

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2026.05/20
Authorization to Demolish
300 North Street

Resolution

Whereas, the property at the Northwest corner of North Street and Fell Avenue, 300 North Street, originally the home of the University Professional Development Center, followed by the Honors Program, and subsequently hosted the Center for Civic Engagement, was purchased by the University in January of 1967, and

Whereas the building was constructed to host a dental office, never underwent major renovations after the University purchase, has failing mechanical systems requiring substantial replacement, and does not meet current University needs, and

Whereas, the overall condition of these facilities continues to deteriorate, requiring increased maintenance and attention, and

Whereas, *Master Plan 2010-2030: Looking to the Future* calls for the demolition of the building and for the site to be used for an extension of the Science Laboratory Building, and

Whereas, the cost of the demolition is included in the “Construction Total” line of the Research and Teaching Greenhouse Facilities project budget, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a project to demolish the building at the SW corner of School and Fell.

Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: Board Action, May 8, 2026

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
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This item requests Board of Trustees approval for the demolition of the former medical/dental office at the corner of North Street and Fell Avenue, 300 North Street, also known as the Center for Civic Engagement. The building was constructed in 1949 and was purchased by the University in January 1967, giving the University ownership of the entire block, for future expansion. The building was a makeshift home for University Professional Development Center, followed by the Honors Program and then the Center for Civic Engagement. Located at the intersection of North Street and Fell Avenue, the building contains 2,544 square feet of space. The building interior was constructed for a medical/dental practice, was never renovated, and is not conducive for academic and student support activities.

The overall condition of these facilities continues to deteriorate, requiring increased maintenance and attention, and mechanical systems are failing and require substantial replacement. The Center for Civic Engagement vacated the building in 2025 while the University was contemplating upgrades to the mechanical systems. Due to the poor condition of these facilities, the less than ideal interior configuration to support university needs, and the immediate plans to utilize this location to complete the Science Complex on this land, the University has discontinued use of this building and will be relocating the Center for Civic Engagement to a more central location on campus. This direction is supported in *Master Plan 2010-2030: Looking to the Future*, which called for demolition of this building to make room for expansion of the Science Laboratory Building. This objective is met through three projects included as part of a Science Complex: the STEM Building, the Science Laboratory Building Annex (SLB-A), and the Research and Teaching Greenhouse Facilities.

Demolition of the building will require the following:

1. Notification of the University's plans to demolish the complex to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency as required by state statutes concerning the preservation of state resources.
2. Removal of asbestos-containing materials, including the development of an appropriate abatement design and removal of such materials by an asbestos abatement contractor prior to demolition of the facilities.

Resource Requirements

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement is included in the "Construction Total" of the Research and Teaching Greenhouse Facilities project budget.