

June 6, 2024

MEMORANDUM

Southern Utah University – Institutional Residence Repurposing and Designation

<u>Board Policy R715, Institutional Residence</u>, allows the Utah Board of Higher Education to designate an official institutional residence for each degree-granting institution. Southern Utah University (SUU) requests Board approval to repurpose its current institutional residence.

In 2018, the Board designated 11 N 200 W in Cedar City as SUU's institutional residence. The university now proposes to repurpose the existing institutional residence to address its pressing need for additional office space. Minimal alternations with no structural modifications will be needed to accommodate the proposed office's functions.

Southern Utah University's Board of Trustees endorsed the proposed change of use for the institutional residence on March 15, 2024, supporting SUU's strategic objectives and mission of providing an exceptional educational experience to its students.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize SUU to repurpose its institutional residence as requested. The Commissioner further recommends that the Board consider directing SUU to explore permanently transitioning away from an institutional residence.

Attachment

• Attachment 1 – Letter to Commissioner – Repurpose Institutional Residence