



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Academic Affairs-Attachment 1

Committee Name Committee on Academic Affairs

Date February 06, 2026

Agenda Item: Naming Opportunity - Engineering and Digital Innovation Center

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Information

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Review

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Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby approves the naming of the Engineering and Digital Innovation Center the Leinweber Center for Engineering and Digital Innovation.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve naming the Engineering and Digital Innovation Center the Leinweber Center for Engineering and Digital Innovation.

Prior Action by BOT: Not applicable.

Responsible Officers: Kim Tobin, Vice President for University Advancement

Summary:

Michigan State University has received a \$50,000,000 commitment from the Leinweber Foundation to the College of Engineering. In recognition of this gift, it is proposed the Board of Trustees approve naming the Engineering and Digital Innovation Center the Leinweber Center for Engineering and Digital Innovation. The naming is recommended in alignment with BOT 612, *Buildings and Facilities – Naming*.

The building will be used for education, research and career preparedness. It will serve as a dynamic nexus in fields such as engineering, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, data science, artificial intelligence and communications.

Background Information:

The Leinweber Foundation is a Michigan-based family foundation dedicated to advancing broader society by investing in three key mission areas: Research, Education, and Community. The Leinweber Foundation strives to support innovative and impactful research, expand access to education for students from underserved and rural areas, and support the health and vitality of the community and beyond.

Source of Funds: Philanthropic gift

Resource Impact: The gift will cover 50% of the philanthropic goal for the Engineering and Digital Innovation Center project.