

MINUTES STATE BOND COMMISSION

July 18, 2019

10:00 AM - Senate Committee Room A State Capitol Building

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Treasurer Schroder called the meeting to order. Then Ms. Wright called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Matthew Block, representing the Governor

Mr. Richard Hartley, representing the Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Joe Salter, representing the Secretary of State

Ms. Angelique Freel, representing the Attorney General

Senator John Alario, President of the Senate

Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee (arrived after approval of the minutes)

Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee (arrived after approval of minutes)

Senator Mack White, representing the Senator at large

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House

Representative Jerome Zeringue, representing the Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Representative Neil Abramson, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee

Representative Phillip Devillier, Representative at large

Mr. Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration

Honorable John M. Schroder, State Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

2. Approval of the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Loans

3. L19-147 - Claiborne Parish, Fire Protection District No. 5

Not exceeding \$250,000 Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2019, not exceeding 4%, mature no later than March 1, 2029, acquiring, constructing, and improving fire protection facilities and equipment.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

4. L19-151 - East Baton Rouge Parish Law Enforcement District

Not exceeding \$15,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2019, not exceeding 6%, mature no later than March 1, 2020, current operations.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

5. L19-146 - Franklin Parish, Fire Protection District No. 2

Not exceeding \$389,000 Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2019, not exceeding 3.95%, mature no later than March 1, 2029, acquiring and improving fire protection facilities and equipment.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

6. L19-152 - Lafayette Parish Law Enforcement District

Not exceeding \$5,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2019, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than June 30, 2020, current expenses.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Treasurer Schroder advised Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House, requested to be recused from this item. Representative Neil Abramson, Chair, House Ways and Means moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval

7. L19-092 - Ascension Parish Council

(1) Not exceeding \$9,678,000 Water Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 2.375%, not exceeding 40 years, constructing and acquiring improvements and replacements to the water system, including equipment, fixtures and accessories; (2) Not exceeding \$9,678,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, not exceeding 2.375%, not exceeding 24 months, interim financing.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

8. L19-157 - Calcasieu Parish School Board, School District No. 30

Not exceeding \$15,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, not exceeding 4.50%, mature no later than February 15, 2029, refunding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, 2012 and 2012A.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

9. L19-153 - Jefferson Parish Council, Sales Tax District

Not exceeding \$280,000,000 Special Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, in one or more series, not exceeding 5.5%, mature no later than December 1, 2042, (1) approximately \$218,000,000 Revenue Bonds, acquiring, constructing, replacing, improving and maintaining sewerage, road and drainage projects; (2) approximately \$62,000,000 Refunding Bonds, refunding all or a portion of Special Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B and (3) funding a deposit to the reserve fund.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval, seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was approved.

10. L19-156 - Lafourche Parish, City of Thibodaux (DEQ Project)

Not exceeding \$6,510,000 Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 0.95%, not exceeding 22 years, acquiring, constructing and installing improvements, extensions and replacements to the wastewater treatment and disposal portion of the combined wastewater treatment and disposal system and natural gas distribution system, including improvements to an existing pond and construction of new sewerage transportation improvements and a wastewater treatment plant for the North Thibodaux service area.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

11. L19-149 - LaSalle Parish, Town of Olla (DEQ Project)

Not exceeding \$845,000 Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 0.95%, not exceeding 22 years, acquiring and constructing improvements and replacements to the sewerage system.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

12. L19-154 - St. Landry Parish, Waterworks District No. 3

Not exceeding \$500,000 Water Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 3.875%, not exceeding 40 years, constructing and acquiring improvements and extensions to the waterworks system, including appurtenant equipment, fixtures and accessories.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

State Agencies, Boards and Commissions

13. S19-020 - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Home Ownership Program)

Not exceeding \$50,000,000 Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), in one or more series or sub-series, not exceeding 10%, not exceeding 40 years, finance mortgage loans for first-time home buyers.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Political Subdivisions - Bonds

14. S19-022 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Jefferson Parish GOMESA Project)

Not exceeding \$23,500,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, in one or more series, not exceeding 7%, not exceeding 26 years, (1) financing the costs of GOMESA Eligible Projects, (2) funding a debt service reserve fund, if any, and (3) funding capitalized interest, if necessary.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Treasurer Schroder advised Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair Senate Finance, requested to be recused from this item. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

Public Trust - Preliminary Approval And Or Notice of Sale

 S19-021 - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Provident Group-Flagship Properties, LLC -Louisiana State University Greenhouse District (Phase III) Project)

Notice of intention to issue (1) not exceeding \$100,000,000 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A, tax-exempt, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 40 years and (2) not exceeding \$1,000,000 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2019B, taxable, not exceeding 7%, not exceeding 40 years, (a) design, acquisition, development, construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of student housing facilities consisting of (i) construction of two new student housing facilities consisting of 881 beds and (ii) renovation of certain existing student housing facilities and ancillary facilities, together with all buildings, improvements fixtures, furnishings equipment and associated site infrastructure and amenities, (b) funding a reserve fund and capitalized interest and (c) funding other campus student residential communities, including certain ancillary and support facilities.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by David Henderson, Bond Counsel Foley & Judell, LLP and Patrick Martin, Assistant Vice president Real Estate, Public Partnerships & Compliance, LSU. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved. After further discussion, Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee motioned to reconsider the vote on Item 15. The motion to reconsider was seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate. Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee objected to the motion, and with a roll call vote of 12 to 1, the motion to approve the item passed.

Ratifications and or Amendments to Prior Approvals

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 16 through 20.

16. L17-417A - Orleans Parish School Board

Amendment of a prior approval granted on December 14, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

17. L19-095A - Ouachita Parish, Greater Ouachita Water Company

Amendment of a prior approval granted on May 16, 2019, to reflect change in cost of issuance.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

18. S03-029A - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Baton Rouge Student Housing LLC Project)

Amendment of a prior approval granted on August 21, 2003, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Additional information was provided by Ty Carlos, Executive Director Louisiana Community Development Authority, Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

19. S17-028B - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Capdau Home for the Aged Project)

Amendment of prior approvals granted on July 20, 2017 and September 21, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals associated with a change in structure.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

20. S17-054C - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (CHRISTUS Health Project)

Amendment of prior approvals granted on December 14, 2017, October 18, 2018 and November 15, 2018, to reflect change in issuance and professionals.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Lines of Credit

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 22 through 28. Additional information was provided by Mark A. Moses, Director Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning & Control.

21. Priority 1 - Certificates of Impossibility and Impracticality - State Projects

Consideration of Certificates of Impossibility or Impracticality request submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for State projects in the amount of \$12,400,000 contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

22. Priority 1 - Cash - State Projects

Resolution setting forth the official intent by the State Bond Commission to reimburse Lines of Credit expenditures with proceeds of General Obligation Bonds for requests submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of lines of credit and authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$446,319,550 for State projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

23. Priority 1 - Cash - Non-State Projects - Local Governments

Resolution setting forth the official intent by the State Bond Commission to reimburse Lines of Credit expenditures with proceeds of General Obligation Bonds for requests submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of lines of credit and authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$241,855,613 for Non-State Local Government projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

24. Priority 1 - Cash - Non-State Projects - Non-Government Organizations

Resolution setting forth the official intent by the State Bond Commission to reimburse Lines of Credit expenditures with proceeds of General Obligation Bonds for requests submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of lines of credit and authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$66,683,250 for Non-State - Non-Government Organizations projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

25. Priority 2 - Cash - State Projects

Resolution setting forth the official intent by the State Bond Commission to reimburse Lines of Credit expenditures with proceeds of General Obligation Bonds for requests submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of lines of credit and authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$55,250,000 for State projects contained in Priority 2 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

26. Priority 5 - Non-Cash - State Projects

Request submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of Lines of Credit for which no cash expenditures will be made this fiscal year in the amount of \$404,571,300 for State projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

27. Priority 5 - Non-Cash - Non-State Projects - Local Governments

Request submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of Lines of Credit for which no cash expenditures will be made this fiscal year in the amount of \$292,446,700 for Non-State - Local Government projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

28. Priority 5 - Non-Cash - Non-State Projects - Non-Government Organizations

Request submitted by the Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, for granting of Lines of Credit for which no cash expenditures will be made this fiscal year in the amount of \$51,112,680 for Non-State - Non-Government Organization projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 20 of the 2019 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Other Business

29. Disclosure Counsel

Authorization to develop a solicitation for offers to obtain Disclosure Counsel to provide advice to the State on disclosure obligations on outstanding debt and authorization of the review, evaluation and grading of the responses by the evaluation team.

Ms. Folse provided information on Item 29 for the authorization to develop, review and evaluate responses relative to Disclosure Counsel. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

30. Litigation

Discussion of Sandra Brown versus The Louisiana State Bond Commission (C-684449 Sec. 27), 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. (Notice is given that an Executive Session may be held in respect to this agenda item.)

Speaker Barras made a motion to go into an Executive Session regarding Item 30. The motion was seconded by President Alario and by unanimous roll call vote, the State Bond Commission convened an Executive Session.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session, the meeting reconvened with Ms. Wright calling the roll.

31. Financial Advisory Services

Authorization to develop a request for proposals for Financial Advisory Services and authorization of the review, evaluation and grading of the responses by the evaluation team.

Ms. Folse provided information on Item 31 for the authorization to develop, review and evaluate responses relative to Financial Advisory Services. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Monthly Reports

32. Monthly Reports

Ms. Folse provided relative information on the monthly reports.

33. Adjourn

On the motion of the Chairman and without any objection, the meeting was adjourned.

(A verbatim transcript in specific order items were considered is available with the Bond Commission.)