

MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 26, 2007
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:

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, representing Governor Kathleen Blanco
Ms. Angele Davis, representing Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu
Secretary of State Jay Dardenne
Mr. Nicholas Gachassin, Jr., representing Attorney General Charles Foti
Ms. Sharon Weston Broome, representing President Donald Hines
Senator Francis Heitmeier (arrived during discussion on Item 30)
Senator Willie Mount
Senator Charles "C.D." Jones, representing Senator Joe McPherson, Jr.
Speaker Joe R. Salter
Representative John Alario, Jr.
Representative Taylor Townsend
Representative Charles DeWitt
Commissioner Jerry LeBlanc
Treasurer John Kennedy

Representative DeWitt moved approval of the minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Items 3 through 28 and Items 81 through 88 excluding Items 13, 23, 82 and 86, plus Item 92, Local Governmental Units - Elections (October 20, 2007). Speaker Salter moved approval, seconded by Representative DeWitt, and without objection, Items 3 through 28 and Items 81 through 88 excluding Items 13, 23, 82 and 86, plus Item 92, were approved.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 13, East Baton Rouge Parish, Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge, Fire Protection District No. 1, Local Governmental Units - Elections (October 20, 2007). Senator Broome moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 13, was approved.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 23, St. Tammany Parish Council, Local Governmental Units - Elections (October 20, 2007), which required the agenda to be amended to reflect change in term. Speaker Salter moved to amend agenda, seconded by Senator Broome and with objection the agenda was amended. Speaker Salter moved approval of Item 23, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 23, was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 82 had been withdrawn.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 86, St. Tammany Parish Council, Local Governmental Units - Elections. Representative Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter and without objection, Item 86, was approved.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Items 29 through 40 excluding Item 32 and Items 80 and 93, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions - Loans. Regarding Item 34, further discussion was held by Ms. Daphne Robinson, Attorney for Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority, Martin Marsden, CPA for Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority and Clifford Moller, Executive Director of Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Items 29 through 40 excluding Items 32 and Items 80 and 93, were approved.

Mr. Kling advised that to Item 32, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions - Loans had been withdrawn.

Mr. Kling advised that all Go Zone related items would be heard out of order after Item 79, which was a presentation on status of Go Zone applications.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 46, Rapides Parish, Town of Woodworth, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Preliminary Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 46 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 47, Richland Parish, Town of Rayville, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Preliminary Approval. Senator Jones moved approval, seconded by Representative DeWitt, and without objection, Item 47 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 48, Allen Parish, Hospital Services District No. 3, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 48 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 49, Caddo Bossier Parish Port Commission (Doerle Food Services, L.L.C. Project), Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Further discussion was held by Donnie Cunningham, Crawford & Lewis and Bob Jackson, DOELE Food. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 49 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 50, East Feliciana Parish, Town of Slaughter, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved for conditional approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 50 was conditionally approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 51, Franklin Parish School Board - Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 51 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 52, Lafourche Parish, Consolidated Sales Tax District, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 52 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 53, Plaquemines Parish Council, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 53 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 54, Richland Parish, Start-Girard Fire Protection District, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Senator Jones moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 54 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 55, St. Mary Parish Council, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Speaker Salter moved for conditional approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 55 was conditionally approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 56, St. Mary Parish, Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Speaker Salter moved approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 56 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 57, Vermilion Parish, City of Abbeville, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Speaker Salter moved approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 57 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 58, Webster Parish School Board, Sales Tax School District No. 6, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions- Bonds - Final Approval. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 58 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 59 would be taken out of order and discussed later during the meeting.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 60, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (Jefferson Lakes Apartments Project), State Agencies, Boards and Commissions. Further discussion was held by Mr. Wayne Neveu, Foley & Judell. Senator Broome moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 60 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 61, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (The Reserve at Jefferson Crossing Project), State Agencies, Boards and Commissions. Senator Broome moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 61 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 67, Industrial Development Board of Parish of Winn, Louisiana Inc. (JELD-WEN, Inc. Project), Industrial Development Board - Preliminary Approval, Non-GO Zone. Further discussion was held by Name, (company) with regard to Item #. Representative Townsend moved approval, seconded by Representative DeWitt, and without objection, Item 67 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 73 had been withdrawn.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 74, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (The Glen Retirement System), Public Trusts - Preliminary Approval and/or Notice of Sale. Speaker Salter moved approval, seconded by Senator Broome, and without objection, Item 74 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 75, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (CBS Homes Louisiana, LLC Project), Public Trusts - Preliminary Approval and/or Notice of Sale. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 75 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 76, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Lake Charles Memorial Hospital Project), Public Trusts - Final Approval and/or Sale. Senator Mount moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter, and without objection, Item 76 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 77, Cash Lines of Credit - Priority 1. Further discussion was held by Mr. Jerry Jones, Facility Planning and Control. Commissioner LeBlanc moved approval, seconded by Senator Mount, and without objection, Item 78 was approved.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 78, Non Cash Lines of Credit - Priority 5. Further discussion was held by Mr. Jerry Jones, Facility Planning and Control. Commissioner LeBlanc moved approval, seconded by Senator Mount, and without objection, Item 78 was approved.

Discussion by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 91, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Hurricane Recovery Program - City of New Orleans and Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans). Further discussion was held by Meredith Hathorn, Foley and Judell, and Rodney Braxton. Senator Heitmeier moved approval, seconded by Representative Alario, and without objection, Item 91, was approved.

Discussion was held regarding utilizing the standing committee to select professionals for Item 91. It was explained Louisiana Public Facilities Authority had already selected the issuer's counsel. Representative DeWitt moved to use standing committee for selection of professionals

other than counsels, Speaker Salter seconded and without objection the motion was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that an information request had been made by Louisiana Housing Finance Authority to address the Commission as Item 94 regarding GO Zone allocation. Further discussion was held by Greg Gachassin, LHFA Commissioner and Bob Austin, LHFA Single Family Committee Chairman.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 59, St. Tammany Parish, Colonial Pinnacle Nord du Lac Economic Development District, Local Governmental Units/Political Subdivisions - Other. Further discussion was held by Richard Yeilding, Developer, Colonial Properties Trust; Ray Cornelius, Bond Counsel, Adams and Reese; Stan Fulcher, Department of Economic Development; Mike Saucier, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation; Bruce Wainer, Property Owner; and Mike Savante, Administrator for St. Tammany Council. Further discussion in opposition was held by Eddie Price, Mayor of Mandeville; Candace Watkins, Mayor of Covington; Leonard Joseph, Covington resident; Sam Pizzitola, Mandeville resident; Tomas Scheib, Covington resident; Frances Dunn, Council member for Covington; Gilda a resident of Covington, who spoke from audience; Bruce Barton, Mandeville resident; Eric Nye, Covington resident; Angelica LaCour, Covington resident; and Robert Reed, who spoke from audience. Speaker Salter moved approval, seconded by Ms. Davis. A substitute motion was made by Representative Townsend, seconded by Secretary Dardenne. Senator Mount objected and a roll call vote was taken, with substitute motion passing by a vote of nine to three.

Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to Item 79, which was a presentation on the status of Gulf Opportunity Zone program and possible program parameters for Commission consideration and action. Further discussion was held by Commission members. It was decided that a subcommittee would be formed, comprising of the Treasurer, Attorney General, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Governor's Chief of Staff, Commissioner of Administration and Secretary of the Department of Economic Development and any other Bond Commission member who wished to participate, to would further study the various issues and present alternatives to the full State Bond Commission at the next meeting.

Senator Heitmeier made motion to deferred consideration on all Gulf Opportunity Zone tax exempt private activity bond applications and Mr. Clarke seconded the motion. Senator Mount objected and a roll call vote was taken, with motion passing by a vote of six to three.

Mr. Kling advised a request had been received to add an item to the agenda for amendment of prior approval granted at March 15, 2007 meeting. Representative DeWitt moved approval, seconded by Speaker Salter and without objection, this item was added to the agenda. Discussion was held by Mr. Kling with regard to amendment of terms on prior approval. Representative DeWitt made motion to amend terms on prior approval, Speaker Salter seconded and without objection amendment of prior approval on item 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.).