

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
WAITZER HALL BOARDROOM
March 15, 2022**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Blythe Scott, Chair
Paul Fraim, Esq.
Chester Hart, Jr.
Hon. Daun Hester
Phillip Hucles, Esq.
Bruce Waldholtz, MD

Additional Attendees:

Alfred Abuhamad, MD
Helen Heselius
Stacy Purcell
Tracy Morton
Ross Grogg, Kemper Consulting, *Virtual*
Mike Edwards, Kemper Consulting, *Virtual*

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Blythe Scott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes from December 14, 2021 as distributed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Abuhamad addressed the committee, detailing his most recent meetings and calls with legislators, and reviewed where we currently stand today. We have the ask for the following:

- Support of the consultancy for the partnership with both the House and Senate (\$250,000 to EVMS and \$250,000 to ODU).
- Funding on the House side (\$7 million for the HVAC in Lewis Hall) and we have the capital ask for the campus security.
- On the Senate side, we have support for the ONE School of Public Health (\$2.5 million) and we have close to \$550,000 for Waitzer Hall operations and management.

This is where we currently stand. In follow up, Dr. Abuhamad explained he has sent both letters and emails to all the conferees from both the House and the Senate. A summary of this information is in the committee Boardbook today.

KEMPER CONSULTING

Ms. Scott introduced Mike Edwards and Ross Grogg to the committee members and asked them to provide an update to the committee from their perspective.

Ross Grogg thanked Board members who reached out to their connections in the House and Senate as they are very valuable and were a key part in getting EVMS to where we are today with both the budget amendment requests, and during the time when the Senate and House released their budgets. Ross explained the current impasse and where the House and Senate stand in approving the budget, noting the current disagreement mostly stands on tax reform. EVMS fared well in both the House and Senate budget.

Ms. Scott requested that Kemper let us know any future next steps and that we be notified if any additional assistance from Board members is needed.

Ross Grogg mentioned inviting supporters onto campus within the next few months for a tour, and mentioned scheduling a future meeting with the Secretary of Education.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tracy Morton
Recording Secretary