BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.:    BHE 23-34

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATE:  March 20, 2023

BOARD DATE:  March 28, 2023

APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY Soccer Field Renovations, MCLA-0976-22 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

MOVED:  The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the attached MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY Soccer Field Renovations, MCLA-0976-22 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the “Commissioner”) is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the “Board”) to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the “Authority”) that the Authority initiate the projects described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.

3. The Commissioner and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the projects for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and to take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.

4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

5. The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the
State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being $1,600,000.

**VOTED:** Motion adopted and advanced to the full Board for approval by the Executive Committee 3/20/2023; and adopted by the BHE 3/28/2023.

**Authority:** Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 4, 6, and 9; Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, sections 1-3, et seq., as amended.

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY
EXHIBIT A
 MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
SOCcer FIELD RENOVATIONS
MSCBA PROJECT NO. MCLA-0976-22

Project Description
(a) The carrying out of preliminary work, including obtaining cost estimates, revenue estimates, preliminary design specifications, feasibility studies, surveys, and site analyses to determine the feasibility, approximate size, scope, purposes, location and other characteristics of any building, structure or facility the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide;

(b) Site development, parking, athletic, and cultural facility improvements as described herein including site work, building renovations, and furnishings and equipment primarily for the use by students and staff of the University, and their dependents, and which the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide; and

(c) The carrying out of improvements, renovations, and other work on and the provision and installation of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for other buildings, structures, or facilities the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide.

Project Overview
The original grass Soccer field was replaced in 2006 with new synthetic turf including significant drainage modifications. Spectator seating and a continuous concrete curb around the perimeter of the field was added during construction. The current scope will leave the curb and remove and replace the existing turf and pad. Review of existing drainage and subsurface compaction will occur before design of the new surface. The existing tennis courts will be considered for removal as the budget allows.

Fund Source
Bond Funds $1,600,000

Project Budget
Total Project Cost $1,600,000

Schedule
Completion: Summer 2023