

**Springfield Technical Community College
Committee on Facilities and Capital Improvements Report
January 12, 2026**

Present: Trustees Jeffrey Sattler, Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito. Also present: President John B. Cook, STCC Board of Trustees Chair Michael Knapik,, DCAMM Deputy Director-Office of Planning Sarah Felton, Amy Winter, DCAMM Senior Project Manager

Absent: Trustee Samalid Hogan

Trustee Sattler called the meeting of the Committee on Facilities and Capital Improvements to order at 5:00 p.m.

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM)

Sarah Felton, DCAMM Deputy Director, Office of Planning, shared an overview of DCAMM’s role within public higher education, and specifically in assisting STCC with the campus master planning process. She reviewed key inputs to campus master planning, and also strategies to encourage and utilize stakeholder input in the process. Details are outlined in the attached presentation.

Deputy Director Felton also shared information on the BRIGHT Act, which, if approved by legislation, would provide significant funding to address capital needs across the public higher education sector. She also discussed DCAMM’s Applied Learning Space Modernization project, which is providing \$500,000 to STCC to complete a certified study for improvements to the Building 32 Energy Systems Technology space. With potential BRIGHT Act passage, the project may receive \$5 million for implementation, which would need to be supplemented by STCC funds. The initial plan is a phased approach to the project, which would provide financial flexibility.

School of Health Relocation

VP Nathanson updated Trustees on the progress and status of the major capital project to relocate the School of Health and Patient Simulation (SHPS) from Building 20 to Building 2. Construction is expected to begin in late February, and a potential ground-breaking event will be planned for some time in the Spring. Occupancy is still projected for Fall 2027. VP Nathanson also shared an overview of related enabling moves for the project, which are funded by STCC, and also shared that the overall project cost is still projected within budget.

Facilities Update

VP Nathanson provided an overview of the various funding sources available for investment in facilities and capital improvements and reviewed the STCC and DCAMM capital & project budgets, including select examples of key projects. She also explained how the team has strategically leveraged carry over dollars from the STCC capital and project budget to fund enabling moves related to the SHPS relocation project. Details are provided in the meeting packet.

President’s Perspective

Dr. Cook provided additional context that the Bright Act is a \$3.65 billion capital investment bill for public higher education, aiming to modernize campuses, and address deferred maintenance among other improvements at public colleges and universities in Massachusetts. The bond bill leverages future fair share tax revenue. Dr. Cook shared his gratitude for continued work of the committee and administration,

and noted significant planning and management has been necessary from the STCC team in order to utilize capital funds efficiently.

New Business

Campus Tour

Upon the conclusion of the meeting, Trustees were invited to an informal tour of Building 25. The Committee did not reconvene to otherwise adjourn.

Date of the next meeting

June 8, 2026

Adjournment:

A roll call vote was taken to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Dominick Uguccione