



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST RENOVATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Submission Category: Interior Architecture, less than \$5M

Project Type: Higher Education

Project Address: 300 Main Building
Notre Dame, IN

Date of Substantial Completion: January 19, 2024

ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT

Located in the heart of the University of Notre Dame's campus, the Main Building is a cornerstone of the university's history and identity. Renovation of the Provost's Office within this landmark structure offered a unique opportunity to reinterpret tradition while supporting the evolving needs of academic leadership. The design approach carefully balanced preservation with transformation, honoring the building's historic character while creating spaces which are welcoming, functional, and forward-looking.

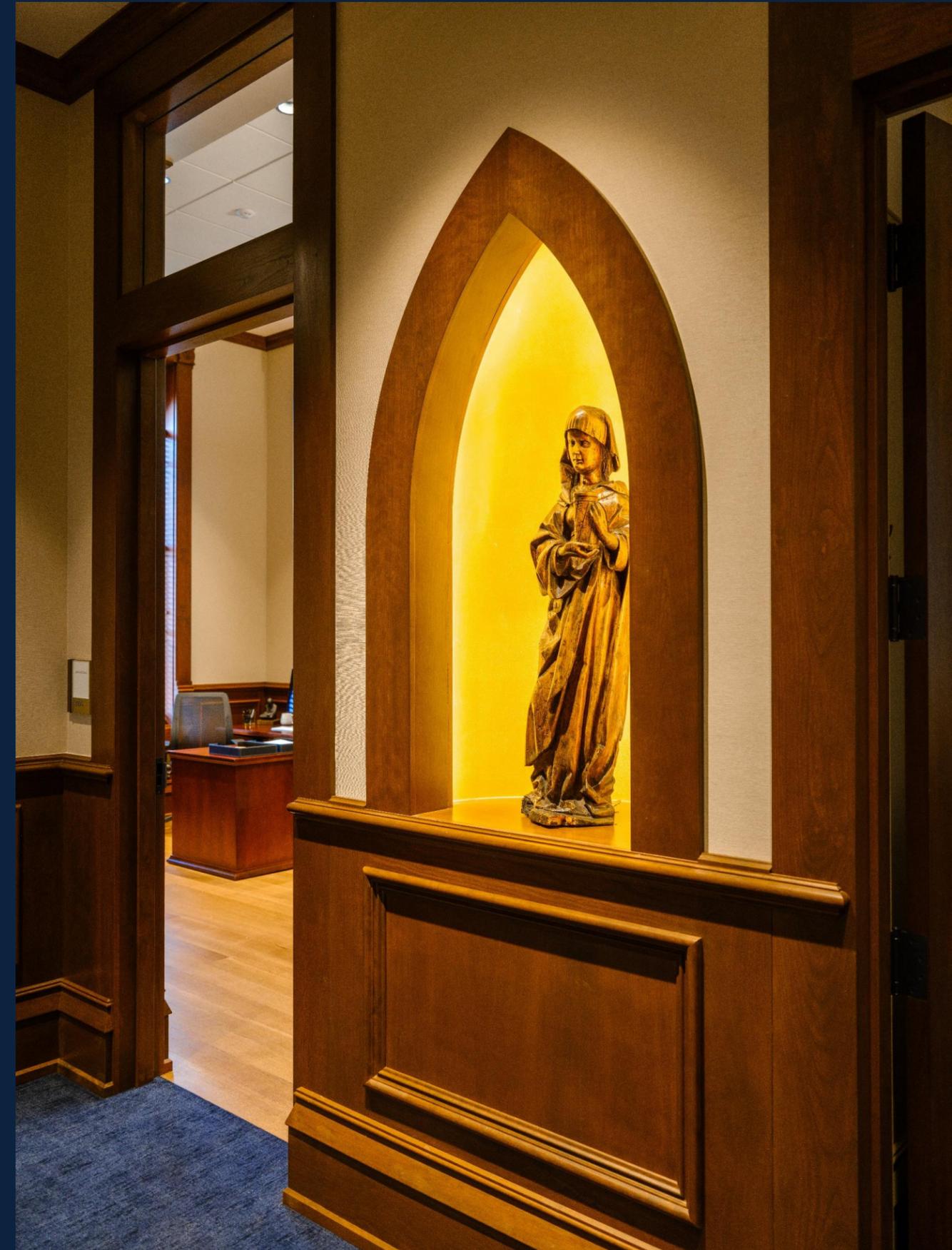
Central to the design goals was the enhancement of natural light and transparency throughout the suite. Interior partitions were reconfigured to increase daylight penetration and visual connection using glazed elements to maintain openness while respecting the need for acoustic and visual privacy. The result is a bright, approachable environment that communicates accessibility and clarity, aligning with the values of academic transparency and institutional leadership.

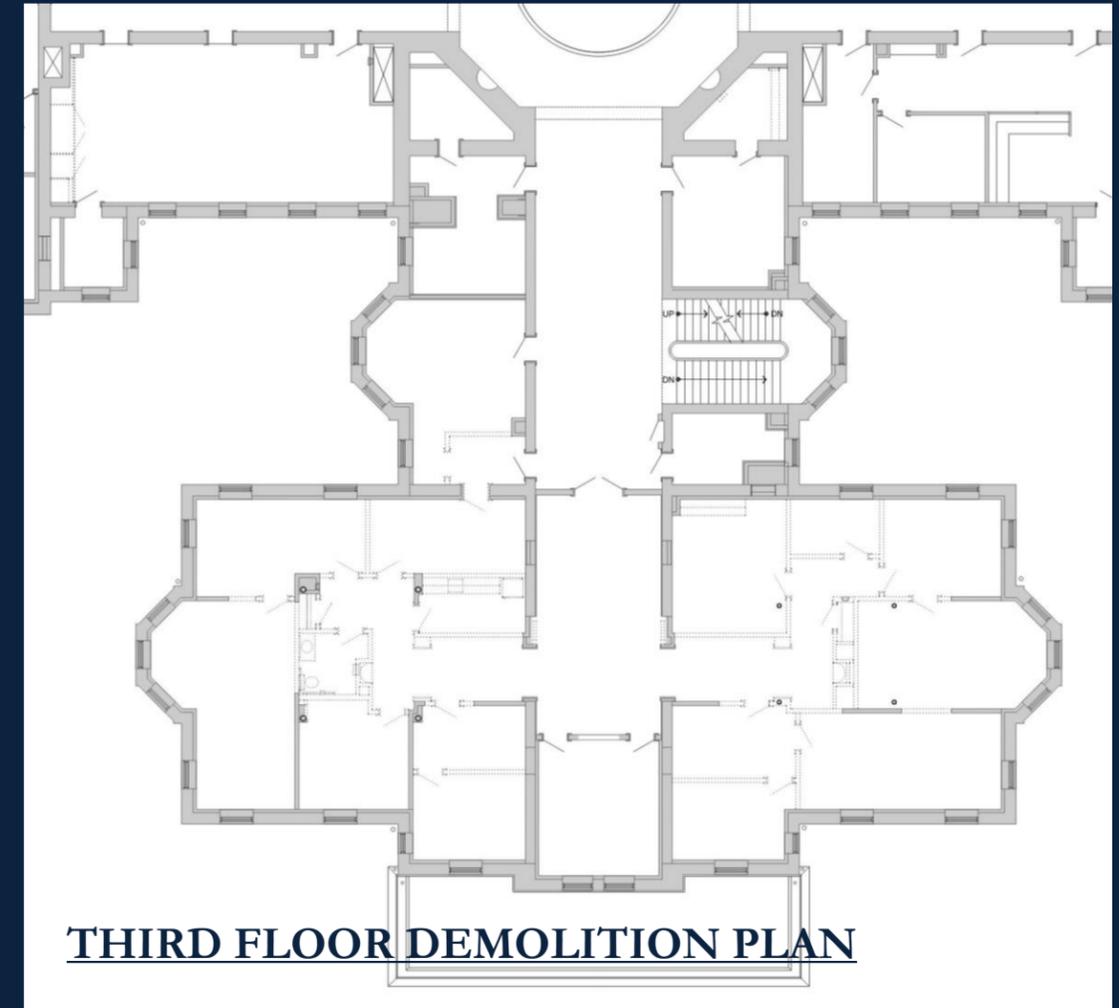
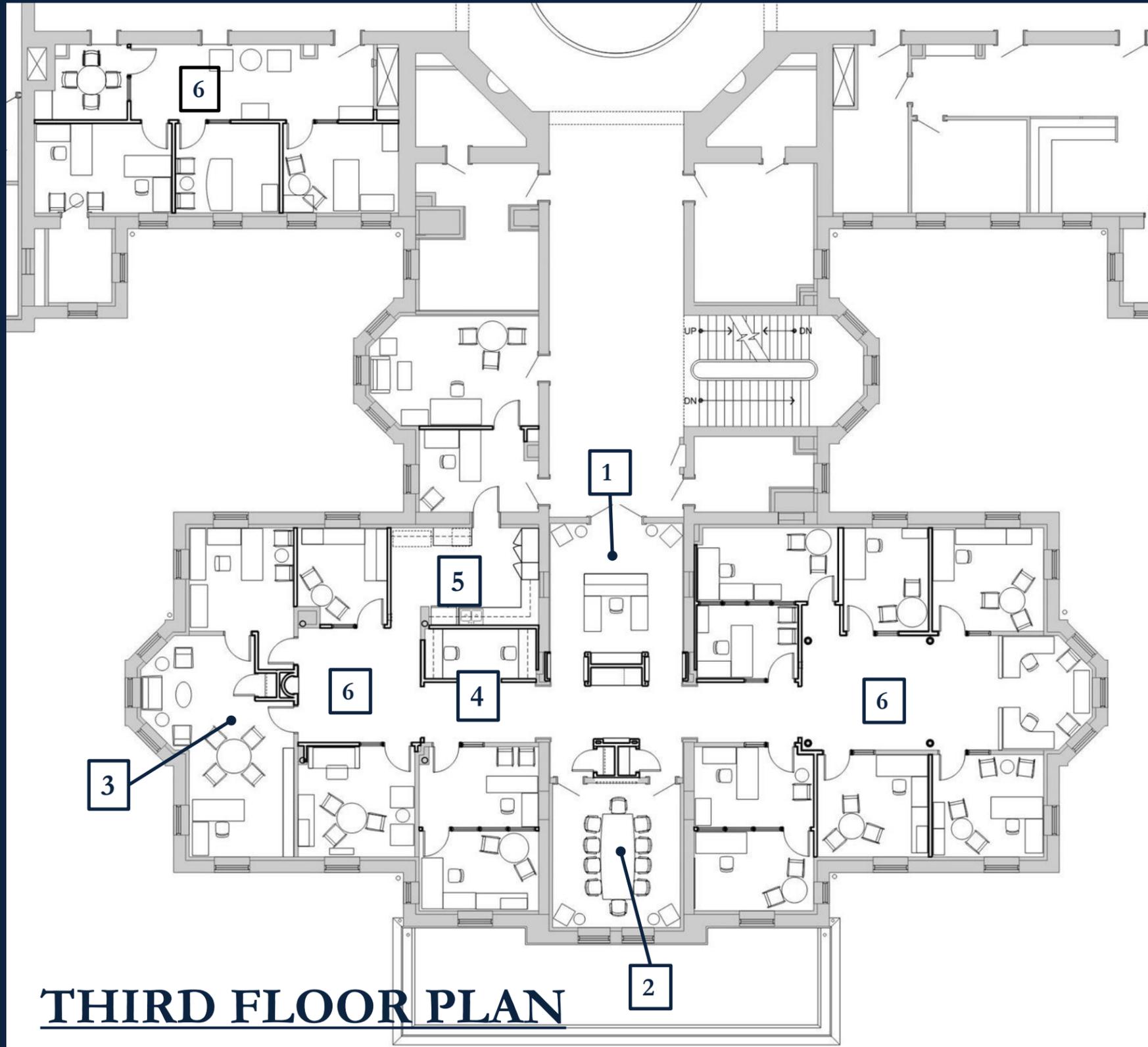
The suite was organized to be intuitive and easy to navigate, providing a seamless experience for visitors, staff, and administrators alike. Public-facing areas offer a sense of hospitality and calm, while private offices are designed for quiet concentration and confidential meetings.

Throughout, historic detailing - such as decorative millwork, plaster ornamentation, and carefully articulated finishes - was employed, providing continuity with the Main Building's architectural legacy. New interventions were purposefully restrained and materially responsive, designed to complement rather than compete with the historic fabric.

Construction within the occupied Main Building presented logistical and technical challenges. With offices and classrooms directly above and below, work required careful coordination, minimal disruption, and constant communication with campus facilities staff. Noise control, vibration mitigation, and staged implementation were essential to maintaining daily campus operations during construction.

This project reflects the University's commitment to thoughtful stewardship, academic excellence, and the creation of inclusive, inspiring spaces for leadership. The renewed Provost's Office is both a respectful continuation of the Main Building's story and a confident step toward the institution's future.





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| 1 | Reception | 4 | Hoteling Workspace |
| 2 | Conference Room | 5 | Kitchenette /
Work Room |
| 3 | Provost Office | 6 | Collaboration Space |



Flooded with natural light and grounded in rich historical detailing, the Provost's office balances his love of books with a variety of spaces for work, conversation, and quiet reflection.

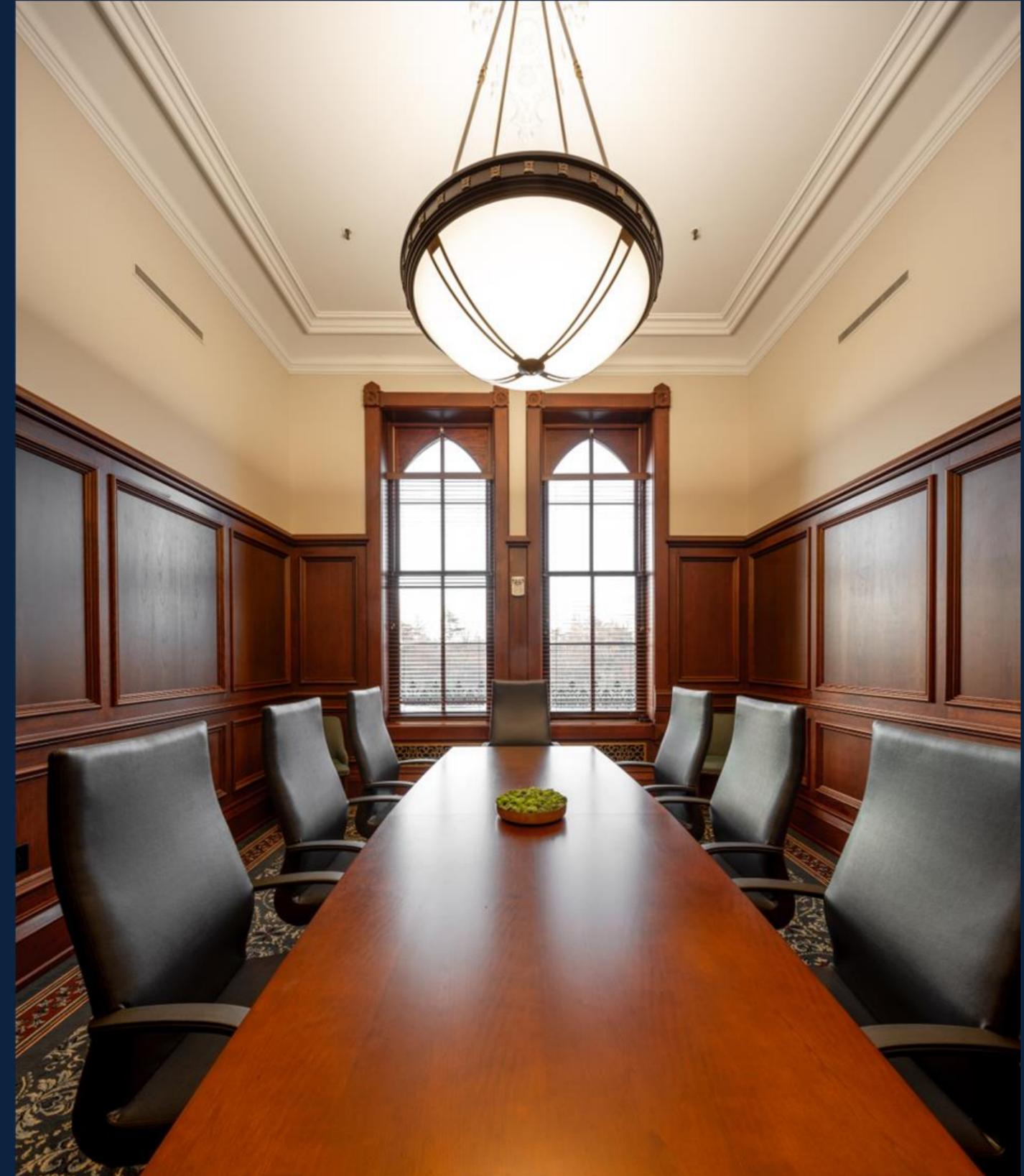


Ample glazing and open sightlines promote transparency between spaces, fostering a sense of connection and collaboration while maintaining distinct areas for focused work and privacy.





The Provost Office suite can provide workspaces for visitors and guests, from individual desks to a 10-person conference room, fully equipped with audio, visual, and communication technology.





Finely detailed millwork features areas for storage, display, and support for catering services.





