

TENNESSEE STATE FUNDING BOARD
November 16, 2022

The Tennessee State Funding Board (the "Board") met on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Cordell Hull Building, 2nd Floor, Volunteer Conference Center, Nashville, Tennessee. The Honorable Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury, was present and presided over the meeting.

The following members were also present:

The Honorable Tre Hargett, Secretary of the State of Tennessee
The Honorable David Lillard, State Treasurer
Commissioner Jim Bryson, Department of Finance and Administration

The following member was absent:

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor

Seeing a physical quorum present, Mr. Mumpower called the meeting to order.

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 9-4-5202(e), the Board is charged with the responsibility of developing estimates of state revenue growth. In doing so, the Board evaluates and interprets economic data and revenue forecasts provided by various economists as well as persons acquainted with the Tennessee revenue system. The Board then heard testimony and reports regarding the economy from the following presenters: Ms. Laurel Graefe of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Dr. Don Bruce of the University of Tennessee Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research; and Dr. Jon Smith, Dr. Joseph Newhard, and Dr. Fred Makara of East Tennessee State University. Mr. Mumpower recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and the Board reconvened at 10:55 a.m. to continue hearing testimony regarding the economy. The board heard reports from the following presenters: Commissioner David Gerregano and Mr. Jeff Bjarke of the Tennessee Department of Revenue; and Mr. Bojan Savic and Mr. Joe Wegenka of the legislative Fiscal Review Committee (FRC) of the State of Tennessee (the "State").

The presenters forecasted economic growth and state tax revenue growth that reflected a moderation of growth in the current fiscal year and cautious growth in the next fiscal year. Factors cited to support moderate current year growth and cautious growth next fiscal year included Federal Reserve action on interest rates, continued above-average inflation rates, labor/workforce supply issues, and fears of a looming recession. Those factors increased downside risk to both economic and state tax revenue growth.

Mr. Mumpower then called for presentations regarding the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation (TELC) from Mr. Savic and Mr. Wegenka; and Ms. Rebecca Hargrove, President and CEO, and Mr. Andy Davis, Chief Financial Officer, from the TELC. Legislation in 2003 created the TELC (Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 4-51-101 et seq.). Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-51-111(c), the Board is required to establish a projected revenue range for the "Net Lottery Proceeds" [defined in Section 4-51-102(14)] for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the next four (4) succeeding fiscal years.

The lottery presenters reported on historical results and growth reported in previous years for the various instant and numbers games, and Powerball and Mega Millions jackpot games, of the Tennessee Lottery program. The lottery presenters summarized recent changes for TELC and reported on year-to-date revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-51-111(c)(2)(A)(ii) requires the Board, with the assistance of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), to project long-term funding needs of the lottery

scholarship and grant programs. These projections are necessary to determine if adjustments to lottery scholarship and grant programs are needed to prevent the funding for these programs from exceeding Net Lottery Proceeds. For this purpose, the Board heard testimony from Mr. Tim Phelps, Associate Executive Director for Grants and Scholarship Programs of TSAC, who reported the projected expenditures in lottery scholarship and grant programs through fiscal year 2026-2027. The lottery-funded scholarship programs as authorized through the 2022 session of the General Assembly included the HOPE Scholarship, General Assembly Merit Scholarship, ASPIRE Award, HOPE Access Grant, Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, HOPE Scholarship for Non-traditional Students, Dual Enrollment Grant, Helping Heroes Grant, Foster Child Tuition Grant, STEP UP Scholarship, TCAT Reconnect Grant, the Tennessee Middle College Scholarship, and Tennessee Reconnect Grant.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Mr. Ed Harries, Executive Director, and Ms. Danielle Brown, Controller, from the Tennessee State Veterans' Home Board (the "TSVHB"), who presented a report on TSVHB operations. The Board had received a financial report in their packet for the period July 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022. Mr. Harries then reported on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") star ratings of the TSVHB facilities. Mr. Harries noted that the Murfreesboro facility received a three-star rating due to a citation that was received for infection control. Mr. Harries stated that an employee failed to sign in when entering the building violating the COVID related infection control program. The remaining facilities were rated at four-stars or higher. Mr. Harries further stated that the Murfreesboro, Humboldt, and Clarksville facilities were all rated at five-stars for quality of care.

Mr. Harries then reported on the current occupancy and staffing situation of TSVHB's facilities. Mr. Harries stated that the facilities were hit hard in fiscal year 2022 due to COVID causing people to not want to be admitted into nursing homes and, in the case of the Murfreesboro facility, a significant number of deaths from the pandemic. Mr. Harries further stated that the census had been on the increase in fiscal year 2023, and that he expected the occupancy rate to completely recover. Mr. Harries then stated that the largest impediment to the recovery was related to staffing. Mr. Harries further stated that the Murfreesboro facility froze admissions in June due to the lack of staff to take care of the residents. Mr. Harries then stated that from July 2022 on that the situation was starting to be remedied. Mr. Harries further stated that all the facilities except Humboldt were having the same labor challenges. Mr. Harries then reported that the labor market had opened up for TSVHB's level of certified nursing assistants ("CNA") and housekeepers for all industries. Mr. Harries further reported that the facilities were losing employees to the opened market as wages increased. Mr. Harries then stated that they were losing CNAs to contract agencies that pay a much higher wage to employees than the TSVHB can afford to pay. Mr. Harries further stated that the TSVHB then had to contract with these agencies to staff the facilities which is driving up expenses.

Mr. Mumpower then inquired how TSVHB was able to affect their salary policy in light of the market. Mr. Harries replied that there was a significant raise with the last budget cycle and that they evaluate salaries regularly. Mr. Harries further responded that to adjust their wages the TSVHB had to submit to various state agencies for approval. Mr. Harries then stated that the TSVHB was self-sufficient, and as Executive Director he has to determine if they have the money to afford raises. Mr. Harries then stated that what the contract agencies are actually paying CNAs was becoming more in line with reality, so the TSVHB may see a benefit from that. Mr. Harries then stated that TSVHB was viewed as an attractive potential employer due to state benefits, better working environment, and higher staffing levels.

Mr. Harries then stated that staffing at the facilities were above the national and state averages of 3.75 and 3.50 clinical staff per patient per day, respectively. Mr. Harries then stated that the state requirement was 2.0 and the Veterans Affairs ("VA") requirement was 2.50. Mr. Bryson then asked for further clarification on the metric. Mr. Harries then stated that the 4.0 clinical staff per patient per day for the TSVHB facilities was based on the number of patients in house at that time. Mr. Bryson then asked if they had unfilled beds in order to meet this standard and that filling the beds would bring the ratio significantly down. Mr. Harries

replied in the affirmative and stated that the beds could not be filled until staff was in place to provide the proper care.

Mr. Harries then reported on the current TSVHB construction projects. Mr. Harries noted that the 108-bed Cleveland facility was close to completion with a projected date of December 2022 and the first residents to be admitted to the facility in early 2023. Mr. Harries then stated that the cost of the Cleveland building was \$47.7 million and that a VA grant was leveraged for 65% of the cost. Mr. Harries also gave an update on the Arlington-Shelby County facility that was being constructed and renovations to the Murfreesboro, Humboldt, and Knoxville facilities that included adding additional generators to power HVAC chillers. Mr. Harries further stated that TSVHB was awaiting approval for a grant application for construction of additions to the Murfreesboro Executive Offices.

Ms. Brown then reported on the TSVHB's finances. Ms. Brown stated that the TSVHB currently had \$21 million in the Local Government Investment Pool ("LGIP") with the largest portion of funds held in Operating Reserves. Ms. Brown further stated that the reserve funds were there in case the Revenue Fund was depleted. Ms. Brown then stated that the Revenue Fund was used to fund payroll and accounts payable. Ms. Brown then stated that entity wide there was a loss of \$1,399,446 as of October 31, 2022. Ms. Brown further stated that the budgeted loss for the same period was \$1,203,177. Ms. Brown then stated that the difference between actual and budgeted amounts was due to the 6% increase in pay scale and the increase in the cost of supplies and fuel. Mr. Lillard then asked what the budget deficit would have looked like if the TSVHB facilities had been able to run at a proper occupancy level. Ms. Brown replied that she thought they would be running at a profit but that would be dependent on where the staff was hired from. Ms. Brown further replied that if it was internal staff there would be a profit but with agency staff the cost of registered nurses was \$100 an hour compared to \$40 an hour for a registered nurse of the TSVHB facility. Mr. Lillard then inquired if the TSVHB, even with the additional staff cost, would have a profit if the occupancy was at a higher level. Ms. Brown replied that the TSVHB's main goal was quality of care and maintaining the current level of staff per patient per day. Ms. Brown further replied that all facilities except the Clarksville facility would have been profitable in the current budget cycle if not for the agency costs. Mr. Lillard then asked, with 38% of TSVHB's cash position in Operating Reserves that will eventually be used up if the state doesn't supplement it, what the plan was moving forward. Ms. Brown replied that the plan was to eliminate agency costs. Ms. Brown further replied that there was \$7 million in the Revenue Fund that were being used to pay these costs. Ms. Brown then replied that they had not needed to utilize funds in the Operating Reserve even during the COVID pandemic. Ms. Brown then stated that \$1 million of the Operating Reserve was for startup for the Cleveland facility. Mr. Mumpower then inquired how many people were currently being served statewide on a daily basis. Ms. Brown replied approximately 400. The Board acknowledged the report. No further action was necessary.

Mr. Mumpower then presented a request from the Department of Education for \$23,000 from Nct Lottery Proceeds for Lottery Scholarship Day for fiscal year 2023-2024, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-51-111(c)(2)(B). The requested funds will support improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and such net proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-lottery educational resources for educational programs and purposes. The Board acknowledged the request from the Department of Education. No further action was necessary.

After requesting other business and hearing none, Mr. Mumpower recessed the meeting and stated that the Board would reconvene on November 28, 2022, at 2:15 p.m., or immediately following the scheduled meeting of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, whichever was later, in the Cordell Hull Building, 2nd Floor, Volunteer Conference Center.

RECONVENED
November 28, 2022
2:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 2:15 p.m., in the Cordell Hull Building, 2nd Floor, Volunteer Conference Center, Nashville, Tennessee. The Honorable Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury, was present and presided over the meeting.

The following members were also present:

The Honorable Tre Hargett, Secretary of the State of Tennessee
The Honorable David Lillard, State Treasurer
Commissioner Jim Bryson, Department of Finance and Administration

The following member was absent:

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor

Seeing a quorum present, Mr. Mumpower called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2022, meeting. Mr. Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hargett seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Mr. David Thurman, Director of the Division of Budget with the Department of Finance and Administration, who presented the staff recommendations of the recurring revenue estimates expressed in ranges of growth rates in State taxes.

	<u>FY 2022–2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
Total State Taxes	6.82%	7.27%	1.40%	2.30%
General Fund	7.20%	7.70%	1.25%	2.25%

Mr. Bryson inquired what the annual expected growth rate would be in normal years not affected by the pandemic. Mr. Thurman responded that the annual growth rate would be 3.5% - 4.5%. Mr. Bryson then asked Mr. Thurman to give a qualitative assessment of what the next few years would look like economically based on his discussions with economists. Mr. Thurman replied that, based on those discussions and the presentations to the Board, it was expected that the Federal Reserve Board would continue with its goal to reduce inflation, and that there was an anticipated economic downturn for the end of fiscal year 2023. Mr. Thurman further replied that the economists were uncertain of the timing or impact of the downturn. Mr. Thurman then responded that slower growth should be expected in future years. Mr. Bryson made a motion to approve the state revenue estimates as recommended by staff. Mr. Mumpower seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Thurman then presented the staff recommendations of the estimates of the growth rate ranges for Net Lottery Proceeds to be deposited in the Lottery for Education Account and used for various statutory purposes.

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	<u>FY 2026-2027</u>
Low	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
High	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%

Mr. Hargett made a motion to approve the lottery revenue estimates as recommended by staff. Mr. Lillard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Mr. Stuart McWhorter, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (“ECD”), to present FastTrack projects for consideration and Mr. Paul VanderMeer, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, ECD, to present the “FastTrack Report to State Funding Board” (the “Report”). Mr. VanderMeer reported that, as of the date of the October 19, 2022, Board meeting, the FastTrack balance was \$264,959,491.02. Since that time, \$10,234,867.18 in funds had been deobligated; \$4,220,000.00 in funds were to be transferred, upon approval, from FastTrack to the Community and Rural Development allotment code to provide rail service for the Sinova Silicon LLC project in Lake County that was approved at the December 20, 2021, Board meeting; \$9,201,350.00 in new grants and loans had been approved; and \$131,506.79 in funds had been spent on FastTrack administrative expenses, which resulted in an adjusted FastTrack balance available for funding grants and loans of \$261,641,501.41 as of the date of the Report. Mr. VanderMeer reported that total commitments had been made in the amount of \$198,254,150.78, resulting in an uncommitted FastTrack balance of \$63,387,350.63. Mr. VanderMeer reported that the amount of proposed grants for projects to be considered at this meeting totaled \$45,862,810.00, and if these projects were approved, the uncommitted balance would be \$17,524,540.63, for a total committed balance of \$244,116,960.78, which represented 93.3% of the FastTrack balance.

Mr. McWhorter then presented the following FastTrack projects:

- LG Chem Advanced Materials, Inc. – Clarksville (Montgomery County)
FastTrack Economic Development Grant \$ 40,000,000.00
- Gold Creek Foods LLC – Caryville (Campbell County)
FastTrack Economic Development Grant \$ 1,862,810.00
- Landmark Recovery Management Company LLC – Franklin (Williamson County)
FastTrack Job Training Assistance Grant \$ 4,000,000.00

The Board member packets included letters and FastTrack checklists signed by Commissioner McWhorter, and incentive acceptance forms signed by company representatives. Mr. Mumpower inquired if the companies that had signed the incentive acceptance forms fully understood the agreements, and Mr. McWhorter responded affirmatively. Mr. Mumpower then inquired if checklists had been completed for each project, and Mr. McWhorter responded affirmatively. Mr. Mumpower then inquired if all the projects included accountability agreements which would provide protections for the state in the event the entity could not fulfill the agreement, and Mr. McWhorter responded affirmatively. Mr. Lillard made a motion to approve the projects. Mr. Bryson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 4-51-111(a)(3), the TELC may make a determination that returning a specific percentage of sales as net proceeds (35%) would not result in the maximum dollar amount of net proceeds being achieved. Mr. Mumpower acknowledged receipt of a letter from TELC notifying the Board that TELC had determined that an amount that maximizes net lottery proceeds to the State of Tennessee

Lottery for Education Account is less than 35% of lottery proceeds for fiscal year 2022-2023. The amount currently projected for the fiscal year ranges from \$473 million to \$483 million. The Board acknowledged the letter. No further action was necessary.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Mr. Charly Lyons, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Central Economic Authority (the "Authority") and Ms. Kelsey Dansby, Executive Administrator from the Authority, who presented a report on the Authority operations over the past year. The report was provided to the Board members in their meeting packets. Mr. Lyons explained that the Authority is an economic development organization that operates in the counties of Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson. Mr. Lyons reported that the Authority's revenues were currently higher than budgeted for both the Capital Project and General funds. Mr. Lyons further reported that the Authority's current expenditures were in line with projected expenditures for that point in the year for both the Capital Project fund and General fund budgets. The Board acknowledged the report. No further action was necessary.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Mr. Thomas Kim, Deputy Chief Investment Officer of the State of Tennessee Treasury Department ("Treasury"), Mr. Markus Klar, Director of Fixed Income, Treasury, and Mr. Kevin Gentry, Director of Investment Operations, Treasury, who presented a report on the State Pooled Investment Fund ("SPIF") for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Mr. Kim then stated that in the past the cash management was performed by the operations group. Mr. Kim further stated that the functions had been separated with cash management performed by one group and reporting and performance duties performed by the operations group. Mr. Kim then stated that Mr. Klar managed the SPIF and the Intermediate Term Investment Fund ("ITIF"), and Mr. Gentry oversaw performance and reporting.

Mr. Gentry then presented an overview of the SPIF and ITIF. Mr. Gentry noted the following:

- The objective of the SPIF was to obtain the highest available rate of return, consistent with the preservation of principal, while maintaining sufficient liquidity for state expenditures and other withdrawals from the pool
- The SPIF included both state funds and those invested with the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
- The SPIF was managed in accordance with policy by the Treasury Fixed Income Team with assistance from Investment Operations
- The ITIF was intended to be a longer-term investment option for funds as an alternative to the SPIF
- The ITIF was authorized to receive and invest any money in the custody of any department or agency of the state or from any county trustee that had been authorized by resolution adopted by the county body, or from any other participant in the SPIF
- The ITIF was managed in accordance with policy by the Treasury Fixed Income Team with assistance from Investment Operations

Mr. Klar then presented a report on the annual investment activity of the SPIF for fiscal year 2022. Mr. Klar noted the following:

- The consumer inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was approximately 5.4% at the beginning of fiscal year 2022, but the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") maintained the Fed Funds Rate at zero estimating the higher level of inflation to be transitory and primarily from lingering effects of the COVID pandemic that impacted the global supply chain. By February 2022, the Fed estimated that three rate hikes by the end of the calendar year would be necessary to control inflation. Subsequently, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and China's continued zero COVID policy changed the Fed's outlook, and it is expected that the Fed Funds Rate will peak around 5% sometime in 2023

- The return on the SPIF for fiscal year 2022 was 21-basis points compared to 8-basis points in fiscal year 2021. The increase was due to the Fed rate hikes in the final quarter of the fiscal year.
- The SPIF grew significantly over fiscal year 2022. At the beginning of the year the SPIF was approximately twenty and a half billion (\$20.5B) dollars and grew to approximately twenty-nine billion (\$29B) dollars by year end. Three billion nine hundred million (\$3.9B) dollars of the growth was from stimulus money held in the SPIF until deployment for projects, with the remaining increase in funds being organic growth
- The portfolio composition of the SPIF changed over the course of the fiscal year with 4% being moved out of the more liquid investments and into commercial paper to take advantage of the strong economy and the inflow of assets that made the focus on liquidity a little less important
- The demand to borrow from the SPIF had been reduced as banks were flush with cash reducing the portfolio composition of collateralized CDs to 0.69%
- The weighted average maturity of the SPIF was stable throughout fiscal year 2022 at a range of around 40 to 50 days, below the maximum of 60 days as set by the Government Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement 79
- The weighted average life of the SPIF started fiscal year 2022 around 57 days and was reduced to approximately 50 days by the end of the fiscal year
- There were two measures of the liquidity of the SPIF, the daily liquidity and the weekly liquidity. The daily liquidity was at least 30% during fiscal year 2022 and the weekly liquidity was at least 60% for much of the year. The minimum standards for daily liquidity and weekly liquidity, as determined by GASB Statement 79 are 10% and 30% respectively

Mr. Klar then presented a report on the annual investment activity of the ITIF for fiscal year 2022. Mr. Klar noted the following:

- The ITIF covered the same asset sectors of the market as the SPIF with the only difference being the ability to invest further out on the yield curve, up to three years in duration
- Due to the length in investment duration, the ITIF was more impacted by the rising interest rates during fiscal year 2022 than the SPIF, resulting in a lower total return for the ITIF for the year
- The approximate duration of the fund was 2.7 years toward the beginning of fiscal year 2022 and approximately 2.0 years by the end of the fiscal year
- The return on the ITIF for fiscal year 2022 was a negative 329 basis points, which was 108 basis points better than a suitable benchmark, the Vanguard Short-term Federal Portfolio
- The asset allocation for the ITIF was stable throughout fiscal year 2022
- There were no inflows or outflows from the ITIF during fiscal year 2022

The Board acknowledged the report. No further action was necessary.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Ms. Sandra Thompson, Assistant Secretary to the Board and the Director of the Division of State Government Finance, to present for consideration for approval an amendment to the financial advisor contract with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC (“PFM”). Ms. Thompson stated that a final version of the amendment to the financial advisory contract with PFM was provided to the Board members in their packets. Ms. Thompson then stated that the current financial advisor services contract would expire on December 31st of the current year and that the amendment would extend the contract one additional year, from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Ms. Thompson further stated that the initial three-year contract allowed for two one-year extensions. Ms. Thompson then stated that the services provided by PFM had been essential and important to the success of the issuing authority, and that PFM had provided excellent support to the Board and its staff. Ms. Thompson then stated that it was staff’s recommendation to the Board to approve the amendment to extend the term of the contract for one year.

Mr. Bryson made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Mumpower seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Ms. Thompson to present for consideration and approval of an Other Post Employment Benefit ("OPEB") Trust for the Town of Farragut. Ms. Thompson stated that pursuant to state law, state and local government entities were authorized to establish OPEB trusts to prefund OPEB benefits. Ms. Thompson then stated that the Board must approve the OPEB trust. Ms. Thompson further stated that the attorney general's office had reviewed the trust agreement and deemed that the required conditions to approve the trust had been met. Ms. Thompson then stated that staff made the recommendation to approve the OPEB trust. Mr. Lillard made a motion to approve the OPEB trust. Mr. Bryson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Mumpower then recognized Ms. Sheila Reed, Director of the Division of Local Government Finance ("LGF"), to present for consideration a request for approval for blanket exemption of certain federal programs under the Board's "Blanket Exemption" Guidelines (the "Guidelines"). Ms. Reed stated that Board members had received in their packets a request from LGF to the Board to approve the addition of language to the blanket exemption in the Board's Guidelines to include an exemption from Comptroller approval for loans with the United States Department of the Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") and the State of Tennessee's Clean and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, an executive summary, and proposed revisions to the Board's Guidelines. Ms. Reed then stated that in 2014 when the balloon debt law was passed it specifically excluded loans with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Reed further stated that, as a matter of public policy, state law does not prohibit local governments from taking advantage of normally low-interest federal loan programs. Ms. Reed then stated that the EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("WIFIA") was also enacted in 2014, and that if they had known that the program would gear up several years later, it would have also been excluded in the initial balloon debt legislation. Ms. Reed then stated that LGF had recently become aware that the terms of the EPA WIFIA loans have amortization structures that meet the definition of balloon indebtedness. Ms. Reed then summarized the situation regarding the City of Chattanooga's multi-phase consent decree from the EAP for its water and sewer system. Ms. Reed noted that the City's WIFIA loan qualified as balloon indebtedness and that approval of the loan at the local level required the Comptroller's office approval of the balloon indebtedness. Ms. Reed then stated that due to the timing it is too late for the office to grant approval. Ms. Reed then stated that changes to state law allowed the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs to have loans with terms up to 40 years, thereby having the potential to meet the definition of balloon indebtedness. Ms. Reed then stated that updates to the balloon indebtedness statute was planned for in the next legislative session, however, in the interim, it was important to revise the Board's Guidelines to exclude these federal and state loan programs. Mr. Lillard made a motion to approve the revision to the Board's Guidelines. Mr. Bryson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

After Mr. Mumpower requested other business and heard none, Mr. Lillard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this 15th day of December 2022.

Respectfully submitted


Sandra Thompson
Assistant Secretary