

**Leon County Research and Development Authority  
Development Review Committee**

Collins Building  
2051 East Paul Dirac Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32310

July 9, 2024  
10:00am to 11:00am

**Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Chair Michael Kramer, Dylan Haase, Ben Hood, Brad Richardson.

**Members Not in Attendance:** Kimberly Strobel-Ball.

**Guests:** Mary Jo Spector, FSU Research Facilities Design; Wesley Thigpen, Tomahawk Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; Alex Karns, AME Research Engineer; Peggy Bielby, LCRDA staff.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Michael Kramer called the meeting to order at 9:59am.

**2. Introductions**

All present introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Participation by Electronic Means**

As a quorum of committee members were present in-person no approval was needed.

**4. Modifications to the Agenda**

None.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2023**

Dylan Haase offered a motion to approve the draft minutes. Ben Hood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**7. FSU Proposed Upgrade to the Wind Tunnel at the Aero-Propulsion, Mechatronics and Energy (AME) Center Building, 2003 Levy Avenue**

FSU seeks approval of its project to add an exterior heater to upgrade the wind tunnel at AME. It requires a shed roof to protect it. A fence will surround the heater for security purposes.

Mary Jo Spector explained that the previous AME project, approved by the DRC on February 14, 2023, added two new compressed air tanks to increase the amount/velocity of the compressed air being supplied to the wind tunnel. The system uses outside air. When the air is compressed, it gets cold, below

freezing. Water in the air becomes frozen/ice particles, which interferes with the research being conducted in the wind tunnel. This project will add a heater that will heat the air in the line to above freezing. Therefore, water will be a vapor and not solid.

*After discussion Dylan Haase offered a motion to conditionally approve the project subject to the stated conditions: fence height of 12 feet, to be planted with confederate jasmine; planting two crape myrtles or similar planting in the area; and determining where the existing corner of the AME building is relative to Engineering Way and assuring that the project canopy corner is within the required setback. Ben Hood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18am.