

1 ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

2 CONDUIT FINANCING COMMITTEE MEETING

3 October 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

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6 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Conduit

7 Financing Meeting of the Illinois Finance Authority

8 on October 8, 2019, at the hour of 8:30 a.m. pursuant

9 to notice, at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000,

10 Chicago, Illinois.

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12 APPEARANCES:

13 CHAIRMAN LYLE McCOY

14 MR. ERIC ANDERBERG

15 MR. JAMES J. FUENTES

16 MR. MIKE GOETZ

17 MR. WILLIAM HOBERT

18 MS. ARLENE JURACEK

19 ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY STAFF MEMBERS

20 MR. BRAD FLETCHER, Vice President

21 MR. RYAN OECHSLER, IFA Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

22 MS. ELIZABETH WEBER, General Counsel and Legal Advisor to the Board

23 Ms. Lorrie Karcher (via audio conference)

24 MS. SARA PERUGINI, Vice President, Healthcare

25 MR. RICHARD FRAMPTON, Executive Vice President

1 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by

2 Renee E. Brass, CSR, RPR.

1 CHAIR McCOY: I would like to call the
2 meeting to order. Will the Assistant Secretary
3 please call the roll.

4 OECHSLER: The time is 8:30.

5 Mr. Fuentes.

6 FUENTES: Here.

7 OECHSLER: Mr. Goetz.

8 GOETZ: Here.

9 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek.

10 JURACEK: Here.

11 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy.

12 CHAIR McCOY: Here.

13 OECHSLER: And Chair Anderberg, ex-officio,
14 non-voting.

15 ANDERBERG: Here.

16 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy, a quorum
17 of Committee Members has been constituted.

18 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you very much.

19 With respect to the minutes from August 13,
20 2019, does anybody wish to make any additions,
21 corrections, or edits to said minutes?

22 Hearing none, I would like to request a

1 motion to approve the minutes.

2 Is there such a motion?

3 GOETZ: So moved.

4 FUENTES: Second.

5 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 CHAIR McCOY: The ayes have it.

9 Presentation and consideration of new
10 business: I'd like to ask the general consent of the
11 Members to consider each of the new business items
12 collectively and to have the subsequent recorded vote
13 applied to each respective individual item unless
14 there are any specific New Business item or items
15 that a Member would like to consider separately.

16 Hearing none, I think we can move on then
17 and move to Mr. Frampton.

18 FRAMPTON: Thank you, Chairman McCoy.

19 We will begin with item 1, which is tab 1
20 in your Board book. It's a one-time final bond
21 resolution for Waste Management, Inc.

22 Actually the preliminary bond resolution
23 associated with this financing was approved back in
24 April of 2005. The voting record, for those of you

1 who were on the board at that time, is presented on
2 Page 1. This is our first financing with Waste
3 Management since 2007. We have a long history with
4 Waste Management and its predecessors going back to
5 1978.

6 Since 1985 we have undertaken seven
7 financings for Waste Management totaling over
8 \$325 million.

9 OECHSLER: Can we just note for the record
10 that Member Hobert has joined the meeting.

11 CHAIR McCOY: It will.

12 FRAMPTON: And just more generally, we had
13 not seen public companies like Waste Management for a
14 decade or more due to the narrow taxable/tax exempt
15 spreads. Additionally, for certain industries, the
16 water utilities in particular, there had been changes
17 in bonus depreciation provisions resulting from the
18 tax cut and jobs act of 2007.

19 One common thread for all private company
20 financings that are undertaken with tax exempt bonds,
21 when a company uses tax exempt financing, they are
22 ineligible to use any bonus depreciation provision,
23 so when you bond finance a project, all bond financed
24 assets have to be straight -- depreciated on a

1 straight line basis, so we have Waste Management in
2 for a project financing today.

3 The not-to-exceed amount is \$65 million 375 thousand.

4 The anticipated dollar amount of the financing is
5 \$50 million. The eight projects that are contemplated
6 for financing include landfill facilities, as well as
7 a material resource recovery facility in Hodgkins.
8 Those projects are listed on Page 8, and a general
9 description of the project expenditures are described
10 in the first paragraph on Page 1.

11 Waste Management employs 550 people in
12 Illinois. These eight project sites employ 96.
13 Within two years of completion of the projects, Waste
14 Management expects to add four, and as far as the
15 landfill improvement work, which could be considered
16 construction, all of that will be undertaken by Waste
17 Management employees.

18 Just in terms of the financing structure,
19 it's going to be very straightforward. The bonds
20 will be sold based on Waste Management's S&P ratings.
21 Long-term, they have an A- rating. Short-term
22 rating is A2.

23 The bonds will allow for a multi mobile
24 structure, so Waste Management will be able to choose

1 one or more interest rate modes at the time they
2 price, and the bonds will be sold and rated based
3 either on their applicable long-term or short-term
4 rating.

5 GOETZ: So it will be a public offering?

6 FRAMPTON: This will be a public offering.

7 The bonds will be underwritten by Bank of America
8 Securities, and the bonds will have a maximum
9 maturity of 30 years.

10 Not too much to review with respect to
11 Waste Management's financials. Since they are a
12 public company, we have to be discreet about what we
13 discuss in the form of this public meeting, but as
14 reported on Page 9, as you can see, their coverages
15 are very strong, and the company overall has posted
16 almost \$50 billion of revenues in 2018, so a financing
17 like this, really the new debt is essentially a
18 rounding error.

19 But if you look at Page 10 under comments
20 on historical debt service coverage, Waste Management
21 declared and paid cash dividends of \$726 million in
22 2016; \$750 million in 2017; and \$802 million in 2018.

23 The year-to-year increases in dividends are
24 more than enough to cover debt service payments on

1 the bonds, so obviously --

2 GOETZ: No brainer.

3 FRAMPTON: -- we are talking about a strong
4 credit here. We're pleased to and will be pleased to
5 welcome them back today.

6 Just one other thing to know: On a
7 dollar-issued basis, the Authority does better on
8 these for-profit conduit bond financings than in any
9 other sector, so with all those -- and these bonds
10 are being issued to satisfy the Authority's statutory
11 mandate to finance solid waste disposal facilities,
12 so with all those factors, the staff recommends
13 approval, and I'll stop now and ask if there are any
14 questions or comments.

15 CHAIR McCOY: Any questions?

16 I guess for my own knowledge, when we talk
17 about projects that are in here, are these new
18 projects or add on to existing landfill sites?

19 FRAMPTON: Most of these are add-ons to
20 existing landfill sites, and for some of them, these
21 financings can be used at any stage of landfill
22 development, so from initial construction to
23 post-closure, because there's still issues with
24 respect to what they call leachates, which is water

1 runoff, methane gas runoff.

2 Those are all issues that have to be
3 managed for 100 years, so without getting into
4 specifics, certain of the projects on Page 8 are at
5 or nearing closure. So...

6 CHAIR McCOY: They are not going to a new
7 landfill site?

8 FRAMPTON: None of these projects involve
9 that, and the company reports that all of these
10 facilities are fully permitted for the expenditures
11 that are contemplated to be bond financed.

12 CHAIR McCOY: Okay. Thanks, Rich.

13 FRAMPTON: You're welcome. Okay.

14 Next we'll move on to Item 2, which is a
15 one-time final bond resolution for American Water
16 Capital Corp. The not-to-exceed amount is
17 \$28,500,000. The bond proceeds will be used to
18 refinance and current re-fund 100 percent of the
19 outstanding principal balance of American Water's
20 Series 2009 bonds.

21 Those bonds were issued on a fixed rate
22 basis, 30-year term, bullet maturity in 2039. They
23 are going to be maintaining the same final maturity
24 date, but with this financing, they will be doing two

1 things. They will undertake a refinancing to obtain
2 a lower interest rate, but in addition to that, the
3 new bonds will be multi modal bonds, so they will be
4 able to select one or more maturities presumably of a
5 shorter duration.

6 They will be able to take advantage of the
7 shorter end of the yield curve, so while this will attain
8 present value savings, they are going to determine
9 exactly what they are going to do based on pricing
10 conditions.

11 Both American Water and Waste Management
12 are looking to close later this month after they
13 report earnings, and just in terms of American
14 Water's rating, they have split ratings. They're
15 long-term Baal from Moody's and single A from S&P.
16 Short-term they are P2 from Moody's and A1 from S&P.

17 Moody's downgraded American Water in May.
18 They expressed concerns specifically about an ongoing
19 trend of dividend growth, coupled with an increase in
20 capital expenditures and leverage. That was their
21 rationale for their downgrade.

22 In June S&P affirmed their long-term
23 ratings of single A and short-term A1.

24 So the bonds are being issued by American

1 Water Capital Corp, which is the financing subsidiary
2 of American Water Works Company, Inc., which is the
3 parent company. The local operating company is
4 Illinois American Water.

5 Just in terms of the scope of operations of
6 American Water, the Illinois American operating
7 subsidiary employs 478 people. This is noted on
8 Page 4 of the report.

9 American Water through their other
10 corporate operations in Illinois, which includes a
11 management company, which is a non-regulated
12 operation, their management company runs the water
13 and waste water system at Scott Air Force base.

14 In addition to that, they have a call
15 center in Alton that employs 400 people, and they
16 have a testing lab at Belleville that employs another
17 19.

18 American's history in Illinois goes back
19 140 years. They provide water to 1.3 million people,
20 so roughly 10 percent of the population in Illinois.
21 Just in terms of Illinois American's scope as a
22 percentage of American Water's operations overall,
23 that is described on Page 12 of the report.

24 Illinois American overall accounts for

1 roughly 10 percent of American Water's regulated
2 revenues, and 9 and a half percent of their customer
3 base.

4 Overall American Water's regulated
5 utilities provide about \$2.9 billion out of
6 Corporate's \$3.4 billion of revenues.

7 Since 86 percent of American Water's
8 operations are attributable to regulated utilities,
9 if you look at their financials on Page 11, you can
10 see that comparatively speaking, although their
11 coverages are strong, as a regulated company, they
12 don't exhibit quite the margins we saw with the last
13 applicant we looked at.

14 But in any case, American Water is very
15 strong. Their financial performance reflects what
16 one would expect of BBB plus/single A rated borrower,
17 and we recommend approval.

18 Any questions or comments?

19 GOETZ: This is a public offering also?

20 FRAMPTON: This will be a public offering
21 sold by J.P. Morgan Securities based on American
22 Water Capital Corp's long and short-term ratings.

23 ANDERBERG: Rich, when you said there's
24 concern with Moody's about the dividend, off the

1 cuff, what's the percentage of dividend, the net
2 income and making dividend?

3 FRAMPTON: It's not described in this
4 report, but just what they are concerned with has
5 been the trend increase as a percentage of net
6 income, and it's the combined effect of the dividends
7 plus their CapEx, which over the next five years, I
8 believe they are undertaking -- they are going to be
9 undertaking a significant increase in capital
10 expenditures, so I think we can expect to see
11 American Water Cap Corp's return in the near future
12 for new financings.

13 But one of the reasons they are also
14 pursuing that is they have been pressured by the
15 changes in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that has
16 eliminated their ability to take accelerated
17 depreciation. That had completely offset their tax
18 liability, so they had zero tax liabilities.

19 That's changed going forward, so by
20 pursuing tax exempt financing, they will be able to
21 offset some of that loss. So...

22 ANDERBERG: Thank you.

23 CHAIR McCOY: Any other questions? Rich, I
24 think it's Columbia College.

1 FRAMPTON: Next we have Columbia College.
2 This is a one-time final bond resolution for
3 \$23 million. One thing I want to point out is that
4 Columbia financed construction of this new
5 \$55 million student center completely with
6 non-governmental funds, so they did this on their
7 own.

8 The IFA bond issue will then essentially
9 provide permanent take-out financing for a portion of
10 the project cost. The not-to-exceed amount reported
11 in the bond resolution is \$23 million.

12 We expect the bond issuance amount to be
13 more in the \$17 to \$20 million range, and they're
14 expecting there to be substantial premium on the
15 bonds that are sold, so it's possible the issuance
16 amount may be as low as 17.

17 One of the reasons that that is important
18 is if you look at the box note at the top of Page 10,
19 the college is planning to prepay up to \$11.4 million
20 of outstanding debt associated with their Series 2000
21 bonds, so on a net basis, this financing is only
22 going to be increasing their debt by roughly
23 \$5.8 million to \$6 million, so the college should be
24 commended for how conservatively they are pursuing

1 this debt offering.

2 In addition to that, if you look at other
3 noncurrent assets on their balance sheet, on Page 9,
4 which is the second to the last line item, under
5 total assets, other current assets have increased by
6 \$44 million from 2017 to 2018 with a similar increase
7 the previous year.

8 What has driven all that had been building
9 divestitures which are described in the last full
10 paragraph on Page 10.

11 In 2017, Columbia College sold their
12 ownership interest in the University Center Chicago
13 project. That generated over \$42 million of net
14 proceeds.

15 Then in 2018 Columbia proceeded to sell
16 three additional buildings, which generated another
17 \$40 million in net proceeds, so that's \$80 million in
18 net proceeds.

19 So they have been able to take these
20 buildings and convert them into cash and have
21 bolstered their balance sheet.

22 So they have been able to do all of this
23 and yet still maintain strong cash flows in spite of
24 some of the enrollment challenges they face, which

1 are not uncommon particularly for some of the private
2 institutions.

3 Going into the fall of 2019, they believe
4 that they have reversed their long stretch of
5 enrollment declines. Preliminarily they are
6 forecasting a small increase going into 2019, so
7 Columbia has done a very nice job of managing and
8 repositioning their balance sheet going forward.

9 There are photos of the newly opened
10 project on Page 8. They had a grand opening for the
11 project in mid September.

12 One thing you will note, just under the job
13 forecasts for the project, as is true for many
14 private colleges, what their real focus is is on
15 expense control. So they are not forecasting any
16 direct employment increases, but they do have tenants
17 in the facility, including Aramark, for example.
18 There's also a private health club. Those projects
19 have added 18 full-time employees already.

20 So that's the rationale for the way things
21 are reported just in terms of jobs. Columbia's rated
22 BBB+.

23 Loop Capital Markets will be selling these
24 bonds via a public offering in the market, looking at

1 a 30 year, and they are looking at a 30-year
2 maturity.

3 So with that, I'll conclude my remarks and
4 ask if there are any questions or comments?

5 CHAIR McCOY: Good.

6 GOETZ: I think all three of these projects
7 are really good. Really going to help our balance
8 sheet.

9 FRAMPTON: Absolutely. If we could have
10 three or four months like this during the course of
11 the year, we would be where we want to be.

12 CHAIR McCOY: Thanks, Rich.

13 Lorrie, I think it's on you.

14 KARCHER: Thank you. Agenda Item No. 4 is
15 a one-time final bond resolution requesting approval
16 for beginning farmer bond for Dane J. and Jennifer L.
17 Milleville, who is purchasing 70 acres of farmland
18 located in Effingham County in the not-to-exceed
19 amount of \$215,000.

20 First Mid Bank and Trust is the purchasing
21 bank for the conduit transaction.

22 That concludes the bond request if anyone
23 has any questions.

24 CHAIR McCOY: No, Lorrie. I think we are

1 good. Thank you.

2 KARCHER: You are welcome.

3 CHAIR McCOY: Brad.

4 FLETCHER: Next is tab 5 in your board
5 books which is a final bond resolution on behalf of
6 Maine Township High School District 207 in Cook
7 County, a not-to-exceed amount of \$89 million,
8 although we anticipate that the actual issuance
9 amount will be approximately \$80 million at this
10 time.

11 Maine Township High School District 207 is
12 an Illinois public high school district that provides
13 education for high school students at Maine East, Maine
14 South and Maine West, serving students in an
15 approximate area of 36 square miles who reside in the
16 city of Park Ridge, as well as Des Plaines, Niles,
17 Morton Grove, Harwood Heights, Norridge, Mount
18 Prospect, Glenview, Rosemont and Norwood Park
19 Township.

20 Enrollment at the district totals
21 approximately 6,400 students during the 2018-2019
22 school year, so last school year, and they forecast
23 stable enrollment over the coming five years.

24 The district has embarked on an ambitious

1 \$240 million master facility plan that they expect to
2 complete by December 31, 2023, in order to continue
3 to meet parents' expectations in the district.

4 Accordingly, in November 2018, the voters
5 in the district approved a referendum to issue
6 approximately \$195 million of bonds to finance this
7 master facility improvement plan, which includes
8 constructing various security improvements,
9 increasing accessibility to comply with the Americans
10 with Disabilities Act, replacing electrical, plumbing
11 and mechanical systems throughout, renovating
12 classrooms and labs, improving the library media
13 center and, furthermore, renovating special education
14 spaces.

15 The balance of this master facility plan,
16 approximately \$45 million will actually be financed
17 with cash reserves, something we don't often see in
18 these local government deals, which I'll get to in
19 just a minute.

20 To the transaction, the district is seeking
21 to issue bonds through the Authority for its second
22 tranche of bonds which will finance approximately
23 27 months of new construction. The proposed bonds
24 will be competitively bid through a negotiated sale

1 by a district financial advisor who is PMA
2 Securities.

3 The bonds were just assigned a Aa1
4 rating by Moody's last week, which is just one notch
5 below the top rating for the Moody's long-term rating
6 scale.

7 As with all conduit local government
8 transactions, the Authority's proceeds of the IFA
9 bond issue purchased the local government security
10 issued by the district, therefore state bond
11 investors in Illinois availed themselves of both
12 federal tax exemption, as well as state tax
13 exemption.

14 Getting to the confidential section of the
15 report, in Pages 9 through 12, I wanted to bring your
16 attention to a few of the tables that we have
17 provided for your review.

18 These tables are a derivative of our review
19 of the district's financial statements, as well as a
20 preliminary offering statement. Notably table 9 in
21 the middle of Page 10 provides the unassigned fund
22 summary of the district.

23 You will note that the district has
24 reserves of approximately \$124 million, by far and

1 away the most we have seen through any of these local
2 government transactions. This is where the district
3 will derive \$45 million of cash reserves to finance
4 the cash portion of the project.

5 Skipping ahead to table 10, which is in the
6 middle of Page 11, we have calculated the district's
7 available legal debt margin of which there is
8 currently sufficient capacity to not only issue
9 proposed IFA bonds, but also the additional time just
10 to complete the overall master facility plan.

11 Finally, table 11 on the bottom of Page 11
12 in the confidential section, we have to provide the
13 EAV for the district's last five years.

14 You will note that in 2016 the district EAV
15 rose significantly. This was due to the Cook County
16 assessor's triannual reassessment.

17 Similarly, if you pick up on the pattern,
18 the district is expecting an approximate 30 percent
19 increase in total EAV for the 2019 year, so we
20 recommend approval, and I can take any questions.

21 CHAIR McCOY: Any questions? Thanks, Brad.

22 FLETCHER: Next is tab No. 6 in your board
23 books. Tab No. 6 is an amendatory bond resolution on
24 behalf of JH Naperville, LLC. JH Naperville Hotel,

1 LLC was formed as a special purpose entity by Janko
2 Group of Riverwoods, Illinois, and Heitman Value
3 Partners which is an affiliate of Chicago-based
4 Heitman, LLC, which is a real estate investment and
5 management firm in order to develop, finance,
6 renovate and operate a full service Marriott Hotel
7 and conference center in Naperville.

8 The Authority issued facility bonds in 2010
9 in order to finance the hotel development project on
10 a tax exempt basis which was then allowed for a
11 limited time under the American Recovery and
12 Reinvestment Act for the Board members that will
13 recall that time.

14 Bonds were purchased and held by an
15 institutional investor in 2010, and at this time,
16 approximately 10 years later, three banks will
17 purchase the 2010 bonds which still remain
18 outstanding in full, only now they will be reissued
19 in three separate series, specifically Sunflower
20 Public Finance from Kansas will purchase \$20 million;
21 while Bell Bank and First National Bank of Hutchinson
22 will each participate and purchase \$5 million each.

23 The reissued bonds will bear a reset fixed
24 interest rate that will be approximately 140 basis

1 points lower than they are currently being borne on
2 upon the bonds, and the initial term with the new
3 banks will be for five years, and, similarly, there
4 will be a new 25-year amortization schedule.

5 Bond counsel has opined that a TEFRA
6 hearing is not necessary as the weighted average
7 maturity of this debt has not been extended.

8 All interest payments, I'll note for the
9 record, have been made as scheduled to date and
10 because this is a for-profit development, we did
11 provide an ownership disclosure of the borrower at
12 the top of Page 2.

13 Finally, our discounted fee for this
14 re-issuance as we are treating this as an amendment
15 is noted in the confidential section on Page 6 of the
16 report.

17 Any questions?

18 CHAIR McCOY: Okay.

19 FLETCHER: Next is tab No. 7. Tab No. 7 of
20 your Board books is an amendatory bond resolution on
21 behalf of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society.

22 The Zoological Society was incorporated in
23 1959. In 1995 the Society assumed management of the
24 Lincoln Park Zoo on Chicago's north side from the;

1 Chicago Park District, which remains the owner
2 through a public/private partnership.

3 As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, the
4 Society issued two series of bonds through IFA in
5 2017. The Series 2017 A bond in the amount of
6 \$35,177,00 was purchased by Northern Trust. Series
7 2017 B bond was issued in the same amount of
8 \$35,177,000, purchased by PNC Bank.

9 I'll note that there's a typo in the second
10 paragraph of the report that states Northern Trust
11 purchased approximately \$37 million, but the correct
12 amount is \$35 million, so my apologies.

13 As I mentioned, the bonds were issued in
14 December 2017 to refund outstanding commercial paper
15 notes that had theretofore financed various
16 improvements through the zoo, and each series of
17 bonds was purchased for an initial term of five years
18 by the two banks bearing a variable rate of interest
19 based on LIBOR.

20 Final maturity date of each series of bonds
21 remains November 1, 2043. At this time due to
22 changes in the federal corporate tax rate, the
23 Authority is being asked to provide its consent as
24 each bank desires to decrease the effective interest

1 rate borne upon the bonds by approximately 60 basis
2 points.

3 This is favorable, of course, to the
4 Society, and, furthermore, extend their initial terms
5 approximately 22 months to November 1, 2024.

6 Additionally, the resolution provides
7 authorization to include alternative benchmark
8 language in the event LIBOR is no longer utilized,
9 and Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel has opined that
10 a TEFRA hearing is not necessary, and our discounted
11 fee because we are treating this as an amendment is
12 listed on the confidential section on Page 7 of the
13 report.

14 Are there any questions?

15 CHAIR McCOY: Good, Brad. Thank you.

16 FLETCHER: Next is tab 8 in your Board
17 books. This is Quad County Urban League.

18 This is a mandatory bond resolution of
19 behalf of Quad County Urban League, Incorporated
20 based in Aurora.

21 The Urban League is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
22 entity that was first established in 1975. It's an
23 affiliate of the National Urban League, is a member
24 agency of the United Way. It is a nonprofit entity.

1 The Urban League issued bonds from IFA in
2 2007 to finance the expansion, rehabilitation of the
3 facility formerly used by the Aurora Middle School
4 Academy for the League's new vocational and
5 educational training center.

6 The facility houses the Urban League's
7 existing programs. This is partially a leaseback to
8 the East Aurora School District.

9 Series 2007 bonds were issued, in the original
10 principal amount of \$4,735,000, which were purchased
11 as well by a nonprofit preferred funding trust at
12 that time.

13 The Nonprofit Preferred Funding Trust is a
14 structured tax exempt passthrough program that was
15 formed in November 2006 to invest in the portfolio of
16 municipal debt issued by nonprofits.

17 The initial portfolio was selected by Cohen
18 Municipal Capital Management, LLC.

19 Shortly before principal on the Series 2007
20 bond began amortizing in February 2013, the Urban
21 League and Nonprofit Preferred Funding Trust entered
22 into a forbearance agreement that was dated
23 October 19, 2012, as the League was unable to make
24 its required debt service payments.

1 While on forbearance, the Urban League's
2 2007 bonds remained part of the actively managed
3 portfolio of a Nonprofit Preferred Funding Trust
4 until this past June.

5 In total the League has only repaid \$75,000
6 of principal. In June the bonds were then
7 transferred to a new bondholder, the Dunham Fund.

8 The Dunham Fund, which we provided a short
9 description and disclosure of, is a private
10 foundation that was capitalized back in 2007 in
11 accordance with the provisions of the John C. Dunham
12 Trust with the goal of becoming a self-sustaining
13 gifting organization focused on financing
14 community-based projects in the Aurora area.

15 Now, the Dunham Fund is the sole bondholder
16 as of this past June. The Dunham Fund wishes to
17 write down approximately \$3 million of outstanding
18 principal of the bonds, reset the fixed interest
19 rate, and change the amortization schedule.

20 The bonds are otherwise currently bearing a
21 fixed interest rate of 7 percent. In exchange for
22 the write down of principal, the Dunham Fund will be
23 increasing its interest rate two points to 9 percent
24 fixed.

1 An adoption of this bond resolution,
2 therefore, will provide the Authority's consent to
3 these agreed-to changes between a borrower and the
4 sole bondholder.

5 The net effect of this transaction, of
6 course, will be positive to the Urban League as the
7 balance sheet will only have approximately \$1.4
8 million outstanding rather than the current
9 \$4.6 million.

10 Furthermore, as the Urban League renewed
11 its lease for five more years with the East Aurora
12 School District just two weeks ago, the lease
13 payments will be made directly to the trustee for the
14 benefit of the Dunham Fund through an intercept
15 agreement that will be entered contemporaneously with
16 this transaction.

17 Ice Miller, who served as bond counsel on
18 this transaction, has opined that a TEFRA hearing is
19 not necessary, and overall this is a win-win for this
20 borrower who has been in forbearance for a number of
21 years, and given the circumstances of this
22 transaction, our discounted fee is listed in the
23 confidential section of Page 7 of the report.

24 So this one is a little hairy, but we are

1 simply being asked for our consent to changes agreed
2 to by the borrower and the bondholder.

3 Are there any questions?

4 MR. HOBERT: How is it a win-win?

5 FLETCHER: Dunham Fund is a charitable
6 organization so they are willing to write down the
7 principal as a charitable organization -- foundation
8 I should say, but in exchange they are receiving
9 increased interest rate, tax exempt 9 percent
10 interest rate, which in today's interest rate
11 environment I'll point out is rather high, and,
12 furthermore, because they are a tax-paying entity,
13 they do get to write off the amount that they are
14 charitably giving, and so for the borrower, of
15 course, they are getting the write down of 300 -- I'm
16 sorry?

17 HOBERT: That's how they get it.

18 FLETCHER: Right. Thank you.

19 CHAIR McCOY: Sara.

20 PERUGINI: Item No. 9 is a resolution
21 relating to the Series 2017 bonds previously issued
22 by the Authority on behalf of Covenant Living
23 Communities and Services, formerly known as Covenant
24 Retirement Communities, Inc.

1 This resolution authorizes and approves the
2 execution and delivery of a supplement to the bond
3 indenture and related documents in order to
4 accomplish certain amendments.

5 A little bit of background: The Series
6 2017 bonds were purchased by Bank of America Public
7 Capital Corp. They currently bear interest at a rate
8 equal to the LIBOR index rate which is determined
9 according to a formula, including, among other
10 things, a percentage of LIBOR, plus a credit spread.

11 And the bonds bear interest at this rate
12 until the mandatory tender date of February 1, 2024.

13 With respect to the amendment, the
14 resolution allows the borrower and the purchaser to
15 lower the interest rate on the bonds by amending the
16 formula for determining the LIBOR index rate.

17 In addition, the mandatory tender date will
18 also be extended to the maturity date of the bonds,
19 which is December 1, 2029. And the definition of
20 LIBOR will also be amended to permit the use of an
21 alternative market index in advance of the
22 anticipated discontinuation of the use of LIBOR.

23 Does anyone have any questions at this
24 time?

1 CHAIR McCOY: No. I think that's good.

2 Thank you.

3 Moving on, I'd like to request a motion for
4 approval of the following new business items, 1, 2,
5 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

6 Is there such a motion?

7 GOETZ: So moved.

8 JURACEK: Second.

9 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you. Will the
10 Assistant Secretary please call the roll.

11 OECHSLER: On the motion and second I will
12 call the roll.

13 Mr. Fuentes.

14 FUENTES: Yes.

15 OECHSLER: Mr. Goetz.

16 GOETZ: Yes.

17 OECHSLER: Mr. Hobert.

18 HOBERT: Yes.

19 OECHSLER: Ms. Juracek.

20 JURACEK: Yes.

21 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy.

22 CHAIR McCOY: Yes.

23 OECHSLER: Committee Chair McCoy, the
24 motion carries.

1 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you.

2 Is there any other new business to come
3 before the Committee?

4 Hearing none, is there any public comment
5 for the Committee?

6 Again, hearing none, I would like to
7 request a motion to adjourn.

8 GOETZ: So moved.

9 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you. Second?

10 FUENTES: Second.

11 CHAIR McCOY: Thank you. All those in
12 favor?

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIR McCOY: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 Ayes have it. Thank you.

17 OECHSLER: The time is 9:09 a.m.

18 (Whereupon the above
19 matter was adjourned.)

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