

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
February 13, 2026**

**FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING FOR THE HIGH TEMPERATURE  
HOT WATER PIPING SYSTEM EMERGENCY REPAIRS PROJECT  
A Recommendation**

**1. Division and Department: Finance and Administration and Facilities  
Management Department**

**2. Introduction: On October 19, 2025, an initial leak in one of the expansion loops in the underground HTHW main line was discovered. Due to urgent repairs to the High-Temp Hot Water (HTHW) piping system, a campus shutdown was scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving to complete the repairs. The High Temperature Hot Water System Emergency Repair Project (Project) would resolve leaks in one of the expansion loops in the main piping line. Due to the nature of the leak, a temperature reduction was required, which affected heating in several campus buildings until the repair was complete.**

**Buildings affected by the HTHW piping system leak included:**

- Biomedical Research Support Facility
- Central Heating Plant
- Dodge Hall of Engineering
- Elliott Hall
- Engineering Center
- Hamlin Hall
- Hannah Hall of Science
- Hill House
- Kresge Library
- Math and Science Center
- Meadowbrook Theater
- North Foundation Hall
- Oakland Center
- O'Dowd Hall
- Pawley Hall
- Recreation and Athletic Center
- South Foundation Hall
- Vandenberg Hall
- Van Wagoner Hall
- Varner Hall
- Wilson Hall East
- Wilson Hall West

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Facilities Management reviewed options to minimize disruption to the campus community and determined that the campus would be closed from November 21 to November 30, 2025, to complete the necessary repairs. Completing this work while temperatures were still seasonable would minimize the risk of a catastrophic failure of the piping system and building. On November 21, 2025, President Pescovitz authorized \$1.4 million for emergency leak repairs.

After initial repairs were completed in November and the HTHW system was energized, a new leak emerged. While the emergency campus closure in effect during the Thanksgiving holiday break ended as planned on December 1, 2025, modified university operations were necessary due to many buildings being left without heat. During these additional repairs, a third significant leak was discovered, and university operations continued to be modified. Temporary heating was provided to all affected buildings.

On December 12, 2025, President Pescovitz authorized \$5 million in total project cost (\$1.4M in initial funds + \$3.6M in supplemental funds) to complete emergency repairs and provide temporary heating for the affected buildings. The authorization of \$5 million in total project costs was taken in compliance with Board of Trustees (BOT) Bylaws, Article II, and Policy 410, Section 2C.

Repairs to the HTHW piping system were completed, and testing proceeded without incident on December 14, 2025. The system was fully operational on December 15, 2025. The University fully reopened on January 5, 2026.

Board of Trustees' formal acknowledgement is being sought for the \$5 million Project, which includes emergency repairs to the expansion loops of the HTHW piping system and temporary heating for affected buildings, funded from the University's Working Capital Investment Portfolio Capital Gains.

3. **Previous Board Action:** None.
4. **Budget Implications:** The funding source for this \$5 million Project is the University's Working Capital Investment Portfolio Capital Gains.
5. **Educational Implications:** This project allowed HTHW service to continue to numerous campus buildings and maintain them as a usable asset for the Winter 2026 semester.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

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**7. University Reviews/Approvals:** This recommendation was prepared by Facilities Management and reviewed by the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and the President.

**8. Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees formally acknowledges the \$5 million authorized for use for the HTHW Piping System Emergency Repairs Project; and, be it further

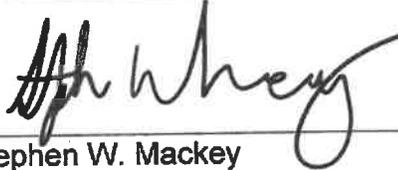
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the President, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments, and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient, and proper in connection with the HTHW Piping System Repairs Project and the ongoing administration of the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts, instruments, and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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9. Attachments: None

Submitted to the President  
on 2 February, 2026 by



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Stephen W. Mackey  
Senior Vice President for Finance and  
Administration and Treasurer to the Board of  
Trustees

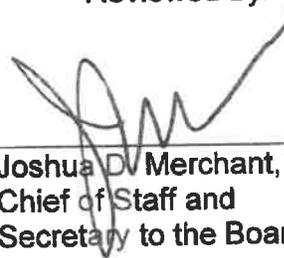
Recommended on 10-Feb, 2026  
to the Board of Trustees for Approval by



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Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President

Reviewed by:



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Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.  
Chief of Staff and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees