facility.
- This acquisition and ground lease will achieve the following:
  - O Long term, this transaction maintains one of the longest-tenured sororities at a near campus location, creates vibrancy and positive student life impacts in the north Waldron neighborhood, allows the University to own a property at an important strategic location, and aligns with the 2018 Giant Leaps campus master plan, which identifies this location as a potential site for future campus development.
  - Near term, student housing will remain intact for sorority members while the new residential location is being constructed.

c: Chairman Mike Berghoff
President Mung Chiang
Treasurer Chris Ruhl
Provost Patrick Wolfe
Corporate Secretary Cindy Ream
General Counsel Steve Schultz

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY (THE "CORPORATION") AUTHORIZING TRANSACTIONS WITH CHI OMEGA SORORITY RELATED TO CERTAIN REAL ESTATE IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND SPECIFICALLY:

- 1. DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON THE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, THE PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS, OR THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY AND/OR FOR MANAGING, OPERATING, OR SERVICING PURDUE UNIVERSITY (THE "UNIVERSITY"); AND
- 2. APPROVING TERMS OF A GROUND LEASE FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE; AND
- 3. AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION AND OF THE UNIVERSITY TO ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE BY PURCHASE, TO DO ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACOMPLISH SUCH ACQUISITION, AND TO NEGOTIATE AND FINALIZE SUCH GROUND LEASE, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY PROVISIONS AND SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROAL BY THE TREASURER OR ASSISTANT TREASURER.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation desires to acquire certain real property located in Tippecanoe County, Indiana totaling approximately sixty-one hundredths (0.61) of an acre and more fully described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Acquired Real Estate") for the purchase price of Four Million (\$4,000,000) Dollars (the "Purchase Price"); and

**WHEREAS**, Chi Omega of Purdue University Inc. d/b/a Chi Omega Sorority ("Chi Omega") has secured plans to facilitate moving to a collection of parcels located at 509, 519, and 523 Waldron Street, as well as 1005 6<sup>th</sup> Street, which are owned by the Corporation and are more fully described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Leased Real Estate"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation desires to ground lease the Leased Real Estate to Chi Omega for a period of 40 years (the "Lease"), the first step in the development of new student housing and future planned improvements to the Leased Real Estate (the "Improvements"); and

**WHEREAS**, Chi Omega's successful completion of the Improvements align with the University's strategic initiative to improve overall student housing and well-being on campus; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 21-34-3, the Board is authorized and empowered to acquire any real estate that in its judgment is necessary for: (1) carrying on the educational research, public service programs, or other statutory responsibilities of Purdue University, or (2) managing, operating, or servicing Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the general terms and benefits of the proposed Lease, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Corporation and of the University to approve the transaction and authorize the necessary actions to move forward with it;

## **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

- 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the Acquired Real Estate is necessary for carrying on the educational research or other statutory responsibilities of the Corporation and/or for managing, operating, or servicing Purdue University, and that it would be advantageous to the Corporation to acquire the Acquired Real Estate by purchase pursuant to the provisions of IC 21-34-3.
- 2. The Board hereby authorizes and approves: (i) the acquisition of the Acquired Real Estate from Chi Omega for the sum of Four Million (\$4,000,000) Dollars pursuant to the provisions of IC 21-34-3 and on such other terms and conditions as the Treasurer of the Corporation shall deem to be in the best interests of the Corporation and of Purdue University, and (ii) the Lease by the Corporation (in its own name or in the name of the University) on the terms reviewed and discussed at this meeting.
- 3. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Vice President and Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the University, and each of them, are hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, or of the University, to negotiate, prepare and execute a contract, definitive lease agreements, and any such other documents as are deemed by them to be necessary or expedient to effectuate the transactions contemplated above, in each case setting forth such terms and conditions for the acquisition, the proposed terms and conditions of the lease(s), and such other provisions and conditions as, in their judgment, are reasonably necessary or desirable to make the Acquired Real Estate available on terms favorable to the University and to give effect to the ground lease of the Leased Real Estate to Chi Omega, and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, and each of them, are hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of such contract(s), lease(s), and other documents.
- 4. The above-designated officers, together with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel of the Corporation, and each of them, are hereby authorized and empowered for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Corporation, or of the University, to: (a) request any necessary approvals of the Governor and Budget Agency and all other necessary governmental approvals for the actions hereinabove authorized; and (b) execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and take any and all other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution, whether therein specifically authorized or not, except such actions as are specifically required by law to be taken by the Board as the governing body of the Corporation.
- 5. All acts of said officers in conformity with the intent and purposes of this Resolution, whether taken before or after this date, are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted as the acts of the Corporation.





**Administrative Operations** 

## Exhibit A: Chi Omega Sorority Property

10/6/2023



