KEAN UNIVERSITY UNION, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN KEAN UNIVERSITY AND TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS: Kean University, New Jersey's only urban research university, continues to expand its role as an anchor institution in its communities and throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS: As an anchor institution, Kean University commits itself to playing a role in the academic, economic, social, and emotional growth and health of the communities it serves; and
- WHEREAS: The Township of Union School Districts recently experienced a health-related crisis at its Hannah Caldwell Elementary School whereby mold in the school forced its immediate closure; and
- WHEREAS: The 500 students attending Hannah Caldwell school were forced to leave with little notice and take their classes in makeshift spaces throughout the township while school officials determined the extent of the mold and length of time needed to remediate the health hazard; and
- WHEREAS: The Kean University Board of Trustees last year purchased a semi-vacant office building at 1085 Morris Avenue adjacent to other campus buildings with plans to redevelop the building to serve as a world-class academic and research center, as well as a unique community health center; and
- WHEREAS: Design and redevelopment plans are underway for 1085 Morris Avenue, leaving some of the building space temporarily available to help the Township of Union School District address their space challenges for students at the Hannah Caldwell Elementary School; and
- WHEREAS: Officials from the University and the School District met to discuss this option and developed a licensing agreement that will provide the school with temporary access to the space for school purposes as early as November 18, 2024; and
- WHEREAS: The licensing agreement requires, among other things, the school district to provide all materials, furniture, supplies, etc. necessary to conduct school on the site; to make, at their own expense, all modifications necessary to conduct school in space on the 4th floor of the building and portions of the 3rd floor; and, to provide both the security and maintenance services need to operate the school temporarily in the building; and

WHEREAS: The agreement also requires the school district also agrees to reimburse the

University for the cost of utilities and other services inherent in the use of the

space; and

WHEREAS: The school district agrees to work with the University's College of Education to

identify and support opportunities for some Kean students to do their teaching rotations at the temporary school site, and to identify other ways to work together mutually benefit from this temporary arrangement; now, therefore, be

it

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees approves the licensing agreement drafted by University

Counsel and authorizes the President and/or his designee to both sign and

implement the agreement; and, be it further

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees also authorizes the President and/or his designee to sign

and implement a Memorandum of Understanding among the University, the school district and the Township of Union with regards to the use and occupancy of the building and the rights and responsibilities of all parties involved; and, be it

further

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees directs the President to provide the Board with regular

status reports on the arrangement until its conclusion on July 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED: November 15, 2024

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CERTIFIED: November 15, 2024

Audrey M. Kelly

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