

HEARING CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, James R. Miller, having served on the date hereof as the representative of Lowndes County, Georgia (the "County"), at a public hearing held pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3(c)(2), HEREBY CERTIFIES as follows:

(1) A hearing, open to the public (the "Public Hearing"), was held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 9 a.m.**, in the **Lobby of the First Floor** of the real property located at **901 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601** (the "Property"). Conspicuous notice of the Public Hearing was posted in advance of said hearing by the undersigned in multiple locations on the exterior doors of the Property on October 7, 2024. A copy of the public notice for the Public Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The undersigned was present throughout the Public Hearing, and Traycee Martin, an employee of Valdosta State University, was also present as a witness.

(2) The purpose of the Public hearing was to receive comments and concerns, if any, from members of the public concerning the proposed lease of 6,654 square feet of space on the first floor of Building "B" located on the Property (the "Premises") by Lowndes County to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the continued use of the Premises by Valdosta State University to operate its Marriage and Family Therapy Program (the "Program"), until such time as a planned new space becomes available on the University's campus for the Program. The proposed lease term, if approved, would end no later than October 31, 2025, and the proposed monthly rent to be paid by the Board of Regents is \$1.00.

(3) The Public Hearing provided a reasonable opportunity for interested individuals and members of the public to appear at the Property and express their comments and concerns regarding the proposed lease transaction. At the Public Hearing, the following persons were in attendance and expressed comments and concerns regarding the proposed lease of the Premises to the Board of Regents: None.

No one else having appeared to speak on the matter, the undersigned representative of Lowndes County, Georgia, declared the Public Hearing closed.

GIVEN under my hand, this 16th day of October, 2024.



James R. Miller
Hearing Representative