



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
July 21, 2022
10:00 AM - Senate Committee Room A-B
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. Snell called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Matthew Block, representing Governor John Bel Edwards
Mr. Brandon Burris, representing Lieutenant Governor William Nungesser
Honorable R. Kyle Ardoin, Secretary of State
Ms. Emily Andrews, representing Attorney General Jeffrey Landry (arrived during discussion of Item 8)
Senator Patrick Cortez, President of the Senate
Senator Glen Womack, representing the Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senator Bret Allain, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee
Senator Mike Reese, Senator at Large
Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House
Representative Jerome Zeringue, Chair, House Appropriations Committee (arrived during discussion of Item 8)
Representative Neil Riser, representing the Chair, House Ways and Means Committee (arrived during discussion of Item 3)
Representative John Stefanski, 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 16, 2022 meeting.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Local Governmental Units - Elections (December 10, 2022)

3. L22-173 - Morehouse Parish, Village of Bonita

(1) 35.0 mills tax, 20 years, 2023-2042, (a) any lawful municipal purposes and (b) acquisition, construction, repair and/or improvement of new or existing capital projects; (2) ½% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning April 1, 2023, (a) any lawful municipal purposes and (b) acquisition, construction, repair and/or improvement of new or existing capital projects.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 4 and 5.

4. L22-176 - DeSoto Parish, Waterworks District No. 1

Not exceeding \$2,000,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 5%, not exceeding 20 years, constructing and acquiring improvements and replacements to the drinking water system, including equipment and fixtures.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

5. L22-178 - Natchitoches Parish, City of Natchitoches

Not exceeding \$2,000,000 Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 6% fixed or 8% variable rate, not exceeding 25 years, extension and improvement of immovable property, including its component parts, improvements and ancillary other constructions permanently attached to the ground (The Texas and Pacific Railway Depot).

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Refinancings

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 6 and 7.

6. L22-175 - Caddo Parish, City of Shreveport

Not exceeding \$62,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than September 1, 2034, refunding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

7. L22-174 - St. Tammany Parish, Fire Protection District No. 12

Not exceeding \$2,300,000 Limited Tax Bonds, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than March 1, 2037, refunding Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2014.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Political Subdivisions

8. S22-027 - Jefferson Parish, New Orleans Aviation Board (North Terminal Project)

Not exceeding \$75,000,000 Short-Term Credit Facility, Series 2022, not exceeding 10%, not exceeding 5 years, refinance and extend General Airport Revenue Interim Drawdown Note (AMT), Series 2017A.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

9. S22-030 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Louisiana Green Fuels LLC Project)

Not exceeding \$1,100,000,000 Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 10% fixed or floating rate, not to exceed 30 years, **(1)** development and construction of a bio-refinery plant, which will convert waste-wood biomass obtained from forests in the State into renewable diesel fuel and other renewable products, expected to be located in Columbia, Caldwell Parish, **(2)** paying capitalized interest, if necessary and **(3)** funding a debt service reserve fund and other reserves, if required.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Neil Riser, representing the Chair House Ways and Means Committee moved approval, seconded by Senator Glen Womack, representing the Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

10. S22-031 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association Project)

Not exceeding \$600,000,000 Insurance Assessment Revenue Notes, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 12 years, (1) pay covered claims of insolvent insurance companies and (2) fund a debt service reserve fund, if necessary.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Eric LaFleur, Bond Counsel, LaFleur & Laborde, LLC, Stephanie Laborde, General Counsel, Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association (LIGA), LaFleur & Laborde, LLC and John Wells, Executive Director, Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association (LIGA). After further discussion, Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval contingent upon receipt of a commitment letter for the financing, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

Industrial Development Boards - Final Approval

11. L22-177 - IDB of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana, Inc. (Stine, LLC and Stine Building Investments, LLC Project)

Not exceeding \$18,000,000 Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 5%, not exceeding 20 years, (1) acquisition and construction of a facility for retail sales of lumber and building supplies and equipment, (2) demolition of existing buildings and other improvements, including all equipment, furnishings, fixtures and facilities incidental or necessary in connection therewith, (3) approval of the Indenture of Trust between the IDB and a Trustee and of the Financing and Lease Agreement between Stine, LLC and the IDB.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Senator Mike Reese, Senator at Large moved approval, seconded by Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was approved.

Public Trust - Final Approval

12. S22-032 - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Hurricane Recovery Program)

(1) Not exceeding \$65,000,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds (NSTSD), not exceeding 5%, maturing no later than June 1, 2027, refunding Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 and (2) approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (Series 2022 Bonds) dated as of July 1, 2022, between LPFA and the State of Louisiana, providing for the payments on the refunding bonds.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Ratifications and or Amendments to Prior Approvals

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 13 and 14.

13. L21-288A - Ouachita Parish, Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau

Amendment of a prior approval granted on August 19, 2021, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

14. L22-088A - DeSoto Parish, Waterworks District No. 1 (LDH Program)

Amendment of a prior approval granted on May 19, 2022 to reflect change in terms and cost of issuance

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Costs of Issuance Reporting

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 15 through 18.

15. L21-203A - St. Bernard Parish Council

Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.

16. S15-049E - Louisiana Community Development Authority (American Biocarbon CT, LLC Project)

Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.

17. S18-017D - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Bossier Parish Public Improvement Projects)

Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.

18. S22-029A - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Jefferson Rise Charter School Project)

Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.

Lines of Credit

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 19 through 24.

19. 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 \$450,895,911 for State projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

20. 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 \$276,101,894 for Non-State Local Government projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

21. 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 \$23,460,893 for Non-State Non-Government Organizations projects contained in Priority 1 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

22. 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 \$1,455,570,510 for State projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

23. 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 \$377,990,673 for Non-State - Local Government projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

A motion was made by Ms. Emily Andrews, representing Attorney General Jeffrey Landry to defer Project 50-ML3-538 New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board from Item 23 and approve the remaining projects. Additional information was provided by Christy Harowski, Chief of Staff, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. There was an objection to the motion by Mr. Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration and a substitute motion was made to approve all Priority 5 Non-Cash Lines of Credit projects on Item 23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew Block, representing Governor John Bel Edwards. There was an objection to the substitute motion by Representative Jerome Zeringue, Chair, House Appropriations Committee. After discussion, there was a Roll Call Vote and the results were 2 Yeas and 12 Nays. The substitute motion failed.

Ms. Emily Andrews, representing Attorney General Jeffrey Landry withdrew the original motion and made a substitute motion to approve all projects in Item 23 and to defer Project 50-ML3-538 New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to the August State Bond Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House, and without objection, the motion was approved.

24. 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 \$28,650,750 for Non-State Non-Government Organization projects contained in Priority 5 of the current Capital Outlay Act (Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session) and listed in the attached exhibit.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Other Business

25. Virtual Meetings

Consideration and adoption of the State Bond Commission Virtual Meetings Rule proposed in accordance with La. R.S. 49:950 et seq and La. R.S. 42:29(E) and providing for regulations and procedures to allow the public to participate via electronic means in State Bond Commission meetings that are held virtually.

Ms. Fols provided information relative to the Virtual Meetings Rule. No action was taken on this item

26. Disclosure Policy

Discussion of the State Bond Commission Disclosure Policies and Procedures in connection with its primary disclosure obligations and continuing disclosure obligations with respect to municipal securities.

No discussion on this item.

27. Municipal Advisory Services Contract Amendment

Authorization for the Director to execute an amendment to the Municipal Advisor Contract with Lamont Financial Services Corporation to extend the terms.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

28. Municipal Advisory Services Contract Exception

Request to provide an exception to the State Municipal Advisory Services Contract to allow the State's Municipal Advisor to service as Municipal Advisor to the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority for the refunding of the Series 2014 Hurricane Recovery Program Bonds.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

29. Monthly Reports

Ms. Folse provided information relative to the monthly reports.

30. 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.)
