

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (Board) was held this date at the office of the Board, Room 8E17, New Orleans, Louisiana pursuant to notice duly given as provided by law. The regular meeting was called to order at 4:06 P.M. by the President, Mr. Ralph Johnson. Mr. Johnson asked the Secretary to call the roll and announce the number of members present. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Mr. Johnson	SIX MEMBERS AND
	Mr. Kimbrough*	A QUORUM
	Ms. Markowitz	
	Councilmember Moreno	
	Mr. Montañó (for Mayor Cantrell)	
	Mr. Sloss	

ABSENT:	Mr. McDonald
	Councilmember Morrell

VACANT:	1 Board Member Vacancy
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*Arrived 4:09PM

Also present were Mr. William R. Forrester, Jr., legal counsel; Ms. Lisa Lawrence, PFM Financial Advisors and Mr. Shawn Barney, CLB Porter (co-financial advisors); Mr. Jason Akers, Foley & Judell L.L.P., and Ms. Maria Auzenne, Auzenne and Associates LLC, co-bond counsel; Mr. E. Grey Lewis, Sewerage & Water Board.

The notice calling the meeting more than 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting was received and ordered filed in the minutes.

The President stated that the minutes of the September 21, 2022, regular meeting had been circulated to the members. He asked if there are any comments, there being none the minutes was adopted as circulated.

The President stated that the auditor's letter for the months of September 2022 and October 2022 are in each member's folder for their review. He asked the members to review the letters and address any questions to the Secretary. There being none, the monthly audit letters were ordered filed.

The President asked the Secretary to address item #4 on the agenda, to discuss and adopt the Board of Liquidation, City Debt 2023 Millage Levy Resolution to service and administer the general obligation bonded debt. The Secretary stated that all the members should have received a packet of information last week regarding the millage calculation and the auditor's letter verifying the calculations. He proposed that the 2023 millage levy will stay the same as last year at 19.5 mills which also includes a \$100,000,000 bond issuance.

The President asked if there were any questions or further discussion and asked for a motion.

Mr. Kimbrough moved to adopt the Board of Liquidation, City Debt 2023 Millage Levy Resolution to service and administer the general obligation bonded debt and other matters in connection therewith.

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Mr. Montaña (For Mayor Cantrell) seconded and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES:	JOHNSON; KIMBROUGH; MARKOWITZ; MORENO; MONTAÑO (FOR MAYOR CANTRELL); SLOSS
NAYS:	NONE
ABSENT:	McDONALD; MORRELL
VACANT:	1 Board Member Vacancy

And the motion was adopted.

The President asked the Secretary to address item #5 on the agenda, to discuss and adopt the Board of Liquidation, City Debt 2023 Budget Resolution and taking other actions in connection therewith. Mr. Madison stated that the total operating expense for the year is budgeted at \$665,911. He then further stated that the operating budget includes the 5% pay increase for the staff but that this increase is offset by the decrease in pension expense because he will be entering the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) as of December 1, 2022. He stated that he will be at 100% salary and it will be beneficial for him to go into the DROP program, so the Board's pension portion was \$22,000 in 2022 and will no longer have to contribute this amount in 2023. He stated that the total increase to the budget is anticipated at \$805.00.

The President asked if there were any questions or further discussion and asked for a motion.

Mr. Sloss moved to discuss and adopt the Board of Liquidation, City Debt 2023 Budget resolution and taking other actions in connection therewith. Councilmember Moreno seconded and on roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES:	JOHNSON; KIMBROUGH; MARKOWITZ; MORENO; MONTAÑO (FOR MAYOR CANTRELL); SLOSS
NAYS:	NONE
ABSENT:	McDONALD; MORRELL
VACANT:	1 Board Member Vacancy

And the motion was adopted.

The President asked the Secretary to address item #6 on the agenda, to discuss and adopt the 2022 Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire Resolution. The Secretary stated the questionnaire has always been a part of the audit process. The governor approved an ordinance that requires a resolution comes before the Board to approve the audit compliance questionnaire which has been completed by the staff. Mr. Madison also stated that it is a checklist which has to be signed by the Board's President and Secretary.

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Councilmember Moreno moved to discuss and adopt the 2022 Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire Resolution and taking other actions in connection therewith. Mr. Montañó seconded and

on roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES: JOHNSON; KIMBROUGH; MARKOWITZ; MORENO; MONTAÑO
(FOR MAYOR CANTRELL); SLOSS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: McDONALD; MORRELL

VACANT: 1 Board Member Vacancy

And the motion was adopted.

The President asked the Secretary to address item #7 on the agenda, to consider bids received from underwriters/bank purchasers for the negotiated sale of not to exceed Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) of Drainage System Limited Tax Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, Series 2022 and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The Secretary asked Ms. Lisa Lawrence with PFM Financial, co-financial advisor to address the bids.

First, Ms. Lawrence acknowledged the presence of her co-financial advisor, Mr. Shawn Barney. She then stated the RFP that was sent out solicited bids for either a direct purchase of the bonds where the funds would be available at closing, or a loan with a draw down schedule, for a term of five years. There were a total of five bids received and all were for a direct purchase only, not a draw down loan. The reason for this is because the interest rate cap in the RFP was set at 5% and rates have increased within the last month. She said that of the five bids received, the lowest bid of 4.090% was from JP Morgan Chase Bank. However, as of today that rate is now 4.02%, which is still within the debt capacity limit. The recommendation is for the Board to move forward and accept the lowest bidder which is JP Morgan Chase Bank. She mentioned that JP Morgan Chase Bank original bid had stated that the bonds would be non-callable for the term of the bonds, but that JP Morgan Chase Bank has now agreed to change the term to allow the bonds to be call or defease after one year, on December 1, 2023. Ms. Lawrence said that this change in term allows the Sewerage and Water Board the flexibility to call the bonds if something was to happen to the anticipated projects and there is no longer a need for the funds.

The President asked if there were any questions or further discussion and asked for a motion.

Mr. Kimbrough moved to adopt the bids received from underwriters/bank purchasers for negotiated sale of not to exceed Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) of Drainage System Limited Tax Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, Series 2022 and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Sloss seconded and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES: JOHNSON; KIMBROUGH; MARKOWITZ; MORENO; MONTAÑO
(FOR MAYOR CANTRELL); SLOSS

NAYS: NONE

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ABSENT: McDONALD; MORRELL

VACANT: 1 Board Member Vacancy

And the resolution was adopted.

The President asked the Secretary to address item #7 on the agenda, to consider a resolution supplementing a resolution adopted by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans on November 16, 2022, providing for the issuance and negotiated sale of Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) of Drainage System Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The Secretary asked Ms. Maria Auzenne with Auzenne and Associates LLC, co-bond counsel, to address the resolution.

Ms. Auzenne stated that this morning, Sewerage Water Board of New Orleans met and approved the bond resolution to go forward with this transaction which is supported by the proceeds of a special ad valorem tax that have been approved by voters in 1981. She also stated that once these bonds are issued there will not be any other bonds outstanding backed by this special tax. It was a drainage tax in 1981 that was levied for a period of 50 years for drainage projects. She said that the Board will be authorizing the supplemental bond resolution showing the purchase of the bonds by JP Morgan Chase Bank which will be outstanding until 2027 with an interest rate of 4.02%. Ms. Auzenne added that bond counsels will be presenting the resolution to the City Council on tomorrow.

The President-Elect asked if there were any questions or further discussion and asked for a motion.

Councilmember Moreno moved to adopt the resolution supplementing a resolution adopted by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans on November 16, 2022, providing for the issuance and negotiated sale of Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) of Drainage System Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection. Mr. Montañó seconded and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES: JOHNSON; KIMBROUGH; MARKOWITZ; MORENO; MONTAÑO
(FOR MAYOR CANTRELL); SLOSS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: McDONALD; MORRELL

VACANT: 1 Board Member Vacancy

And the resolution was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sloss motioned for adjournment, Councilmember Moreno seconded, there being no objections, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:31 P.M.

Tracy D. Madison
Secretary