

September 18-19, 2024

ITEM 214-2002-R0924

**Request for Authorization to Name a New Indoor Athletic Center, Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center;
Montana State University**

THAT

Consistent with the Board of Regent's authority to manage and control the Montana University System and the provisions of BOR Policy 1004.1, the Board authorizes Montana State University to name a new indoor athletic center at the Bozeman campus the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center.

EXPLANATION

1. The indoor athletic center will provide access to year-round training for all student-athletes, improve safety, and streamline the continuity of operations for all MSU athletic programs.
 2. The facility will be located on MSU property adjacent to Bobcat Stadium and Bobcat Track and Field Complex.
 3. ITEM 209-2007-R1123 approved construction authority of \$25,000,000 for the indoor athletic center at the November 2023 Board meeting.
 4. Two anonymous donations totaling \$15 million have been pledged on behalf of track. These gifts equal more than 50% of the facility cost, a parameter of the naming policy.
 5. Honoring the donors's intention to name the facility the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center, MSU's Commemorative Tributes Committee reviewed the request to honor two past track and field coaches at MSU – Rob Stark (1976-2000) and Dale Kennedy (1981-2018) – who developed one of the premier men's and women's track and cross country programs in the Mountain Region.
 6. As required by policy 1004.1, the Commemorative Tributes Committee provided the University President with affirmation of its recommendation to proceed with the commemorative naming approval of the facility on June 13, 2024.
 7. Also required by policy 1004.1, a public listening session was held on August 29, 2024 in the Strand Union Building. Feedback from the listening sessions is included in attachment #1.
 8. MSU now seeks Board of Regents approval for the naming of the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center, MSU's new indoor athletic center.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Public Feedback (listening session)