



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
June 15, 2017
9:00 AM - Senate Committee Room E
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 Henson called the meeting to order. Then Ms. Guthrie called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Matthew Block, representing the Governor
Mr. Kyle Adroin, representing the Secretary of State (arrived during item 16)
Mr. John Morris, representing the Attorney General
Senator John Alario, President of the Senate
Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee
Senator Barrow Peacock, representing the Senator at large
Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House
Representative Tony Bacala, representing the Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Representative Mike Huval, representing the Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
Representative Jim Morris, Representative at large
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing the Commissioner of Administration
Honorable Ron J. Henson, State Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rennie Buras, representing the Lieutenant Governor

Treasurer Henson shared his thoughts and requested prayers for Congressman Steve Scalise.

2. Approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2017 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 Governmental Units - Elections (November 18, 2017)

3. L17-217 - Livingston Parish, Gravity Drainage District No. 7 - 8.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, (1) constructing, operating and maintaining gravity drainage works or (2) any other lawful purpose, including but not limited to funding into bonds.

Ms. Folsie 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.

Local Political Subdivisions - Loans

Treasurer Henson requested to move Item 4 to the end of the agenda. Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis on Items 6 through 12.

4. L17-197 - Concordia Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1 - Not exceeding \$2,500,000 Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017, not exceeding 3.35%, not exceeding 10 years, (1) paying various architectural and other professional fees pertaining to the construction of a new hospital and (2) purchasing land.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Barry L. Maxwell, Citizens Against Relocating Riverland; Alan Offner, Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, LLP and Jim Graves, Board Chairman, Riverland Medical Center. After further discussion, Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Committee moved to defer the item until July. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State and without objection, the item was deferred until July.

5. L17-199 - LaSalle Parish, Recreation District No. 22 - Not exceeding \$22,000 Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, not exceeding 3%, mature no later than March 1, 2019, equipping recreational facilities.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved conditional approval contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the LaSalle Parish Police Jury authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was adopted on June 12, 2017. The motion was seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

6. L17-210 - St. Bernard Parish Council - Not exceeding \$1,500,000 Taxable Certificates of Indebtedness, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than March 1, 2018, current expenses.

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.

7. L17-216 - St. Bernard Parish Council - Not exceeding \$4,200,000 Taxable Limited Tax Certificates of Indebtedness, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than March 1, 2018, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities.

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.

8. L17-195 - St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement District - Not exceeding \$1,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2017, not exceeding 6%, mature no later than June 1, 2018, current expenses.

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.

9. L17-214 - Tensas Parish Law Enforcement District - Not exceeding \$1,256,000 Certificates of Indebtedness, not exceeding 6%, mature no later than June 30, 2018, current expenses.

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. L17-219 - Terrebonne Parish Law Enforcement District - Not exceeding \$4,000,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than June 30, 2018, current expenses.

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.

11. L17-206 - Vernon Parish Law Enforcement District - Not exceeding \$1,500,000 Promissory Note, not exceeding 3.20%, mature no later than June 30, 2018, current operations.

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.

12. L17-200 - Washington Parish Law Enforcement District - Not exceeding \$750,000 Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017, not exceeding 1.625%, mature no later than June 30, 2018, current expenses.

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.

Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval

13. L17-211 - Iberia Parish School Board, Parishwide School District - Not exceeding \$22,500,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than March 1, 2031, refunding all or a portion of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2010 and 2011.

Ms. Folsie 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.

14. L17-203 - Lafayette Parish School Board - Not exceeding \$75,000,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 7%, not exceeding 40 years, constructing and acquiring capital improvements, including playgrounds, purchasing, erecting and improving school buildings and related facilities, and acquiring necessary equipment and furnishings.

Ms. Folsie 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.

15. L17-202 - Rapides Parish Police Jury, Fire Protection District No. 6 - Not exceeding \$120,000 Limited Tax Bond, not exceeding 4%, not exceeding 6 years, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both moveable and immovable property.

Ms. Folsie 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.

16. L17-209 - St. Tammany Parish School Board, Parishwide School District No. 12 - Not exceeding \$14,500,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 5%, mature no later than March 1, 2030, refunding all or a portion of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2010.

Ms. Folsie 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.

17. L17-223 - West Baton Rouge Parish, Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission - Not exceeding \$15,000,000 Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, not exceeding 6% fixed or 12% variable, not exceeding 30 years, construction of a Chambering Yard (in excess of the Port Contribution and the State contribution).

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Additional information from the audience was provided by Fmr. Senator Robert Marionneaux and Representative Charles Chaney, District 19. After further discussion, 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.

Local Political Subdivisions - Other

18. L17-220 - Livingston Parish, Recreation District No. 2 - To authorize the Livingston Parish, Recreation District No. 2 and the Livingston Parish Council to enter into a Local Services Agreement in which the Recreation District No. 2 will provide funds to repay the Parish Council obligation of not exceeding \$2,000,000 Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 30 years, to be issued on behalf of the Livingston Parish, Recreation District No. 2 under S17-025.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the Livingston Parish Council authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was adopted on June 8, 2017 and certified resolution adopted by Recreation District No. 2 authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was adopted on June 14, 2017. The motion was seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

Colleges and Universities

19. S17-024 - Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College - Not exceeding \$42,000,000 Taxable Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 4%, mature no later than November 1, 2038, (1) acquiring residence hall facilities located at the University (the "Housing Facilities") and certain auxiliary student projects (the "Intramural Facilities") financed with proceeds of Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Millennium Housing, LLC Student Housing and Auxiliary Facilities Project) Series 2006 Bonds, (2) refunding a portion of the Series 2006 Bonds, and (3) funding reserves.

Ms. Folsie 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.

Political Subdivisions - Bonds

20. S17-025 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Livingston Recreation District No. 2 Project) - Not exceeding \$2,000,000 Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 30 years, (1) acquiring, designing, constructing and developing public parks, playgrounds and recreational properties and facilities and (2) funding a debt service reserve fund.

Ms. Folsie 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.

Ratifications and or Amendments to Prior Approvals

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis on Items 21 through 29.

21. L16-060A - Cameron Parish Police Jury, Hackberry Fire Protection District No. 1 - Amendment of a prior approval granted on February 18, 2016 to reflect change in structure and associated cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

22. L16-150A - St. Mary Parish Council - Amendment of a prior approval granted on April 21, 2016 to reflect change in structure and associated cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

23. L16-305A - Desoto Parish School Board - Amendment of a prior approval granted on September 15, 2016 to reflect change in structure and associated cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

24. L16-342A - Grant Parish School Board, Consolidated School District No. 33 - Amendment of a prior approval granted on October 20, 2016 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

25. L16-377A - East Baton Rouge Parish, Zachary Community School Board, Zachary Community School District No. 1 - Amendment of a prior approval granted on October 20, 2016 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

26. L16-441A - Ascension Parish School Board, Parishwide School District - Amendment of a prior approval granted on November 17, 2016 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

27. L16-484A - Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission - Amendment of a prior approval granted on December 15, 2016 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

28. L17-052A - Livingston Parish School Board - Amendment of a prior approval granted on February 16, 2017 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

29. S16-054A - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission Project) - Amendment of a prior approval granted on January 19, 2017 to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the Secretary of State moved approval, seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

Other Business

30. (1) Discussion, consideration and authorization for the State Bond Commission staff, in conjunction with the State's Financial Advisor, to proceed with the development of a plan of financing (inclusive but not limited to, Solicitation for Offers for bond counsel and financial institutions) associated with the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes for cash flow purposes; (2) authorization of the review, evaluation and grading of bond counsel and financial institutions by the evaluation team; and (3) delegation of authority to the Director, in conjunction with the State's Financial Advisor, for selection of bond counsel based upon recommendations of the evaluation team.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee moved approval, seconded by Representative Tony Bacala, representing the Chair, House Appropriations Committee and without objection, the item was approved.

31. Discussion and consideration of evaluation team scoring results and recommendations on proposals submitted in response to the State of Louisiana Request for Proposal for Financial Advisory Services dated April 11, 2017.

Ms. Folsie provided a brief synopsis relative to receipt of evaluation team scoring results and recommendations on proposals submitted in response to the State of Louisiana Request for Proposal for Financial Advisory Services dated April 11, 2017. Ms. Folsie informed the Commission that responses were received from Lamont Financial Services Corporation, Montague DeRose and Associates, LLC, PFM Financial Advisors, LLC and Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc. The evaluation team graded each proposal and Lamont came out 1st and the evaluation team unanimously recommended Lamont Financial Services to continue as the State's Financial Advisor. After further discussion Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee moved conditional approval subject to negotiating the best price for the State. The motion was seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

32. Adjourn

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