

**KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
SPECIAL-CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**



September 29, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. ET

Virtual meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89129396618>

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Proposed Action Item

- A. Modification to the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget Recommendation, Postsecondary Institution Capital Investment Request, KCTCS Top Ten (10) New Capital Construction Projects

III. Adjournment

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

TOPIC/TITLE:	Modification to the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget Recommendation, Postsecondary Institution Capital Investment Request, KCTCS Top Ten (10) New Capital Construction Projects
STAFF CONTACTS:	Greg Rush, Assistant Vice President, Finance Policy & Programs Bill Payne, Vice President, Finance Policy & Programs
TYPE/REQUEST:	☒ Action ☐ Information

SUMMARY ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommend the Council approve to amend the 2026-28 Capital Construction Budget Request for KCTCS to replace the project titled “Construct Newtown Parking Garage-Bluegrass CTC” with the project titled “Construction of Bluegrass CTC Prison Education Program”.

ORIGINAL 2026-2028 NEW CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATION

On September 12, 2025, the Council approved the 2026-2028 Postsecondary Institution Capital Investment Request. One component of the approved request was for \$1.76 billion for the highest priority new capital construction project at each public university and the top ten (10) new capital construction projects at KCTCS.

The ten capital construction projects for KCTCS included in that request are outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Original Ten Projects Approved for KCTCS

Project	Total Scope
Const Student Services Bldg. DT Ph. I-JCTC	\$47,300,000
Replace Student & Academic Support-Maysville CTC	\$25,400,000
Expand Springfield Campus-Elizabethtown CTC	\$9,000,000
Construct Diesel Tech/CDL Bldg-Hopkinsville CC	\$4,500,000
Expand Transpark Campus-Southcentral KY CTC	\$29,900,000
Expand Glasgow Campus-Southcentral KY CTC	\$22,000,000
Expand/Relocate CDL Program-Gateway CTC, Boone	\$9,300,000
Construct Newtown Parking Garage-Bluegrass CTC	\$36,900,000
Construct Skills Trade Center-Hopkinsville CC	\$13,000,000
Construct Allied Health Building-Gateway CTC	\$34,200,000
Total	\$231,500,000

On Wednesday, September 17th, after Council approval of the Capital Investment Request, CPE staff were notified of the need for KCTCS to remove the project titled “Construct Newtown Parking Garage-Bluegrass CTC” and replace it with the project titled “Construction of Bluegrass CTC Prison Education Program”. The project scope of the new project is \$42 million vs a scope of \$36.9 million for the project it replaced.

The proposed project list for KCTCS is included in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Proposed Top Ten Projects for KCTCS

Project	Total Scope
Const Student Services Bldg. DT Ph. I-JCTC	\$47,300,000
Replace Student & Academic Support-Maysville CTC	\$25,400,000
Expand Springfield Campus-Elizabethtown CTC	\$9,000,000
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Expand/Relocate CDL Program-Gateway CTC, Boone	\$9,300,000
Construction of Bluegrass CTC Prison Education Program	\$42,000,000
Construct Skills Trade Center-Hopkinsville CC	\$13,000,000
Construct Allied Health Building-Gateway CTC	\$34,200,000
Total	\$236,600,000

DETAILS OF THE KCTCS REVISION REQUEST

KCTCS requests approval to construct a 51,530 square foot Prison Education Program Building at the Northpoint Training Center in Boyle County, Kentucky. The facility will provide postsecondary technical education and workforce training opportunities for incarcerated individuals preparing for parole. The project’s total scope is estimated at \$42 million.

The proposed building will include technical high-bay laboratories and classrooms designed to support programs in advanced manufacturing technology, welding, aviation mechanics, diesel mechanics, electric lineman technician/fiber optics, computerized machining and manufacturing, additive manufacturing, heavy equipment operation, and computer engineering technology. Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) will administer the academic and technical programs delivered at the facility.

The overarching goal of the project is to support offender rehabilitation and successful reentry by preparing graduates for gainful employment with Kentucky’s second-chance employers. Evidence from other states demonstrates that such correctional education initiatives can reduce recidivism by up to 50 percent, thereby reducing taxpayer costs, improving public safety, and increasing workforce participation.

Project Delivery And Timeline:

- Pre-Design: KCTCS/BCTC will complete technical space programming prior to July 2026 to expedite design.
- Design Phase: Selection of a design team between July–August 2026; design completion in approximately six months.
- Construction Delivery: Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) method to allow phased bidding and early procurement of long-lead items.
- Construction Schedule: Anticipated start date March 27, 2027, with a 10-month construction period; fence/security system installation to follow (4 months).

The building will be constructed outside the current correctional fence to avoid disruption of secure operations. A new security perimeter will then be extended around the facility once construction is complete.