

Item 9-B



MEMORANDUM
Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services

To: Dr. Ponce and the Board of Trustees

From: Gisela Figueroa

Date: May 15, 2025

Re: Consider approving a purchase to Symmetry Sports Construction through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401

Staff Recommendation: Approval

The Board is asked to approve a purchase from Symmetry Construction through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401



Contract Ratification

Description: Consider approving a purchase to Symmetry Sports Construction through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401

Recommendation: The Board is asked to approve a purchase from Symmetry Construction through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401

Temple College staff members reviewed several options to address ongoing issues with our baseball and softball playing fields. Each of the playing fields has major drainage issues that don't allow playing on the fields at times, which leads to the rescheduling of games and missed opportunities to showcase the College's athletic programs by being able to host conference tournaments, camps, and other recruiting-type events.

Since the inception of the baseball and softball fields in 1999, other than routine maintenance, the college has not invested in field improvements. When reviewing the budget performance since 1999, we've identified a balance of \$298,470 spent on field maintenance, or about \$12,000 per year. Last year, the college had a large hail claim that allowed the college to purchase new light heads for each field and light poles for the softball field.

To consider some options to remedy the playing surface issues, our staff members received quotes for turnkey field renovation services, including installing artificial turf fields. The College's Board Building Committee met in May to discuss some of the playing surface issues and was presented with the field renovation option from Symmetry Sports Construction to consider.

Purchases made from Symmetry Sports Construction through the TIPS Cooperative satisfy the required bidding laws found within Texas Education Code 44.031.

Funding for the baseball and softball field turf projects is available in Fund 62. Based on the information provided, the Board of Trustees is now asked to approve the purchase for our field turfing projects from Symmetry Sports Construction in the amount of \$2,684,735 with a \$315,265 contingency through the TIPS Cooperative Contract #24010401. The Board of Trustees is also asked to authorize the Vice President of Administration or designee to approve any change orders up to the amount allowed by the Texas Education Code 44.0411.

Funds Available:

_____ Budgeted

_____ Fund Balance

 X Other: Fund 62 (Bond Funds)

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Approved:

Gisela Figueroa

Vice President for Administrative Services

Date