

MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2008
COMMITTEE ROOM A
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Treasurer Kennedy called the meeting to order. Then Ms. B. Blanchard called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Timmy Teepell, representing Governor Bobby Jindal
Ms. Erin Wesley, representing Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu
Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu arrived during discussion of Item 50
Secretary of State Jay Dardenne (arrived during discussion of Item 35)
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing Attorney General James Caldwell
Senator John Alario, representing President Joel Chaisson
(arrived during discussion of Item 48)
Senator Nicholas "Nick" Gautreaux, representing Senator Michael Michot
(arrived during discussion of Item 82)
Senator Robert Marionneaux (arrived during discussion of Item 41)
Senator Lydia Jackson
Speaker Jim Tucker
Representative James Fannin
Representative Karen Carter Peterson (arrived during discussion of Items 3-26)
Commissioner Angèle Davis
Mr. Ron Henson, representing Treasurer John Kennedy
Treasurer John Kennedy arrived during discussion of Item 50

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Hunter Greene

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 26, Local Governmental Units - Elections (July 19, 2008). Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Items 3 through 26, were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 27 through 31, less Item 30 which had been withdrawn prior to the meeting, Local Political Subdivisions - Loans. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and without objection, Items 27 through 31, less Items 30, were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 32 through 34, Political Subdivision - Bonds - Preliminary Approval. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Items 32 through 34 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 35 through 45, less Items 41, 42 and 44, Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and without objection, Items 35 through 45, less Items 41, 42 and 44 were approved.

Mr. Kling advised Items 41, 42 and 44, would be heard later in the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 46, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Colleges and Universities. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson and without objection, Item 46 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 47 had been withdrawn prior to meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 48, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, State Agency. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 48 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 49, Louisiana Housing Finance Authority (Preservation Homes Project), State Agency. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 49 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised Item 50 would be heard later in the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 51, Industrial Development Board of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, Inc. (930 Poydras LLC, Project), Industrial Development Board - Final. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 51 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 52 through 54, Public Trusts - Preliminary Approval and/or Notice of Sale. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Items 52 through 54 were approved.

Mr. Kling requested Items 79 and 80 be heard out of order.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 79 for ratification of the prior approval given for Rapides Finance Authority (Cleco Power LLC Project) to reflect an application has been made for Private Activity Volume Cap Activity allocation. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without object Item 79 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 80 for ratification of the prior approval given for Orleans Parish, Port of New Orleans to reflect the withdrawal of the swap agreement by the Issuer. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection Item 80 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 41 and 42, Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval. Speaker Tucker moved to defer action on items, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, action on Items 41 and 42 was deferred.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 44, St. Tammany Parish, City of Slidell, Fremaux Economic Development District, Political Subdivision - Bonds - Final Approval. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Representative Peterson, and without objection, Item 44 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 50, Louisiana Community Development Authority (City of Shreveport), Political Subdivision - Bonds. Additional information was provided by Jerry Liang, Grigsby & Associates, Partner and Financial Advisor of City of Shreveport; Bill Boles, Boles Law Firm, Bond Counsel and Shante Wells, City of Shreveport, Co-Bond Counsel. Senator Jackson moved to defer the item until refinancing issues could be further discussed. Representative Peterson, seconded the motion and without objection, Item 50 was deferred.

Mr. Kling provided a status report regarding the GO Zone tax exempt private activity bond program. Mr. Kling provided a synopsis of various method of deliveries. Senator Marionneaux moved for issuers to continue to have choice on method of delivery. The motion was seconded by Speaker Tucker and without objection, the motion was approved.

Lieutenant Governor Landrieu requested to hear Item 82 next.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis for Item 82 evaluation and recommendations of professionals to serve as underwriters for issuances related to LPFA LURC-Entergy Gulf States and Entergy Louisiana. Additional information provided by Donnie Cunningham, Crawford Lewis, Bond Counsel; Bruce S. Gebhardt, Pathfinder Capital Advisors, LLC, Financial Advisor and David L. Guerry, Long Law Firm, LURC Counsel. Secretary Dardenne made a motion to accept recommendations for underwriters, with stipulation that one company must resign from serving as financial advisor to Entergy for 10 years and if the company declines to resign, designated alternates would participate. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, the selected underwriters and alternates were approved.

Mr. McGimsey provided a brief overview on litigation related to the GO Zone bond program and made motion to go into an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Secretary Dardenne, the State Bond Commission convened an Executive Session.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, Mr. Kling provided synopsis for Item 56, Louisiana Community Development Authority (Tiger State Ethanol, LLC Project) - Other Business and indicated request had been revised to \$200,000,000. Additional information was provided by Neil Mixon, Counsel for Tiger State Ethanol, LLC; C.D. Jones, Co-Counsel for Tiger State Ethanol, LLC and Donnie Cunningham, Crawford Lewis, Bond Counsel. Secretary Dardenne moved approval of the issue and of a GO Zone allocation for a period of 120 days in an amount of \$200,000,000 from the dedicated pool. The motion was seconded by Senator Marionneaux after obtaining verification from C.D. Jones that such action would result in dismissal of the existing litigation. There was objection to the motion and with a roll call vote 8 to 1 in favor, Item 56 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 57 through 77, - Gulf Opportunity (GO) Zone Bonds. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection Items 57 through 77 were approved.

Senator Alario moved approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting and May 6, 2008 special meeting, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on a request from City of Pineville, Rapides Parish (Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. Project) to exclude required swap policy language in governing authority's resolution for project. Senator Alario moved to amend the agenda to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson and without objection, the item was added to the agenda. Senator Alario moved for approval of the added item, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, the item was approved.

Wayne Collier, counsel for Tammany Holding Company, requested to address State Bond Commission regarding the utilization of draw-down delivery for issuance of GO Zone bonds. Additional information was provided by Ray Cornelius, Adams and Reese. After discussion, it was decided that State Bond Commission's approval was not necessary.

Item 50 was reconsidered. Senator Alario moved for approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 50 was approved.

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

(A verbatim transcript is available with the Bond Commission.)