

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
September 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Request to Establish CityLab-Jacksonville as a New Special Purpose Center by the University of Florida

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Request to Establish CityLab-Jacksonville as a New Special Purpose Center by the University of Florida.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites, provides definitions for a range of university sites, along with the process for establishing, relocating, and closing sites. The types of sites include main campus, additional campus, special purpose center, instructional site, and special purpose site.

The University of Florida (UF) requests approval to establish CityLab-Jacksonville as a new special purpose center. Regulation 8.009 defines a special purpose center as a university unit, apart from the main campus, that provides certain special, clearly defined programs or services, such as research or public service, and reflects a relatively permanent commitment by a university for the foreseeable future. Special purpose centers may offer a limited number of degree programs. The facility must be university owned, leased, or jointly used with another public institution.

The University of Florida's CityLab-Jacksonville will be located on the third floor of Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral at 256 E. Church Street in Jacksonville, Florida. The University of Florida's College of Design Construction and Planning will use this facility to offer the accredited Master of Architecture professional degree and the Master of Science in Architectural Studies. Both degrees are an extension of the programs offered on the UF main campus and follow the same curriculum. The University of Florida projects an enrollment of fewer than 300 students in the degree program. The facility will include spaces for in-person instruction, lab facilities for studio workstations, thesis committee meetings, and student advising. The center will also serve as an active research location for the UF Center for Hydro-generated Urbanism. The University of Florida Board of Trustees approved the Request to Establish CityLab-Jacksonville as a Special Purpose Center on August 15, 2022.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the request will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, CityLab-Jacksonville will open on January 9, 2023.

Dr. Disraelly Cruz will provide overview of the proposed special purpose center.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

1. Proposal to Establish a Special Purpose Center
2. Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Dr. Disraelly Cruz