

TENNESSEE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
June 27, 2023

The Tennessee Local Development Authority (the "TLDA") met on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 9:07 a.m. in the Volunteer Conference Center, 2nd Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, Tennessee. The Honorable Tre Hargett, Secretary of State, was present and presided over the meeting.

The following members were also present:

The Honorable Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury
 The Honorable David H. Lillard, Jr., State Treasurer
 Commissioner Jim Bryson, Department of Finance and Administration
 Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw, Senate Appointee

The following member participated electronically as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-44-108:

Mayor Paige Brown, House Appointee

The following member was absent:

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor

Recognizing a physical quorum present, Mr. Hargett called the meeting to order, and asked Ms. Sandra Thompson, TLDA Assistant Secretary and the Director of the Division of State Government Finance ("SGF") to conduct a roll-call:

Mr. Hargett—Present
 Mr. Lillard—Present
 Mr. Mumpower—Present
 Mr. Bryson—Present
 Mayor Bradshaw—Present
 Mayor Brown¹— Not in attendance

Mr. Hargett stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the May 31, 2023, TLDA meeting. Mr. Mumpower motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Bryson seconded the motion. Mr. Hargett asked all in favor to say aye and all opposed to say no.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hargett acknowledged Mayor Brown had joined the meeting and stated that roll-call votes would be required for the meeting's remaining agenda items.

Mr. Hargett stated that the next item on the agenda was the consideration and adoption of guidelines to comply with Public Chapter 300, which requires any governing body to reserve a period for public comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda for each meeting. Mr. Hargett stated that Comptroller Mumpower had previously discussed the guidelines at the meetings for the State Funding Board and the Tennessee State School Bond Authority. Mr. Hargett stated Public Chapter 300 would take effect on July 1, 2023, and each board would be able to determine the most effective way to implement it. Mr. Hargett stated that the proposed guidelines would require members of the public to submit a written request to speak at a meeting. He explained that a request must be submitted via email at least two business days before the meeting and should include the name of the speaker, the agenda item they wish to comment on, and their stance on the matter. Mr. Hargett stated that speakers would be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Furthermore, he explained that the public comment period would be held at the beginning of the meeting once the meeting was called to order and a quorum had been established. He

¹ Mayor Brown joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

stated that speakers would be limited to two minutes per agenda item, with a maximum of two speakers in favor of and two speakers opposed to each agenda item. He stated that speakers should identify themselves, stay on topic, and conduct themselves respectfully. Mr. Hargett noted that the board may ask relevant questions of any speakers providing public comment and that the Chairman could extend the allotted time or increase the number of speakers if necessary.

Mr. Hargett expressed concern about the two-minute time limit and how speakers were chosen. He also inquired about the possibility of a speaker asking questions during the public comment period. Mr. Hargett emphasized the importance of transparency and giving speakers the opportunity to express their views. He acknowledged that the current guidelines seemed reasonable but also stated that they may need to be revised in the future. Mr. Bryson concurred and stated that the board should observe as the guidelines are implemented and identify any issues before undertaking the rulemaking process. In response to concerns about whether the public comment period could include questions, Mr. Mumpower clarified that the public comment period was not a question period. However, he stated that speakers could pose a question in their comments, and the board may address it later. Mr. Hargett stated that he understood but thought the public might take it as an opportunity to get recognized and raise questions even though they did not expect an immediate answer. Mr. Mumpower responded affirmatively. He then stated that the board would promulgate rules in the future and asked members to think about the language they wanted included in the rules and be prepared to share their ideas when the time came. Mr. Hargett then inquired if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Mumpower motioned to approve the request, and Mr. Bryson seconded the motion. Mr. Hargett asked Ms. Thompson to conduct a roll-call vote:

Mr. Hargett—Aye
 Mr. Lillard—Aye
 Mr. Mumpower—Aye
 Mr. Bryson—Aye
 Mayor Bradshaw—Aye
 Mayor Brown—Aye

The guidelines were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hargett stated that the next item on the agenda was the annual review of the TLDA's Debt Management Policy ("DMP"). He called upon Ms. Thompson to present the item. Ms. Thompson stated that the DMP had been reviewed by SGF as was required to be performed at least annually. She stated that there were minor revisions, including replacing the acronym of CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) with ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) as required by GFOA and a few grammatical revisions. Ms. Thompson requested that the TLDA acknowledge the annual review of the DMP. Mr. Hargett inquired if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he stated that the TLDA acknowledged the annual review of the DMP and clarified that it was a nonvoting item. No further action was required by the TLDA. Mr. Hargett then moved on to the next agenda item.

Mr. Hargett stated that the next item on the agenda was a report on SRF borrowers that had not submitted a request for project expense reimbursement. He recognized Ms. Felicia Freeman, Technical Team Manager, with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), to present the item. Ms. Freeman explained that there were 16 projects on the "No Activity List" and that most were expected to submit reimbursement requests to the SRF program within the next month. She also noted that most of the loans were in compliance with their construction schedules. For the few loans that were not in compliance, Ms. Freeman confirmed that they were contacted to ensure they submitted their reports and got back on track with their construction schedules. Mr. Hargett asked if there were any questions about the report. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Freeman for the report. This report provided information only and no action was required from the TLDA. Mr. Hargett then moved on to the next agenda item.

Mr. Hargett stated that the next item on the agenda was an update on the SRF program's Clean Water and Drinking Water priority ranking lists ("CWPRL" and "DWPRL"). He recognized Ms. Freeman to present the item. Ms. Freeman reported 104 projects on the CWPRL totaling \$492,890,221. She explained that over half of these projects were still interested in receiving SRF funding as either a grant or a loan. However, 27 communities decided not to

proceed with SRF funding due to the receipt of potential ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding, the governing council voting against it, or being undecided. Ms. Freeman then discussed the DWPRL, which had 143 projects totaling \$358,749,805. She confirmed that most communities were still interested in receiving SRF funding but also noted that 20% of the DWPRL projects had decided against SRF funding or had not responded with a reason. Mr. Hargett inquired if there were any questions or comments about the report. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Freeman for the report. This report provided information only and no action was required from the TLDA.

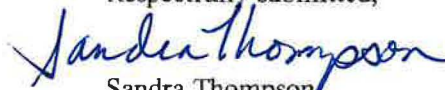
Hearing no other business, Mr. Hargett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mumpower motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Bryson seconded the motion. Mr. Hargett asked Ms. Thompson to conduct a roll-call vote:

Mr. Hargett—Aye
Mr. Lillard—Aye
Mr. Mumpower—Aye
Mr. Bryson—Aye
Mayor Bradshaw—Aye
Mayor Brown—Aye

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved on this 21st day of August, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Thompson
Assistant Secretary