SOUTH FLORIDA State College

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT "H"

Item 8.3

PRESENT TO BOARD: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT REPLACEMENT AT LAKE PLACID CENTER

On Thursday, July 16, 2026, the chiller at the Lake Placid Center experienced a complete failure, creating an emergency that posed an immediate risk to college property and the continuity of essential operations.

Given the urgency of the situation, adherence to the College's standard procurement procedures would have resulted in unacceptable delays and increased the risk of operational disruption and potential damage to college facilities. Immediate action was therefore necessary to procure a replacement chiller. To ensure the College obtained the best available value while expediting the purchase, a replacement unit was competitively sourced through an OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing contract.

Accordingly, and with the verbal authorization of the Chair of the District Board of Trustees, I waived the advance approval requirement for purchases exceeding $325,000 as outlined in Section 2.C.2 of Procedure No. 4040.

I request that the DBOT provide post facto approval of the emergency procurement of a replacement chiller at the Lake Placid Center.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the emergency procurement of a replacement chiller at the Lake Placid Center on a post facto basis.