1	ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY
2	SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIRECT &
3	ALTERNATIVE FINANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
4	April 10, 2018, at 8:32 a.m.
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6	REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Special
7	Meeting of the Direct and Alternative Financing
8	Committee on April 10, 2018, at the hour of
9	8:30 a.m., pursuant to notice, at 160 North LaSalle
10	Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois.
11	APPEARANCES:
12	ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY
	DIRECT AND ALTERNATIVE FINANCING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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- 1 OECHSLER: The time is now 8:32 a.m.
- 2 CHAIRMAN KNOX: 8:32.
- 3 I'd like to call the meeting to order.
- Will you please take the roll,
- 5 Assistant Secretary.
- 6 OECHSLER: Yes. The time is 8:32 a.m.
- 7 Mr. Fuentes?
- FUENTES: Here.
- 9 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek?
- 10 JURACEK: Here.
- 11 OECHSLER: Committee Chairman Knox?
- 12 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Here.
- OECHSLER: Mr. McCoy?
- McCOY: Here.
- 15 OECHSLER: Mr. Zeller?
- 16 ZELLER: Here.
- 17 OECHSLER: Chair Anderberg,
- 18 ex-officio/non-voting?
- 19 ANDERBERG: Here.
- OECHSLER: And Mr. Heller, non-voting?
- 21 HELLER: Here.
- OECHSLER: Mr. Committee Chairman, a quorum of
- 23 Committee Members has been constituted. And to be
- clear for the record, Chair Anderberg and Mr. Heller

- 1 are here in a non-voting capacity and will not
- participate in this meeting.
- 3 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Understood. Thank you.
- Does anyone -- well, as it relates to
- 5 the review and adoption of the Direct and Alternative
- 6 Financing Committee Meeting Minutes from
- 7 February 8th, 2018.
- 8 Does anyone wish to make any
- 9 additions, edits, corrections to the Minutes from
- 10 February 8th, 2018?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Hearing none, I'd like a motion
- 13 to request to approve the Minutes.
- 14 JURACEK: So moved.
- 15 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Thank you.
- 16 Second?
- 17 FUENTES: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN KNOX: All those in favor?
- (Chorus of ayes.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Opposed?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN KNOX: The ayes have it.
- 23 So Presentation and Consideration of
- New Business: Are there any Members that need to

- 1 recuse or abstain from the votes that are going
- 2 forward?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Hearing none, I'll turn it over
- 5 to Mr. Luboff for the Neighbors.com [sic], LLC,
- 6 discussion.
- 7 LUBOFF: Thank you, sir.
- This is a request to invest \$275,000.
- 9 The participating lender is Wintrust Bank, previously
- 10 North Shore Bank and Trust. They're requesting that
- 11 we invest funds to be used to finance part of a
- 12 build-out of new office space for a borrower,
- 13 Neighborhoods.com, LLC, to move to 600 West Fulton
- 14 Street in Chicago. The company has outgrown its
- 15 current limited office space and is seeking to make
- 16 leasehold improvements on new office space in order
- 17 to accommodate its significant recent growth.
- The loan will be subject to all
- 19 Wintrust Bank conditions as reported to us including,
- 20 but not limited to, subordination -- our
- subordination to Wintrust Bank's \$275,000
- participation in this same loan and \$1,500,000
- 23 exposure under a revolving line of credit.
- 24 Currently, the company has 74 jobs in

- 1 Illinois, mostly in Chicago. They project easily
- 2 reaching another 15 jobs in the next two years.
- 3 These are only Illinois jobs. The company also
- 4 has -- excuse me -- physical offices in Florida,
- 5 Texas, and California.
- The borrower, Neighborhoods.com, is a
- 7 real estate broker operating two entities:
- 8 Neighborhoods and 55 Places. These entities are
- 9 online entities that provide unbiased information and
- 10 review on active adult communities. The borrower has
- 11 experienced some very recent growth, rapid growth,
- 12 and needs to expand.
- 13 In support, we are receiving unlimited
- joint and several personal guarantees from the
- owners: Daniel Goodman, who is a 30-percent owner,
- and William Ness, who's 70 percent owner.
- 17 We're also going to receive a first
- 18 blanket priority lien on all the business assets of
- 19 the borrower; although, many of those assets -- in
- fact, the bulk of those assets aren't even reflected
- 21 in the balance sheet since the balance sheet is being
- 22 prepared on a cash basis and the majority of their
- assets are Commissions Receivable, which are not
- 24 reflected on a cash-basis statement.

1	This will be a seven-year, fully
2	amortizing loan. The blended weighted interest rate
3	to the borrower will be prime plus a half, or
4	five-and-a-quarter percent at this time. The bank is
5	getting prime plus one, or five and three quarters,
6	and the Authority is getting four and three-quarters,
7	which is prime floating with no addition or
8	subtraction.
9	The loan plus the increment to the
LO	revolving line of credit that's also being requested
L1	at the same time brings the total project to
L2	\$1,584,750, if you include or we need to include a
L3	landlord contribution on leasehold improvements. The
L4	landlord is providing \$534,750 toward this
L5	leasehold these leasehold improvements.
L6	Just as an aside, the borrower's
L7	requesting an increase of a half million dollars in
L8	their existing \$1 million line of credit, mostly to
L9	cover certain revolving excuse me certain
20	letters of credit that are needed by the landlord of
21	the building that will disappear after the contractor

23 They are moving from 1525 West Homer 24 Street in Chicago to 600 West Fulton Street in

and the furniture provider are paid in full.

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- 1 Chicago. There is a change in the representatives
- 2 and the State senate -- senators that represent these
- 3 two different districts. We're expecting the close
- 4 to be within 60 days of approval.
- 5 As I mentioned, this Neighborhoods.com
- 6 operates two online entities. 55places.com is
- 7 specific; it refers specifically to housing in
- 8 certain specialized retirement communities for active
- 9 adults over 55, whereas Neighborhoods.com deals more
- with neighborhoods and communities so that a person
- 11 who is looking for a home can center in on the
- 12 community at Neighborhoods.com, and then find actual
- houses to purchase on 55 Places.
- 14 William Ness, who is 70-percent owner,
- is very experienced in this field. He worked for Del
- 16 Webb for five years, and has developed this program
- 17 mainly because there is no centralized location to
- 18 find unbiased information on these places for active
- 19 adults, senior adults.
- 20 Danny Goodman is a 30-percent owner.
- 21 He joined 55 Places in 2011. He was vice president
- of sales and marketing for Pulte Homes/Del Webb, and
- 23 he did that job for 12 years. So both of these
- 24 gentleman are very experienced in the active adult

- 1 community area.
- 2 The company has developed a very
- 3 extensive software program and Internet presence,
- 4 which provides detailed data to seniors looking for
- 5 active adult communities. They basically get a fee
- 6 of one-half to one percent when a buyer decides on a
- 7 property. So they get their fees or their
- 8 commissions based on sales. That's why it's not
- 9 counted as part of their cash balance sheet, because
- 10 those commissions are contingent on the borrower
- 11 buying the house and the broker paying the site for
- 12 the sale.
- 13 And the amount of these receivables
- are actually quite high, they're over \$3 million.
- Now, over time, about 7.4 percent of those contracts
- fall out, sales don't close. So still, we're talking
- about \$2.8 million of receivables that are not listed
- on the company's balance sheet, which dramatically
- improves the net worth of the company and their
- ability to provide collateral to support our loan.
- 21 They have developed a very extensive
- 22 marketing plan. They're going to be spending a
- 23 million dollars on that marketing plan. They pay a
- certain percentage per click on their website.

- 1 That's how they pay for their marketing. The good
- thing is if the marketing plan is not working, they
- 3 can simply stop that particular part of the plan. If
- 4 it's working very well, they can add to it. So they
- 5 have an ability to control those costs.
- I'm not going to go to the specific
- 7 numbers in the balance sheet, but what I'd like to do
- 8 is make comments concerning the balance sheet and the
- 9 income statement. Again, the borrower has its
- financials on a cash-basis basis. They have \$2.87
- 11 million in eligible commissions receivable, that's
- 12 with the subtraction of the 7.4 percent that I
- mentioned. So in other words, they don't reflect all
- of their assets, but they obviously reflect all of
- their liabilities. And that's why some of the
- 16 numbers may be somewhat misleading.
- 17 Their Sales, General, and
- 18 Administrative Expenses have been going up because
- they've been adding people and adding extra rental
- 20 expense and extra marketing expense without having
- 21 the ability to hire the number of people they need to
- really get the marketing plan going. But if you do
- take a look at their income statement, you'll see
- their projections show basically a hockey stick,

- where they're going up, and then they've constantly
- gone up, and then suddenly, they take a major jump.
- 3 Being an old banker, I'm a little skeptical.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Of hockey sticks?
- 5 LUBOFF: Hockey sticks, especially this year,
- 6 seeing how the Blackhawks have done. But the fact of
- 7 the matter is even if this plan does not work and
- 8 they just maintain level earnings for this year --
- 9 for 2019 and 2020 compared to this year -- they still
- 10 will be able to service their debt, add to the
- 11 retained earnings, pay their taxes, cover their fixed
- 12 charge -- fixed charges. So this is a company that
- is about to take off, or so they feel, and we want to
- 14 help them.
- Now, there are some glitches in the
- 16 statements. You will see, for instance, that in
- 17 their income statement, they show a drop in income.
- 18 Much of that is tied to the fact that they didn't
- 19 have very much debt. And so they were a little
- 20 sloppy when it came to how they managed their ratios.
- 21 They had debt, and they easily could have paid off
- 22 that debt with over almost \$600,000 in cash that they
- 23 had, but they decided not to do that. Also, they had
- traditionally taken about 300, \$320,000 in

- distributions every year. About half of it went to
- 2 taxes, the other half tax went for bonuses for
- 3 themselves.
- 4 But now they're asking for a loan. So
- 5 now the bank is concerned about what is going on in
- 6 that financial statement. We want to see that
- 7 financial statement showing a company moving ahead.
- 8 Therefore, we've added a whole bunch of covenants.
- 9 Two of them were put in by the bank, one of them was
- 10 put in when I negotiated a distribution covenant
- 11 where they can only take distributions to the point
- where they're paying the taxes. Okay?
- 13 So there's no extra bonuses for them,
- 14 and they also must maintain a debt service coverage
- 15 ratio of at lease one to -- one to one. The fact of
- the matter is right now, they're way above that, so
- 17 they're fine there and the same thing with the fixed
- 18 charge coverage ratio.
- This is a company that didn't need any
- 20 constraints. They were happy operating themselves.
- Now we're putting certain limits on them, limits that
- 22 they can certainly live in -- within, and they are
- 23 ready to move ahead. Again, debt service coverage is
- strong.

- 1 The borrowers -- or the guarantors,
- 2 rather, have good net worths. Of course, if you take
- a look at their adjusted net worth, you'll see about
- 4 \$1,700,000 as the amount. But of course we've
- 5 subtracted dramatically large amounts from their
- 6 total net worth.
- 7 For instance, for Mr. Goodman, we
- 8 subtracted 12-and-a-quarter million dollars of his
- 9 assessment of his value in the business plus about
- 10 \$670,000 of his retirement funds because those are
- 11 typically a little bit harder to get access to in the
- 12 event of a bankruptcy, and also about a quarter of a
- million dollars of other personal property.
- 14 Mr. Ness, we took off \$27,800,000 of
- his valuation in the company, of his equity; and \$323
- million [sic] in retirement assets; and \$45,000 in
- 17 other property. Basically, we took what they said
- 18 was their net worth and we ripped it to shreds to get
- down to what they really will have in the event of a
- 20 liquidation in the event that there's a dramatic
- 21 downturn in this company.
- The fact of the matter is what they're
- showing actually shows how dedicated they've been to
- the company, how much money they've put into the

- 1 company, how much reliance they're keeping in the
- 2 company.
- 3 Just in closing, there was that issue
- 4 of collateral. If you take a look at their balance
- 5 sheet, you say, wow. They're looking for an
- 6 additional 5 -- or \$1.6 million or so in credit
- 7 exposure, and yet, they barely -- they have about a
- 8 net worth of about 500-some-odd thousand dollars.
- 9 Again, we need to add in those commissions
- 10 receivable, which exceed \$2.7 million. Those are
- 11 real commissions. They've proven valid over the last
- 12 six years, although only three are reflected in this
- 13 analysis.
- 14 This is a company that is ready to
- move. It's in the right demographic. Some of us are
- 16 getting older; I'm not -- not including myself, of
- 17 course. But it is an aging population, and it is a
- 18 very valued service for seniors who are getting ready
- 19 to leave the workforce and buy their retirement
- homes.
- 21 McCOY: Someplace warmer too.
- 22 LUBOFF: Are there any questions?
- Yes, ma'am?
- 24 JURACEK: Neighborhoods.com, does it focus on

- 1 just senior communities or any real estate in
- particular neighborhoods?
- 3 LUBOFF: It focuses on senior communities.
- 4 JURACEK: Okay.
- 5 LUBOFF: The idea is they -- their advertising
- 6 is going to be on web sites that seniors tend to go
- 7 to. And what they're trying to do is provide
- 8 unbiased information that is especially germane to
- 9 seniors who are thinking about retirement, about
- 10 moving to a warmer climate or, you know, nearer some
- 11 relatives that have already moved --
- 12 JURACEK: So this isn't just for the Chicago
- region or Illinois; this is a national database? A
- 14 national referral?
- 15 LUBOFF: Yes, it is a national database.
- 16 JURACEK: Okay.
- 17 LUBOFF: And they have offices outside of
- 18 Illinois, but they're -- they're centered in
- 19 Illinois.
- 20 One of things they mentioned is that
- 21 although they're centered in Illinois, they don't
- 22 have that many retirement communities in Illinois.
- 23 But --
- 24 JURACEK: Yeah. But we don't need this in

- 1 Illinois.
- 2 LUBOFF: Well, actually -- actually they have
- 3 Del Webb --
- 4 JURACEK: Uh-huh.
- 5 LUBOFF: -- and they have been doing a lot of
- 6 business with the Del Webb properties. Remember,
- 7 both of these people have experience in actually
- 8 working with Del Webb.
- 9 JURACEK: But they would list indi- -- so
- there's a Del Webb in up in Huntley.
- 11 They would list individual units
- within Del Webb or just the development as a whole?
- 13 LUBOFF: Neighborhoods.com, we're talking about
- 14 the community and the developments.
- 15 "Oh. You want to buy a house in this
- development? Go to 55 Places, and there you will
- find a listing of each of the homes that's available
- 18 for sale."
- 19 JURACEK: Okay.
- 20 LUBOFF: Both new and used.
- JURACEK: And these people don't use
- 22 Realtor.com, who are selling these units or, you
- 23 know, regular real estate brokers?
- 24 LUBOFF: Well --

- 1 JURACEK: I'm just -- this seems so duplicative
- of the real estate market that's already out there.
- 3 LUBOFF: But you go to a realstor -- a realtor,
- 4 rather -- you go to a realtor, and you say, well,
- 5 we're interested in the Rockford area. And they'll
- 6 have a whole bunch of houses all over the Rockford
- 7 area. This will be one where people who are seniors
- 8 are looking, unfortunately, for communities where
- 9 there aren't that many kids, where it's quiet, where
- 10 it's protected, where they have community services
- 11 like a community center, a community pool --
- 12 JURACEK: But specifically, developments like
- 13 Del Webb or the Moorings or something like that, they
- 14 focus on, or individual homes in neighborhoods
- 15 scattered all over?
- 16 LUBOFF: No. It's in developments and in
- 17 communities. Although for instance, if you wanted to
- 18 retire to Tampa, Florida, they would focus on
- 19 typically senior or active adult communities in the
- 20 Tampa, Florida, area. They may not be part of actual
- 21 developments, but they will be in certain communities
- that are known for being amenable to seniors.
- 23 McCOY: If you go on the site, which I did
- quickly, they've got a map. And, as you can imagine,

- 1 it's darker down here, the sunbelt, but there're ones
- in, you know, Michigan and even Montana too. You
- 3 click on it, and it's those planned developments,
- 4 right?
- 5 JURACEK: Yeah. So I could see if you were
- 6 just focused on your local home market, I don't see a
- 7 lot of value. But if my husband and I were chatting
- 8 and going, Hmm, what's in Wyoming, this could help
- 9 us --
- 10 McCOY: South Carolina, whatever. And they've
- 11 gone -- and they go on, and then you can drill down
- into the -- you know, who developed it and stuff like
- that, and then they have which ones are for sale.
- 14 ZELLER: Why did they come to us for \$275,000?
- I mean, is the savings, it's the savings, but it's
- 16 not a large amount of savings. So...
- 17 LUBOFF: Well, actually, it was the bank that
- 18 comes to us. And the bank came to us because they're
- 19 saying, okay. We're making a major increase in this
- 20 company. We've been banking them for a few years,
- 21 but now they're going on a different level. Now
- we're going to be asked to maybe discount some of
- those commissions receivable.
- 24 And by the way, I should have

- 1 mentioned, on those commissions receivable, first,
- they subtract -- the bank subtracts 7.4 percent as
- 3 so-called ineligible, and then only lends 50 percent
- 4 of the commissions, which is very conservative. But
- 5 the bank is little uneasy, and so they've come to us
- for the help.
- 7 You see, our -- our program does two
- 8 things: Yes, it provides access to capital and a
- 9 somewhat subsidized interest rate to the borrower.
- 10 But for the bank, it allows them to access new
- 11 customers or mitigate risks. And they're looking for
- 12 risk mitigation here.
- 13 CHAIRMAN KNOX: So quick question along those
- lines: So we do provide a subsidy to the borrowers
- through this program. So even though we're in a
- subordinated position, we're taking a lower interest
- 17 rate than what the bank is taking for senior
- 18 position.
- 19 LUBOFF: Right.
- 20 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Okay. We're comfortable with
- 21 that, I guess.
- The second question then is regarding
- 23 the strength in covenants. Are those pari-passu
- 24 between us and Wintrust? So then if the borrowers

- default on the covenants with Wintrust, do they
- 2 automatically default --
- 3 LUBOFF: Oh, yeah.
- 4 CHAIRMAN KNOX: -- with us as well? So we
- 5 carry those together?
- 6 LUBOFF: Yes. In fact, we are in the same
- 7 note, and anything that affects the note affects both
- 8 of us equally. The thing is, in the event of a
- 9 liquidation, the bank would liquidate all of the
- 10 assets, all the collateral security including the
- 11 personal guarantees, and pay off first its own
- 12 expenses, the legal expenses for the foreclosure,
- then its interest, then its principal, and then we go
- 14 last.
- 15 But what I pointed out here --
- 16 CHAIRMAN KNOX: For our interest and principal
- 17 behind them?
- 18 LUBOFF: Excuse me?
- 19 CHAIRMAN KNOX: So they get their interest and
- 20 principal before we get our interest?
- 21 LUBOFF: Our interest and principal is after
- 22 that.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KNOX: After the bank.
- 24 LUBOFF: The key thing on this particular point

- 1 I pointed out is that there's actually plenty of
- 2 collateral to protect us. And I haven't included any
- of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment, which, as
- 4 you know, is garbage anyway. You can't count the
- 5 leasehold improvements, but there is the website and
- 6 there is their technology. And frankly, I'm
- 7 surprised -- based on what you asked -- I'm surprised
- 8 that, for instance, a company like Del Webb doesn't
- 9 buy it, doesn't buy them out.
- 10 FUENTES: That's a good question, right?
- 11 LUBOFF: But if Del Webb buys it out, then you
- 12 have questions about the unbiased nature.
- 13 FUENTES: True. I'll start a separate LLC
- 14 pretty easily.
- 15 LUBOFF: So I think they're going to do fine,
- 16 especially if their marketing plan and their new
- 17 software technology does take off, because as you can
- 18 see, they're talking about earnings in 2019 and 2020
- 19 to jumping 50 percent year over year each year. So
- 20 they're talking about tremendous growth. We'll see,
- 21 but --
- 22 FUENTES: Why do they get interest ahead of us,
- 23 though, if there's liquidation? Why don't they just
- get their money back and then we get our money back

- before anybody gets any profit on it, any interest?
- 2 LUBOFF: Well, typically, the application is
- 3 expenses, interest, and principal and --
- 4 FUENTES: Well, we're helping out. I mean,
- 5 we're taking the lower interest rate. We're --
- 6 LUBOFF: Well, we're not -- we're giving a
- 7 lower interest rate because we're trying to benefit
- 8 the borrower. Yes, this -- this particular instance,
- 9 you're probably saying, does this company really need
- 10 that little extra interest cut? But the next deal
- 11 that's coming out is a Hispanic owned printing
- 12 company in Rockford, and they're going to need some
- 13 help with the interest rate in order to make sure
- 14 that their cash flow is reasonable and they can pay
- off their debts in time. And I'm working on that
- 16 right now to make sure that there are proper
- 17 covenants and proper collateral.
- 18 For instance, this company has been
- 19 relying -- this other company has been relying on
- 20 friends and family for a while. And so they've been
- 21 buying all their equipment and expensing it. I'm
- 22 sorry if I'm --
- 23 CHAIRMAN KNOX: That's fine.
- LUBOFF: And so on their balance sheet, they

- show no assets, but all their equipment is owned free
- 2 and clear. So that's the way we work the deal to
- 3 make sure that we are protected.
- 4 MEISTER: And the purpose of this rejuvenated
- 5 Participation Loan Program is to be able to deploy
- 6 our balance sheet in a way that's more efficient and
- 7 effective than what we had traditionally done in our
- 8 past Participation Loans and even the loan guarantees
- 9 that we had. And we believe that this model will
- 10 have broad applicability across the state, across
- 11 agriculture and smaller towns, in urban areas with
- 12 minority-owned business, with veteran-owned
- 13 businesses. It was well-received in the banking
- 14 community when it was -- and in the borrower
- 15 community when it was at DCEO, and I think that
- 16 already we have, what, six banks --
- 17 LUBOFF: Six banks and --
- 18 MEISTER: -- who had signed up.
- 19 LUBOFF: -- and by the end of the month, we
- should have at lease another four.
- 21 CHAIRMAN KNOX: If I could tag onto Member
- 22 Fuentes's question, I -- I heard it -- I guess the
- 23 question would be, if I could reframe, is if we're
- 24 going to sit in the subordinated position on the

- 1 note, do we have to sit in the subordinated position
- on both the interest and principal, or can we just
- 3 sit in the subordinated position on interest?
- 4 LUBOFF: I've never explored that. I do know
- 5 that the product that we have is the product that the
- 6 Department of Commerce had, that I arranged there,
- 7 created there. It was a very successful program and
- 8 losses were de minimus, but you need to get the banks
- 9 to use the program. You must attract the banks.
- 10 Yes, we say this is for the borrowers, but frankly,
- 11 this is a service for the banks, to get them to do
- things that they wouldn't do without us.
- 13 There was an attempt to -- to go
- subordinated on the principal and pari-passu on
- 15 the --
- 16 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Interest.
- 17 LUBOFF: -- interest, and what happened was the
- banks abandoned the program and the borrowers didn't
- 19 get their money.
- I was a banker; I'm doing this in
- 21 order to get into heaven. God won't let me in if he
- 22 finds out I was an investment banker.
- 23 CHAIRMAN KNOX: So this -- this program is
- 24 modeled after the program from DCEO --

- 1 LUBOFF: Yes. That was the --
- 2 CHAIRMAN KNOX: -- that's been around for a
- 3 while.
- 4 LUBOFF: That's the reason why we were able to
- 5 implement it as quickly as we did because I created
- 6 the program there, all the documentation, all the
- 7 procedures, with the oversight of the US Treasury.
- 8 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Do you have an idea of how much
- 9 volume and notional has gone through the DCEO
- 10 program?
- 11 LUBOFF: Well, when I left December 31st, we
- had been involved in over \$820 million in loans and
- investments. We had invested \$92-plus million of
- 14 State money. Actually, it was \$78 million or \$79
- million of federal money under the State Small
- 16 Business Credit Initiative, and then we started
- 17 recycling money. And that the key thing here. We're
- 18 going to take measured steps to use these funds so
- that as funds start getting paid back, we'll have
- funds in order to move forward. But we also, of
- course, need this new legislation that will give us
- 22 access to the agricultural guarantee programs
- 23 funding.
- 24 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Fantastic.

- 1 Are there any other questions on the
- 2 program?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN KNOX: So hearing none, I would like
- 5 to request a motion to pass and adopt the following
- 6 New Business item, Item No. 1.
- 7 FUENTES: So moved.
- 8 McCOY: Second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Will the Assistant Secretary
- 10 please call the roll?
- 11 OECHSLER: Yes. On the motion and second, I
- 12 will call the roll.
- 13 Mr. Fuentes?
- 14 FUENTES: Yes.
- 15 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek?
- 16 JURACEK: Yes.
- 17 OECHSLER: Committee Chairman Knox?
- 18 CHAIRMAN KNOX: Yes.
- OECHSLER: Mr. McCoy?
- 20 McCOY: Yes.
- OECHSLER: Mr. Zeller?
- 22 ZELLER: Yes.
- OECHSLER: Mr. Committee Chairman, the motion
- 24 caries.

1	CHAIRMAN KNOX: Thank you.
2	Is there any other business to come
3	before the Committee.
4	(No response.)
5	CHAIRMAN KNOX: Hearing none, I'll ask if
6	there's any public comment for the Committee?
7	(No response.)
8	CHAIRMAN KNOX: Hearing none, I'd like to
9	request a motion to adjourn.
10	Is there such a motion?
11	JURACEK: So moved.
12	McCOY: Second.
13	CHAIRMAN KNOX: All those in favor?
14	(Chorus of ayes.)
15	CHAIRMAN KNOX: Any opposed?
16	(No response.)
17	CHAIRMAN KNOX: The ayes have it.
18	Committee, I'd like to call the
19	meeting, if you don't mind.
20	OECHSLER: The time is 9:01.
21	(Whereupon the matter
22	above was adjourned.)
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2	COUNTY OF COOK)
3	Brad Benjamin, being first duly sworn on oath,
4	says that he is a Certified Shorthand Reporter, that
5	he reported in shorthand the proceedings given at the
6	taking of said hearing, and that the foregoing is a
7	true and correct transcript of his shorthand notes so
8	taken as aforesaid and contains all the proceedings
9	given at said Illinois Finance Authority Meeting.
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