

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
June 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Revisions to the PECO Project Scoring Methodology

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the revisions to the PECO Project Scoring Methodology.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Sections 1013.64(4) and 1001.706, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1013.64(4) requires the Board of Governors (Board) to prepare a 3-year priority list of capital projects for PECO funding, to be updated annually and submitted to the Legislature in the legislative budget request. Effective July 1, 2019, s. 1001.706(12), F.S. required the Board to compile the aforementioned list from a preliminary selection group of projects comprised of: 1) incomplete projects (i.e. partially-appropriated projects awaiting additional PECO funding) and 2) the top two priorities of each university. It further required the Board to develop a points-based prioritization method to rank projects for consideration from the preliminary selection group pursuant to criteria in statute. Said methodology was prepared by staff and approved by the Board in August 2019.

At the January 5, 2022 meeting, the Board approved a Plan to address the current backlog of deferred capital needs in the SUS and, importantly, help avoid the issue going forward. The Plan provides for, among other things, the following:

- ***Consider revising the current PECO project scoring methodology to place greater emphasis on renovation/remodeling over new construction projects.***

Renovation and remodeling projects typically address both needed repairs/maintenance as well as deferred capital replacement and renewal. Staff revised the methodology within statutory parameters, placing greater emphasis on maintenance, repairs, renovation and remodeling. Proposed revisions are reflected in the attached exhibit and summarized below:

- Increased the points in **Criteria 2** and **5** (from 15 pts to 20 pts), since these two criteria relate to maintenance/remodel/renovation.
- Increased the points in **Criteria 6, subcategory** “Preserve safety of persons using the facility” (from 2 pts to 4 pts) since it relates to maintenance/remodel/renovation.
- Decreased total points in **Criteria 3** from 25 to 20, to offset the aforementioned increases in Criteria 2 & 5.

- Decreased total points in **Criteria 6, subcategory** “Funding from private sources” to offset increases in other Criteria. Note, the 25% benchmark was lowered due to the reduction in points.

To assess the impact of the proposed changes, staff utilized the FY22-23 PECO project list as a “test” case; a “before” and “after” comparison of the top 10 projects is attached as an exhibit. Based on this comparison, the revised methodology resulted in renovation/remodeling projects scoring and ranking higher than new construction.

The proposed revisions to the PECO project scoring methodology were reviewed by the universities, and comments/changes have been incorporated, as appropriate.