

1 ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

2 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIRECT AND

3 ALTERNATIVE FINANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE

4 TAX-EXEMPT CONDUIT TRANSACTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5 March 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

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7 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Special

8 Meeting of the Direct and Alternative Financing

9 Committee Members and the Tax-Exempt Conduit

10 Transactions Committee on March 12, 2019, at the hour

11 of 8:30 a.m., pursuant to notice, at 160 North

12 LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois.

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1 CHAIR McCOY: I'd like to call the meeting to
2 order.

3 Would the Assistant Secretary please
4 call the roll.

5 OECHSLER: Certainly. The time is 8:30 a.m.

6 Mr. Fuentes?

7 FUENTES: Here.

8 OECHSLER: Mr. Goetz?

9 GOETZ: Here.

10 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek?

11 JURACEK: Here.

12 OECHSLER: Mr. McCoy?

13 CHAIR McCOY: Here.

14 OECHSLER: And Mr. Zeller?

15 ZELLER: Here.

16 OECHSLER: Mr. Anderberg, ex-officio,
17 non-voting?

18 ANDERBERG: Here.

19 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy, a quorum of
20 Committee Members has been constituted.

21 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

22 Moving forward, does anyone wish to
23 make any additions, edits, corrections to the minutes
24 of the February 14, 2018 -- 2019.

1 OECHSLER: I'm sorry, yes, that's 2019.

2 CHAIR McCOY: That was a trick, wasn't it?

3 Almost got me.

4 Hearing none, I would like to request
5 a motion to approve the minutes.

6 FUENTES: So moved.

7 GOETZ: Second.

8 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

9 All those in favor?

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIR McCOY: Oppose?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR McCOY: The ayes have it.

14 Moving forward to the Presentation and
15 Consideration of New Business, I'd like to ask for the
16 Members to consider each of the New Business items
17 collectively and to have the subsequent recorded vote
18 applied to each respective, individual item, unless
19 there is any specific New Business items that a
20 member would like to consider separately.

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR McCOY: Okay. Given that there is none,
23 can we move forward with the presentation. Ma'am?

24 LENANE: Yes. Our first item for consideration

1 is Ferrell Hospital Community Foundation.

2 Ferrell Hospital is located in
3 Eldorado, Illinois, and is requesting a one-time
4 Final Bond Resolution in the amount of not to exceed
5 \$35 million. Bond proceeds will be used by Ferrell
6 to reimburse themselves for acquiring, renovating,
7 and remodeling their hospital facility located in
8 Eldorado to pay capitalized interest and cost of
9 issuance.

10 I'm going to just show you this. The
11 Governor was -- it's in your press clips -- was at
12 Ferrell Hospital Friday last week, signing a bill for
13 critical access hospitals for \$55 million in funding.

14 But I also saw what he did, it's not
15 in this article, was he extended the sales tax
16 exemption for not-for-profit hospitals, which was
17 expiring, which means a lot to them.

18 So Ferrell currently has 192 jobs and
19 it will retain those jobs after construction. There
20 will be 400 new construction jobs for the project.
21 After we informed Ferrell that it would have to
22 comply with the Prevailing Wage Act, they
23 renegotiated its construction contract to do so.

24 Ferrell is a critical access hospital

1 with 25 licensed beds. It's a designation given to
2 rural hospitals where there's 25 beds and then the
3 nearest hospital is 35 miles away. They get special
4 reimbursement rates, which are very helpful. Ferrell
5 has over 9 percent share of the market in its primary
6 service area. Medical staff is comprised of 64
7 physicians representing 12 fields of specialization. It's
8 an acute stroke-ready hospital. Ferrell has not
9 undergone a major renovation in over 40 years and
10 needs modernization in order to continue providing
11 services to the community.

12 The project will consist of 57,000
13 square feet of new construction, 25,500 square feet
14 of renovation, and 16,750 square feet of demolition,
15 resulting in total building square footage of 88,000
16 square feet after the project is completed. The
17 number of beds will remain at 25 because they can't
18 have more than 25 beds to have the critical access
19 designation.

20 As you can see in the book, in the
21 report, Ferrell offers a wide range of services.
22 It's amazing how many services: Rheumatology,
23 mammography, pain management, gastroenterology. I'm
24 not going to go through all of them, but they're

1 there in the book.

2 Ferrell entered into an affiliation
3 agreement with Deaconess Regional Healthcare of
4 Illinois, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of
5 Deaconess Health Systems. Under such agreement, the
6 borrower at Ferrell received a financial contribution
7 of \$510,000 and a credit facility of \$1.25 million in
8 hospital management services.

9 In addition, Deaconess appoints two
10 members to the borrower's ten-member Board of
11 Directors. This is a bank direct placement and Old
12 National Bank in Evansville, Indiana, will purchase
13 the bond and have a security interest in the gross
14 revenues and the mortgage on the property. Such
15 mortgage will be subordinate to three existing
16 mortgages on the property that the U.S. Department of
17 Agriculture is the mortgagee on in the amount of
18 \$1.6 million.

19 The bonds are expected to remain
20 outstanding for the duration of the construction
21 period, which is approximately 24 months. At the end
22 of the construction period, our bonds will be taken
23 out by a permanent loan, a permanent end loan from
24 the USDA. The bonds will be issued as draw-down

1 bonds and with proceeds available for draw and
2 payment by the bank on a monthly basis.

3 USDA will be actively involved in,
4 during the construction process, approving requests
5 for funds, inspections, reviewing and monitoring and
6 paying estimates.

7 Monthly interest on the bonds will be
8 capitalized and will be paid out of the monthly draws
9 on the bonds. So when we get to the Financials, I'll
10 show you.

11 Anyway, we did have some difficulty
12 because, as you can see, if you look at the
13 Financials, Ferrell does not have -- from what we're
14 used to looking at, does not have -- this is the
15 first critical access hospital we've ever been able
16 to do a financing with, which is good and wish we can
17 do more.

18 But as you can see from the
19 Financials, they're somewhat -- they're different
20 than what we're used to looking at. It's on page 7
21 of the Financials.

22 As you can see, the income is less
23 than what we're used to seeing, but the debt service
24 is high, which is the way it goes. And then 37 --

1 they don't have a lot of day's cash on hand because
2 they're using their cash to pay bills. And during
3 the construction period -- these projections were
4 made by the financial advisor -- they won't be paying
5 any interest on the loan. They won't be making any
6 payments. The capitalized interest will be paid out
7 of the bond proceeds. So their revenue stays the
8 same with the little dip in 2020. While they're
9 closing portions of the hospital to renovate, they
10 won't have income. And the debt service stays the
11 same because they're not servicing any debt at that
12 time.

13 So at closing, a reimbursement note
14 will be signed. This will give us security during
15 the construction period. We're not used to making
16 construction loans as a single loan. I mean,
17 oftentimes we make loan construction bonds but it
18 goes right into the permanent loan. And so in order
19 to protect us from any reputational risk, if there
20 are any problems during construction, the
21 reimbursement notes will be signed by Ferrell
22 Hospital at closing. So if there is a bond default,
23 there will be a mandatory redemption of the bonds
24 that will be funded by the bank, Old National Bank,

1 with the reimbursement note funding a taxable loan by
2 the bank to redeem the bonds in full and convert
3 their transaction to a taxable loan.

4 You wonder where we're doing all this.
5 The hospital will be saving approximately \$240,000 in
6 interest by doing a tax-exempt borrowing as opposed
7 to a taxable borrowing. In issuing the bonds, we are
8 relying also on an underwriting commitment of the
9 bank. The bank is solidly behind this project and
10 the USDA permanent loan. If it were standing alone,
11 there may be a lot of questions, but this makes it
12 good.

13 And, finally, the interest rate will
14 be fixed. As of February 2019, the rate was 3.88 and
15 we already went over the projected financials.

16 Does anyone have any questions?

17 GOETZ: Pam, do you have any idea who the
18 contractor is? You said he had to adjust his numbers
19 because he found out he had to pay the real wage.
20 That's not a good thing.

21 LENANE: I would like to introduce John
22 Kirkwood from Faegre Baker Daniels. He is the Bond
23 Counsel. And then later today, during the meeting,
24 we're going to have Alisa Coleman, who is the

1 President of the hospital, is going to call in to say
2 a few words.

3 GOETZ: Okay.

4 KIRKWOOD: It's buried in the bond documents
5 here, but I think it's Meister Construction [sic].
6 They're out of Alabama.

7 (Unreportable cross-talk.)

8 KIRKWOOD: It may have been a Freudian slip
9 here, but I will find the name. It's a national
10 contractor. And, interestingly, a number of the
11 trades were already at prevailing wage, so it wasn't
12 a substantial adjustment.

13 GOETZ: Okay.

14 KIRKWOOD: But it's a fixed-price contract for
15 about an 18-month period. We've got 24 months baked
16 into the bond transaction to give them extra time in
17 case they run into any trouble.

18 But the architect and the maximum
19 price construction contract are all in place and we
20 are still awaiting the financing. And as Pam
21 indicated, USDA will take this out at the end of
22 construction completion.

23 GOETZ: Do you know if they bring in their own
24 crews from Alabama or do they use local people?

1 KIRKWOOD: I can't respond to that. I don't
2 know. But, you know, Alisa is going to be on the
3 phone. She may have the answers to that.

4 I'm guessing there are a lot of local
5 trades involved. Okay.

6 LENANE: At one point my report said that, that
7 there would be -- I don't think we had a number. But
8 they would be using local.

9 GOETZ: All right.

10 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

11 With respect to the USDA and the
12 permanent financing, are there any risks that that
13 doesn't happen?

14 LENANE: There could be. The commitment is
15 subject to the project being lien free, if there is a
16 construction problem and mechanic -- big mechanics
17 lien. But then that would be considered a default
18 under our bonds and the bank would redeem this
19 reimbursable note that we're going to sign and we
20 will be out.

21 CHAIR McCOY: Okay.

22 LENANE: And that would be Old National Bank's
23 problem.

24 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

1 MEISTER: And Pam and Sara led a discussion
2 with the credit folks at Old National and
3 Mr. Kirkwood was also on that phone-in.

4 We raised that point and went into
5 some detail. And the result was Pam's presentation.

6 GOETZ: Okay. Thank you.

7 LENANE: And they're very aware of it. They
8 are Deaconess Health Systems' bank and they're also
9 looking to their relationship with Deaconess in
10 making this loan. And so --and I forgot, Sara is on
11 this with me. I think we introduced Sara at the last
12 meeting.

13 PERUGINI: Hi.

14 LENANE: You're going to be here next month on
15 the hot seat.

16 But Sara has been very helpful in
17 getting this transaction to the Board. And
18 Mr. Kirkwood had been very helpful. He came up with
19 the idea of the reimbursable note to get us over the
20 default, any kinds of default.

21 As we know, lots of problems can
22 happen during construction and we wouldn't want to be
23 tied up in some long, drawn out construction problem.
24 So if that occurs, we're out.

1 MEISTER: Thank you.

2 CHAIR McCOY: Any other questions?

3 JURACEK: I was happy to see an affiliation
4 with Deaconess because a number that really jumped
5 out at me -- and this has been designated as critical
6 for rural care, but it's only got a 9 percent market
7 share. So 91 percent of the people are going
8 somewhere else for care.

9 And this whole thing seems tenuous.
10 But as I understand it, we're in it for only two
11 years. Other financiers take over. Deaconess is
12 there and clearly it serves a need. But for 64
13 physicians and only 9 percent of the market share, I
14 would recommend that Deaconess take a real close look
15 at the operation.

16 LENANE: I think that by expanding their array
17 of services by having this new addition and the
18 remodeling, they --

19 JURACEK: So the intent is to grow market
20 share?

21 LENANE: Grow market share. The problem is
22 they still only have 25 beds and they're limited.
23 And the reimbursement is -- it's over 100 percent.
24 And customarily reimbursement rates are like that, I

1 think in Illinois 88 percent or 85 percent or
2 88 percent. So they're actually getting the full
3 cost reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid on
4 everything they spend. So that's what contributes to
5 the good revenue stream.

6 But you're correct, the nearest
7 hospitals -- and I don't have that with me, but I can
8 have it --

9 ZELLNER: They go all to Evansville, right?
10 That's the big metropolitan --

11 LENANE: 35 miles away.

12 ZELLNER: That's where the nearest metropolitan
13 area is.

14 JURACEK: 35 miles in a rural area is nothing.
15 I always laugh, we go 20 miles for lunch.

16 ZELLER: Everyday drive.

17 MEISTER: Did you cover the Deaconess
18 relationship with the hospital leadership?

19 LENANE: Yes, I did. They're covering the
20 management overhead, paying for the management. And
21 they're also -- they made this contribution of
22 \$510,000 to the project. And they have a credit
23 facility available to them of \$1.25 million.

24 And Deaconess has several other

1 affiliated hospitals that -- small hospitals,
2 critical access hospitals, so they're used to that
3 relationship.

4 So it's like a fever. You know,
5 people will come there, come to the emergency room,
6 get some things solved. If you need immediate care,
7 you need immediate care. You can't drive 35 miles,
8 right? Or maybe you can. I don't know.

9 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

10 Any other questions for Pam?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you, Pam.

13 LENANE: Thank you.

14 FRAMPTON: Okay. Next moving on to Item 2,
15 which is also found at page 47 of your tax-exempt
16 packet. Item 2 is National-Louis University. This
17 is being presented for one-time consideration, Final
18 Bond Resolution in a not-to-exceed amount of \$27
19 million. Bond proceeds will be used for two
20 principal purposes. The sources and uses table at
21 the bottom of page 1 notes the uses.

22 First, the 2019 bonds will refund
23 100 percent of the outstanding balance of
24 National-Louis' Series 1999 bonds. Their 1999 bond

1 principal has been paid down from \$42 million to
2 \$19.1 million. This will be National-Louis' first
3 tax-exempt financing undertaking since 1999. So they
4 have been very conservative in their use of debt.
5 I'll be talking a little bit more about that later.

6 In addition to the refunding,
7 National-Louis will also be issuing approximately \$7
8 to \$8 million in new money bonds. The proceeds of
9 the new money issue will be used to pay for the
10 build-out of a portion of Floors 1 and 7 in the Gage
11 Building. The Gage Building is a property that
12 National-Louis purchased from Roosevelt University in
13 December for approximately \$15 million in cash.

14 So National-Louis purchased 126,000
15 square feet located on Floors 1 through 8 of the Gage
16 Building at 18 South Michigan. That cash purchase
17 will not be refinanced through proceeds of this bond
18 issue. The bond proceeds are expected to only be
19 used to finance new build-out and equipping of the
20 project.

21 National-Louis has a long history. It
22 was originally known as the -- or as the National
23 College of Education from 1930 to 1990. They
24 received a major gift in 1990 and renamed the

1 institution at that time as National-Louis. They
2 have seven campus sites in the Chicago area. They
3 now own three sites in Chicago at 122 South Michigan,
4 which is the old People's Gas headquarters, 18 South
5 Michigan, which is the Gage Building property they
6 just acquired. They also own a small campus located
7 in Wheeling.

8 Just in terms of things that stand out
9 about National-Louis, for a private institution --
10 and this is reported at the bottom of page 3 -- their
11 annual undergraduate tuition rate is only \$10,260 a
12 year for new in-coming freshman.

13 One of the focuses of National-Louis
14 is to bring in students from disadvantaged
15 backgrounds. Beginning in 2015, they initiated what
16 they call their Pathways Program. That's described
17 at the bottom of page 4. The Pathways Program is
18 designed to provide supportive services, including
19 counseling and tutoring, to help undergraduate
20 students make it through their four- to six-year
21 education.

22 Enrollment in Pathways has grown from
23 85 in 2015 to 1,200 this year. Next academic year,
24 that enrollment is expected to increase to 1,600.

1 That will comprise 50 percent of their undergraduate
2 enrollment.

3 Moving on to page 5, NLU's enrollment
4 has increased from 7,300 last year to 8,600 this
5 year; 1,100 of those students reflect new in-coming
6 transfers from Kendall College.

7 National-Louis acquired Kendall
8 College from Laureate. Laureate is a private company
9 whose stock is publicly traded on the New York Stock
10 Exchange. The predecessor to Laureate was Sylvan Learning
11 Centers. Laureate still owns four undergraduate
12 universities located across the U.S.

13 They decided the Kendall model --
14 Kendall, which is well known for its culinary and
15 hospitality management programs, didn't fit in with
16 their focus. And NLU purchased it in August.

17 So NLU has posted really remarkable
18 enrollment growth. You will see that reflected in
19 the Financials, the presentation of which begins on
20 page 8 of the report. Just in terms of their
21 financial performance, the 2019 forecast income
22 reflects their 17 percent growth over the past year.

23 If you also look at their balance
24 sheet, you will see under Other Noncurrent Assets

1 that the balance dropped from June 30, 2018, to
2 June 30, 2019. That reflects cash that they expended
3 in connection with the Gage Building acquisition.
4 You will also see day's cash went down. But it
5 really doesn't -- the use of cash really reflects
6 Kendall's conservative debt management practices.
7 And the fact that in connection with all this growth
8 they're only assuming an additional \$7 million to \$8
9 million of debt speaks well to National-Louis'
10 conservative debt management practices.

11 And, additionally, compared to 1999
12 when they had \$42 million of debt outstanding,
13 they're going only to have approximately \$26 million
14 outstanding after this project proceeds.

15 Debt service coverages are strong.
16 They will continue to be strong. And, in fact, 2018
17 operating cash flows would have been more than
18 sufficient to absorb the new debt associated with the
19 \$7 to \$8 million to be issued in 2019. So all those
20 have very positive factors.

21 In addition to that, PNC Bank will be
22 purchasing the 2019 bonds. There will be a direct
23 obligation of National-Louis. This transaction
24 structure bank purchase deal is very safe from the --

1 from the Authority's perspective. So there are all
2 kinds of positives in connection with this financing.

3 We will have a guest at the 9:30
4 session, Mr. Dick Sterrett, who is the University's
5 Chicago Campus Manager, will be addressing the Board
6 briefly.

7 With that, I will conclude my remarks.
8 And does any Committee Member have any questions or
9 comments?

10 JURACEK: So turn on 180 degrees and put on my
11 happy hat here. My older son is a proud holder of a
12 bachelor's degree from Kendall College. It's made a
13 huge difference in his life. And when we found that
14 Laureate was on the ropes and we're very concerned
15 about the go-forward value of his degree, we gave a
16 sigh of relief to see it's National-Louis University.

17 It's a credible entity and it brings
18 long-term value. And I think this whole thing with
19 the movement of Kendall to Michigan Avenue is
20 awesome. There are so many Kendall graduates who
21 have helped put Chicago on the culinary map of the
22 world. So this is not only good for National-Louis
23 and Kendall, but really for Chicago's preeminence,
24 you know, in the culinary arts. He happens to be

1 working in Dubuque, Iowa, but that's okay.

2 GOETZ: He's working.

3 JURACEK: He's working, exactly.

4 So this is a terrific thing. Kendall
5 is a real powerhouse in the culinary world.

6 FRAMPTON: And a portion of the proceeds will
7 be building out kitchen space, et cetera.

8 JURACEK: I've been to the North Branch Campus
9 at Kendall, so I know the extent of what they'll need
10 to build out.

11 FRAMPTON: That plan is that lease will
12 terminate in December and Kendall will be moving into
13 the Gage Building in January.

14 CHAIR McCOY: I have a daughter who is in it
15 now, so I'll be lunching there on Thursday.

16 Question, when you read that article
17 -- and I don't know how it all gets baked in -- but
18 Laureate talks about putting in \$14 million, up to
19 \$14 million for exactly what's happening here. Is
20 that going in or have they contributed anything?

21 FRAMPTON: That likely went towards the Gage
22 Building purchase. I don't have an audit to verify
23 that, but I believe that's how --

24 CHAIR McCOY: It's just in there. It states

1 that they were putting 14 million towards.

2 FRAMPTON: And that's not reflected in the
3 forecast. So all the numbers that you see in the
4 forecast are National-Louis on their own, no external
5 cash injection.

6 CHAIR McCOY: Okay. Great. Any other
7 comments?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR McCOY: Thanks, Rich.

10 FRAMPTON: Thank you.

11 CHAIR McCOY: Lorrie? Lorrie, are you on the
12 line?

13 KARCHER: Item 3 is a one-time Final Bond
14 Resolution. It's requesting the approval for a
15 Beginning Farmer Bond for Luke F. and Amanda C.
16 Zwilling who are purchasing 20 acres of farmland
17 located in Richland County in a not-to-exceed amount
18 of \$65,000. The Peoples State Bank of Newton is the
19 purchasing bank for the transaction and that's the
20 Beginning Farmer Bonds for March.

21 Does anyone have any questions?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR McCOY: Thanks, Lorrie.

24 KARCHER: Thank you.

1 CHAIR McCOY: Rich, back to you.

2 FRAMPTON: Okay. Moving on next to tab 4,
3 which is also page 60 in the tax-exempt packet. We
4 have a Preliminary Bond Resolution. So the
5 Preliminary Bond Resolution is just to establish tax
6 reimbursement under the Internal Revenue Code. So
7 upon approval today, all capital expenditures
8 relating to the project that were incurred up to 60
9 days prior to today can be ultimately refinanced or
10 reimbursed at the time the bond is issued.

11 So today's bond resolution is strictly
12 for that purpose. The borrower will return -- it's
13 expected now, next month in April, for consideration
14 of a final bond resolution.

15 Just running through the project,
16 again, this is a Preliminary Bond Resolution. The
17 borrower is Provident Group - UICU Properties, LLC.
18 The Provident Resources Group, Inc., is a 501(c)(3)
19 corporation. They will own the project.

20 This project is being developed
21 pursuant to an RFP by the University of Illinois
22 System under which they requested proposals for the
23 development of academic facilities pursuant to a
24 public-private partnership development structure.

1 Typically, these deals are structured
2 with a series of leases. In this particular case,
3 the University of Illinois System will be entering
4 into a 40-year ground lease with the borrower, which
5 is Provident Group - UIUC Properties, which is a
6 special purpose entity formed just to own the two
7 facilities that will be constructed with bond
8 proceeds.

9 Provident, along with the developer
10 that has also been selected as part of a joint
11 proposal, which is Vermilion Enterprises --
12 Vermilion Enterprises is the developer for the
13 project.

14 But Provident and Vermilion will
15 develop, finance, and own the project and lease the
16 two projects upon completion back to the University
17 of Illinois System under a 40-year ground lease.
18 Upon termination of the ground lease after 40 years
19 or whenever the bonds are paid off, the facilities
20 will then be conveyed back to the University. So
21 ownership will transfer whenever the bonds are paid
22 off.

23 This project, pursuant to the RFP and
24 the proposals, will finance two projects. One is

1 called the Campus Instructional Facility. The Campus
2 Instructional Facility -- I'll pass a rendering of
3 that project around -- the Campus Instructional
4 Facility will be a 124,000-square-foot academic
5 building at the College of Engineering at the
6 University of Illinois. It will be located for those
7 of you who are familiar with the campus at the
8 southeast corner of Springfield and Wright Street.
9 The Campus Instructional Facility will help the
10 College of Engineering attain their 5 to 10 percent
11 enrollment growth goal over the next decade. So
12 that's the first facility to be financed with the
13 project.

14 The second is a facility called the
15 Feed Technology Center. That will be located in
16 unincorporated Champaign County on the south
17 farms. There is a map showing the locations of both
18 of the facilities on page 12 of your report. The
19 Feed Technology Center will be replacing a feed mill
20 facility that was constructed in 1927. The new Feed
21 Technology Center will continue to enable the
22 University's College of Agricultural, Consumer, and
23 Environmental Sciences College or the College of ACES
24 to continue and upgrade their programs in human and

1 animal nutrition science.

2 And in addition to that, the
3 relocation of the Feed Technology Center will enable
4 the University to demolish the existing feed mill and
5 redevelop it as an expansion to their existing
6 Technology Park.

7 So there are two benefits in
8 connection with the Feed Technology Center:
9 Expansion of the Technology Park as well as
10 modernizing their feed tech facilities.

11 Just in terms of the structure of the
12 bond issue, the underwriter for the bonds will be RBC
13 Capital Markets. The expected maturity of the bonds
14 will be 32 years. Payments on the bonds will begin
15 after the two-year construction period is completed.
16 The bonds are expected to be investment-grade rated.
17 They'll be sold at a fixed rate. And payments are
18 expected to be level debt service over the 30-year
19 debt amortization period. Security on the bonds will
20 include a leasehold mortgage, a collateral assignment
21 of rents and leases, a security agreement and an
22 assignment of contract documents.

23 One of the most important statements
24 in the report is on page 4 in all bold. I'm just

1 going to read it. "As contemplated, the University
2 will fund its repayment of the Series 2019 bonds from
3 legally available non-appropriated funds. The
4 University will covenant in the facility leases to
5 include in each annual operating budget an amount of
6 legally available non-appropriated funds, which will
7 be sufficient to make the installment payments under
8 the facility's subleases when due each year." So
9 that will be the basis under which the rating
10 agencies assign ratings to the project.

11 In terms of the general contractor and
12 architect, those are reported on page 9. The Campus
13 Instructional Facility will involve Pepper
14 Construction and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill as the
15 general contractor and architect.

16 In contrast, the Feed Technology
17 Center is a special purpose facility. ASI
18 Industrial, Billings, Montana, who was engaged by
19 Kansas State University to construct their feed mill,
20 will be the specialty design build company engaged
21 for that specific project.

22 When this returns to the Board in
23 April, the tax analysis will be complete. At that
24 time it's possible and maybe even likely that there

1 will be a taxable series of bonds to cover
2 nonqualified costs.

3 In addition to that -- so at that
4 point, there will also be more specific sizing of the
5 bonds. Just in terms of enabling you to undertake
6 your conflict of interest checks, on page 10, there's
7 a list of board trustees for Provident Resources
8 Group, which will be the owner of the project. And
9 on page 11, the project developers, Vermilion
10 Campbell Development, LLC, and Vermilion Capital
11 Development FTC, LLC, the ownership of those
12 entities -- ownership and management is reported on
13 page 11 of the report.

14 At the 9:30 meeting, Matt Havey, a
15 Managing Director at Vermilion, will be representing
16 the project and will be available to answer any
17 questions you may have.

18 So with that, I'll conclude my remarks
19 and would ask: Does any Committee Member have any
20 questions or comments?

21 CHAIR McCOY: Thanks, Rich.

22 GOETZ: I think it's great.

23 CHAIR McCOY: Yeah. Thank you. Well done.

24 FRAMPTON: Thanks.

1 CHAIR McCOY: Brad.

2 FLETCHER: Last on the agenda is Item 5 in your
3 Board books.

4 This is an amendment of Shedd
5 Aquarium's Series 2015 Bond we previously issued.
6 The Series 2015 Bond is purchased by a wholly-owned
7 subsidiary of JPMorgan. It's currently bearing a
8 fixed interest rate to maturity of June 1st, 2027.

9 In 2018 pursuant to a Continuing
10 Covenants Agreement between the purchaser and a
11 borrower, Shedd Aquarium started paying a statutory
12 tax rate change fee due to federal tax law changes.
13 So accordingly, because they started paying the
14 statutory tax rate change fee, we are being asked for
15 our consent to increase the actual interest rate
16 while the statutory tax rate fee is eliminated, the
17 net effect of which will be an overall lower payment
18 to the purchaser, which is DNT Asset Trust, again a
19 wholly-owned subsidiary of JPMorgan.

20 For this amendment, we are charging
21 the fee that is located on page 7 of the report in
22 the Confidential Section. I should also note that
23 consistent with current best practices, they are
24 getting an interest rate for 0 percent for LIBOR.

1 So any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR McCOY: I think we are good. Thank you.

4 Moving forward then, I would like to
5 request a motion to recommend for approval of the
6 following New Business Items: Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and
7 5. Is there such a motion?

8 GOETZ: So moved.

9 JURACEK: Second.

10 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

11 Will the Assistant Secretary please
12 call the roll?

13 OECHSLER: On the motion and second I will call
14 the roll.

15 Mr. Fuentes?

16 FUENTES: Yes.

17 OECHSLER: Mr. Goetz?

18 GOETZ: Yes.

19 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek?

20 JURACEK: Yes.

21 OECHSLER: Mr. McCoy?

22 CHAIR McCOY: Yes.

23 OECHSLER: And Mr. Zeller?

24 ZELLER: Yes.

1 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy, the motion
2 carries.

3 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you very much.

4 Moving on to Other Business, is there
5 any other business to come before the Committee?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIR McCOY: Public Comment, is there any
8 Public Comment?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR McCOY: Hearing none, I would like to
11 request a motion for adjournment.

12 Is there such a motion?

13 GOETZ: So moved.

14 JURACEK: Second.

15 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

16 All in favor?

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 CHAIR McCOY: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIR McCOY: Ayes have it. Thank you.

21 OECHSLER: The time is 9:11 a.m.

22 (Whereupon the above
23 matter was adjourned.)

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