

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
September 14, 2022

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

PROPOSED BOARD 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 and the Board of Governors, CityLab-Jacksonville will open on January 9, 2023.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials