

MINUTES OF BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 3 1974

The Budget and Control Board met at 3:30 p. m. in the Conference Room of the Governor's Office on January 3, 1974 with the following members in attendance.

Governor John C. West
Mr. R. J. Aycock
Mr. Henry Mills
Mr. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.

Also in attendance were Messrs. P. C. Smith and W. T. Putnam.

Governor West advised that the primary topic of discussion pertained to contractual matters and recommended that the meeting be conducted as an Executive Session. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS - Mr. John L. Pressly, Mr. June O. Yarborough and Mr. Wade H. Stephens, Trustees of the Medical University, along with Mr. Robert E. Clark, Physical Plant Director of that institution, appeared to protest the Board's decision of October 17, 1973, in which the Budget and Control Board declined to grant an architectural contract to the firm of Perkins and Wills.

Speaking for the Board of Trustees for the Medical University, Mr. Pressly advised that a sub-committee for the selection of architects had reviewed the qualifications of several firms and felt that Perkins and Wills was best qualified to design and supervise the construction of the clinical laboratory facilities.

At this point, Governor West suggested that he be permitted to summarize the position of the Budget and Control Board with respect to the overall policy of the selection of architects and to address himself to the decision of the Board with respect to the firm of Perkins and Wills.

Governor West reviewed the history of the granting of State architectural contracts and furnished information as to the current requirements for such selections. He then advised that information had been received by the Budget and Control Board which indicated unsatisfactory performance on the part of the firm in question on similar projects in the State of North Carolina. He further stated that, upon receipt of this information by the Board, Mr. Furman McEachern had been requested to investigate the report. The findings of Mr. McEachern indicated that serious problems had occurred in at least two institutions in the State of North Carolina and officials of each of these agencies warned that steps should be taken to protect the Medical University if the firm of Perkins and Wills was hired.

Governor West stated that, pursuant to the receipt of this information, he had called Dr. William McCord, President of the Medical University, and had asked if these facts were available to the architectural selection sub-committee at the time of its decision. Governor West reported that Dr. McCord had advised that he did not think that the sub-committee had this information and that he, personally, would prefer the firm of Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff to that of Perkins and Wills.

Governor West told the representatives of the Medical University that it was only after this investigation and conversation with Dr. McCord that the members of the Budget and Control Board agreed to deny the granting of the contract to Perkins and Wills and to grant it to the second choice of the University officials.

Speaking for the sub-committee, Mr. Pressly and Mr. Stephens advised that the firm of Perkins and Wills had been working at the Medical University, on a consulting basis, on the project which involves the clinical sciences building and that it was felt that their knowledge and

experience would be of great value during the design and construction stages.

Mr. Clark reported that, prior to the selection of Perkins and Wills, he had talked to officials of Duke University and the University of North Carolina concerning rumored problems between those two institutions and the firm in question. He was advised that the firm of Perkins and Wills was probably one of the best in the United States as to technical knowledge and innovations, but that he would need to be very careful in closing the actual contract and that he would probably discover the principals of the firm were "hard to find" when problems arose. As a result of this information, the sub-committee has insisted that the firm of Perkins and Wills associate itself with Lockwood Greene, a South Carolina Corporation, before the contract would be let.

The Trustees of the Medical University requested that the Budget and Control Board reconsider its previous action to allow the University to grant the architectural contract of the clinical laboratory facilities to the firm of Perkins and Wills.

The Budget and Control Board took this matter under advisement.

(SECRETARY'S NOTE: See final paragraph of these minutes.)

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION - PERSONNEL - The Budget and Control Board approved a request of the General Services Division that the following individuals, both of whom have reached seventy years of age, be permitted to work for an additional year.

Gladys B. Haynes
Nancy M. Goodson

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS - At this point in the meeting, Governor West stated that he felt that he was prepared to vote on the request of the Trustees of the Medical University pertaining to the selection of the architectural firm of Perkins and Wills and asked the other members if they would like to vote at this time or if they would

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prefer to consider the matter further. All indicated a readiness to vote and a motion was unanimously approved re-affirming the Budget and Control Board's previous action in denying the contract to Perkins and Wills.

Mr. Smith was requested to notify the officials of the Medical University that the architectural contract for the clinical sciences building should be awarded to the firm of Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

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