ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY
February 13, 2024
Regular Meeting of the Members
9:00 AM

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

had at the meeting of the above-entitled cause at 160 North LaSalle Street, 10th Floor, Chicago, Illinois taken before Janet L. Brown, CSR No. 84-002176 on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 AM.

PRESENT:

Will Hobert, Chair
Drew Beres, Member
Arlene Juracek, Member
Roger Poole, Member
Tim Ryan, Member
Michael Strautmanis, Member
J. Randal Wexler, Member
Lynn Sutton, Member
Steven Landek, Member
Karen Caldwell, Member
Ameya Pawar, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Meister, Executive Director;
Mr. Brad Fletcher, Senior Vice President,
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary;
Ms. Claire Brinley, Assistant Secretary;
Mr. Ed Small, President of Smart Hotels/Olympia
Chicago, LLC.



- 1 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert, Chair of
- 2 the Illinois Finance Authority. I would like to
- 3 call the meeting to order.
- 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: This is Brad
- 5 Fletcher. Good morning. Today's date is Tuesday,
- 6 February 13th, 2024, and this regular meeting of
- 7 the Authority has been called to order by Chair
- 8 Hobert at the time of 9:03 AM.
- 9 Chair Hobert and some Members are
- 10 attending this --
- 11 COURT REPORTER: I can't hear. I'm sorry.
- 12 Can you speak a little louder?
- 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Sure. My
- 14 apologies. Where should I restart?
- 15 COURT REPORTER: Just continue on.
- 16 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Chair Hobert
- 17 and some Members are attending this meeting in
- 18 person in Suite S-1000 of 160 North LaSalle Street
- 19 in Chicago, Illinois, and some Members are
- 20 attending in Hearing Room A of 527 East Capitol
- 21 Avenue in Springfield, Illinois. The two locations
- 22 are connected through an interactive video and
- 23 audio conference.
- 24 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Will



- 1 the Assistant Secretary please call the roll?
- 2 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Certainly.
- 3 Member Abrams? Member Beres?
- 4 MEMBER BERES: Here.
- 5 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 6 Caldwell? Member Fuentes?
- 7 MEMBER FUENTES: Here.
- 8 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 9 Juracek?
- 10 MEMBER JURACEK: Here.
- 11 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 12 Landek?
- 13 MEMBER LANDEK: Here.
- 14 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member Nava?
- 15 Member Pawar? Member Poole?
- MEMBER POOLE: Here.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member Ryan?
- 18 MEMBER RYAN: Here.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 20 Strautmanis? Member Sutton?
- MEMBER SUTTON: Here.
- 22 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 23 Wexler?
- MEMBER WEXLER: Here.



- 1 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Member
- 2 Zeller? And Chair Hobert?
- 3 CHAIR HOBERT: Here.
- 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Again, this
- 5 is Brad Fletcher. Chair Hobert, in accordance with
- 6 Section 2.01 of the Open Meetings Act, as amended,
- 7 a quorum of members has been constituted. I note
- 8 that Member Poole is attending at the Springfield
- 9 location while the Chair and rest of the Members
- 10 are attending from the Chicago location.
- 11 For anyone from the public
- 12 participating via phone, to mute and unmute your
- 13 line, you may press star 6 on your keypad if you do
- 14 not have that feature on your phone.
- 15 As a reminder, we are being
- 16 recorded and a court reporter is transcribing
- 17 today's proceedings. For the consideration of the
- 18 court reporter, I would like to ask that each
- 19 Member state their name before making or seconding
- 20 a motion or otherwise provide any comments for the
- 21 record.
- The agenda for this public meeting
- 23 was posted in the lobby and on the tenth floor of
- 24 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, on the first



- 1 floor of 527 East Capitol Avenue in Springfield,
- 2 and on the Authority's website, in each case as of
- 3 last Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Building
- 4 security at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago and
- 5 527 East Capitol Avenue in Springfield has been
- 6 advised that any members of the public who choose
- 7 to do so and choose to comply with the building's
- 8 public health and safety requirements may come to
- 9 those representative rooms to listen to the
- 10 proceedings.
- I am confirming that I can see
- 12 Roger Poole at the Springfield location. Roger,
- 13 can you confirm that the video and audio conference
- 14 is clearly seen and heard at the Springfield
- 15 location?
- 16 MEMBER POOLE: Yes. I am physically present
- 17 at the Springfield location. I can see everybody
- 18 and hear everybody.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Confirming
- 20 for the record we can see Member Poole as well.
- 21 Again, this is Brad Fletcher. If
- 22 any members of the public participating via video
- 23 or audio conference find that they cannot see or
- 24 hear these proceedings clearly, please call



- 1 (312)651-1300 or write info@il-fa.com immediately
- 2 to let us know, and we will endeavor to solve the
- 3 video or audio issue.
- 4 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Does
- 5 anyone wish to make any additions, edits, or
- 6 corrections to today's agenda?
- 7 Hearing none, I would like to
- 8 request a motion to approve the agenda.
- 9 Is there such a motion?
- 10 MEMBER BERES: This is Drew Beres. So
- 11 moved.
- 12 MEMBER SUTTON: This is Lynn Sutton.
- 13 Second.
- 14 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. All
- 15 those in favor?
- 16 (Ayes via voice vote)
- 17 CHAIR HOBERT: Any opposed?
- This is Will Hobert. The ayes have
- 19 it and the motion carries.
- Next on the agenda is public
- 21 comment.
- 22 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: This is Brad
- 23 Fletcher. If anyone from the public participating
- 24 via video and audio conference wish to make a



- 1 comment, please indicate your desire to do so by
- 2 using the "Raise Hand" function. Click on the
- 3 "Raise Hand" option located at the right side of
- 4 your screen.
- 5 If anyone from the public
- 6 participating via phone wishes to make a comment,
- 7 please indicate your desire to do so by using the
- 8 "Raise Hand" function by pressing star 3.
- 9 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Is
- 10 there any public comment for the members?
- 11 Hearing none, welcome to the
- 12 regularly scheduled February 13th, 2024, meeting of
- 13 the Illinois Finance Authority.
- 14 As mentioned by the Assistant
- 15 Secretary, we are glad that our colleague Roger
- 16 Poole can participate in today's meeting from the
- 17 ICC office in Springfield, Illinois. Roger, thank
- 18 you for making the trip to Springfield to join us
- 19 remotely.
- 20 For the members physically present
- 21 here in Chicago, our Chicago office, thank you for
- 22 joining us as well. I appreciate your service.
- 23 While we did not have a January
- 24 meeting, January 1, 2024, did mark the 20th



- 1 anniversary of the creation of the Illinois Finance
- 2 Authority through the consolidation of seven
- 3 predecessor statutory entities. As the Members
- 4 know, the Authority is self-supporting and, to
- 5 date, has not received State taxpayer
- 6 appropriations to support our operations.
- 7 In the recently released Fiscal
- 8 Year 2023 Financial Audit before you today, I will
- 9 paraphrase some of the Authority's collective
- 10 financial accomplishments from the Transmittal
- 11 Letter (specifically page 2):
- Between July 1, 2005, and June 30,
- 13 2023, the Authority earned 118.2 million, spent
- 14 85.3 million with a total resulting profit of
- 15 approximately \$33 million. The Authority also
- 16 successfully removed legacy risk to the Illinois
- 17 taxpayers and to the Authority's public funds of
- 18 approximately \$101.4 million.
- 19 This was made possible mainly
- 20 through the issuance of conduit bonds like those on
- 21 this morning's agenda on behalf of The University
- 22 of Chicago Medical Center, the Smart Hotels/Olympia
- 23 Chicago project, and amendments to outstanding
- 24 conduit bonds like the resolution regarding the



- 1 bonds issued on behalf of the Convent of the Sacred
- 2 Heart of Chicago.
- 3 Bonds don't issue themselves. The
- 4 Authority operates in a competitive environment.
- 5 It takes focused customer service, timely
- 6 responsiveness, diligence, and attention to detail
- 7 by our staff team. Staff shares that today conduit
- 8 projects often have more twists, turns,
- 9 and complexities than in the past.
- 10 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Can we get rid
- 11 of the echo?
- 12 CHAIR HOBERT: Roger, would you please mute.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 We're still getting feedback. Can
- 15 those that are attending virtually please mute?
- 16 Thank you.
- No. Hold on.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: They're all
- 19 muted.
- 20 CHAIR HOBERT: Is that muted too?
- 21 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Yes.
- 22 CHAIR HOBERT: All right. We will
- 23 persevere. Actually, that seems to have done it.
- Our staff strives for clear public



- 1 presentations to us and they are constantly working
- 2 to improve this clarity. So to our staff, Brad,
- 3 Sara, Elizabeth, Claire, and Lorrie, who work
- 4 directly with the Authority's borrowers and their
- 5 transaction teams, thank you. We understand that
- 6 your jobs are challenging and have many
- 7 stakeholders. On behalf of the Members, we are
- 8 grateful that you take your role seriously and
- 9 perform your duties well.
- 10 In addition to bond issuance,
- 11 flexibility, and the ability to act effectively
- 12 when needed is part of the Authority's competitive
- 13 advantage. Back in 2019, Governor Pritzker's
- 14 Office asked the Authority to help with Senate Bill
- 15 1300 or Public Act 101-610 that became state law on
- 16 January 1, 2020. Senate Bill 1300 consolidated 650
- 17 local pension portfolios for Illinois first
- 18 responders into two separate funds: one for the
- 19 Police Officers and one for the Firefighters.
- The Authority made necessary
- 21 start-up loans to the two newly created funds. One
- 22 of these loans paid off early and the other loan is
- 23 expected to be paid off on schedule in the coming
- 24 months.



- 1 The goal for Senate Bill 1300 was
- 2 to help ensure the retirement security of Illinois
- 3 local first responders by prudently increasing
- 4 investment returns, and in doing so, reduce the
- 5 future burden on local Illinois property taxpayers.
- 6 Litigation challenging the State
- 7 constitutionality of Senate Bill 1300 then began.
- 8 But on January 19, 2024, the Illinois Supreme Court
- 9 affirmed the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1300
- 10 and dismissed the litigation. To date, the Senate
- 11 Bill 1300 plan appears to be working. Crain's
- 12 Chicago Business reported that the Illinois Police
- 13 Officers' Pension Investment Fund posted a net
- 14 return of 8.8 percent and the Illinois
- 15 Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund posted a net
- 16 return of 9.7 percent, much higher than the 650
- 17 individual portfolios could have obtained
- 18 individually.
- 19 Six and Elizabeth along with former
- 20 employees Bill Atwood and Jacob Stuckey made the
- 21 Authority's pieces of this puzzle work. We are
- 22 grateful to them. Like our work on the conduit
- 23 bonds, Senate Bill 1300 may be the best kind of
- 24 success. The people who benefit may never know or



- 1 fully understand the Authority's role in what we
- 2 hope to be continued positive outcomes over the
- 3 long term.
- 4 Bond issuance and projects like
- 5 Senate Bill 1300 have provided the Authority with a
- 6 strong foundation that positions us well for
- 7 success as the Climate Bank. As you will hear,
- 8 financially, the Authority is strong. Mainly
- 9 because we are building on our record as a conduit
- 10 issuer. While I like our chances of success as the
- 11 Climate Bank, success also generates work for us as
- 12 Members. The Governor and I continue to need you
- 13 for monthly in-person attendance at meetings.
- 14 But there are also the upcoming
- 15 annual economic interest disclosures. As a
- 16 reminder, there are two, one for the Illinois
- 17 Secretary of State and one for the Executive Ethics
- 18 Commission, both due May 1. Elizabeth and Claire
- 19 will work with each of you on the economic interest
- 20 disclosures in the coming weeks. And later in the
- 21 year, we will have the important mandatory
- 22 trainings -- and, again, Elizabeth and Claire will
- 23 work with you on those -- likely in the second half
- 24 of the calendar year.



- 1 At the December 2023 meeting, Chris
- 2 provided a preliminary presentation of the
- 3 numerous, varied, and complex plans and
- 4 opportunities for the Climate Bank. I know that we
- 5 will be successful, but all of us, Members and
- 6 staff, will need to continue to work closely
- 7 together in the coming months.
- 8 Thank you for your contributions to
- 9 date, and I look forward to working with all of you
- 10 over the next year.
- 11 Chris.
- 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Thank you,
- 13 Will. This is Executive Director Chris Meister.
- 14 My written message are in your materials and posted
- 15 on the website. I will defer my spoken remarks
- 16 until the resolutions to approve the revised fee
- 17 schedule for certain types of bonds and to accept
- 18 the Fiscal Year 2023 financial audit as well as the
- 19 Climate Bank Plan and Report.
- 20 Elizabeth Weber, our General
- 21 Counsel and Ethics Officer, and Six Granda, our
- 22 Senior Vice President for Finance and
- 23 Administration, have approved personal time off
- 24 this morning. For any legal matters which may



- 1 arise at this morning's meeting, we have Rich Tomei
- 2 of the law firm of Chapman and Cutler. Rich, raise
- 3 your hand.
- 4 So for the intersection of the
- 5 technical connection between Springfield and here
- 6 and the Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Finance
- 7 Authority Act, we have Rich.
- 8 Our colleague, Brad Fletcher, who
- 9 is also in the role of Assistant Secretary this
- 10 morning, is our Senior Vice President and Authority
- 11 Treasurer. Brad will present the financials
- 12 through January 31st, 2024. I know that it has
- 13 been a few months. I will present the resolution
- 14 to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit.
- Back to you, Will.
- 16 MEMBER JURACEK: Chairman Hobert, if I could
- 17 just attach something to your remarks with regards
- 18 to the police and fire pension consolidation.
- 19 That's a subject that's near and dear to my heart.
- I was president of the Northwest
- 21 Municipal Conference at the time it was going
- 22 through Springfield, and I had the opportunity to
- 23 testify in Springfield before the various
- 24 committees and the full houses.



- 1 And I really want to thank Bill
- 2 Atwood and Jacob Stuckey because this would have
- 3 lived or died depending on the success of the
- 4 consolidation transition. And both Bill and Jacob
- 5 really made sure that that worked out smoothly
- 6 despite some of the concerns of the Union
- 7 participants in this consolidation, which resulted
- 8 in their litigation.
- 9 So I was as pleased as anybody to
- 10 see the Court say, no, sorry, it's legal. But the
- 11 Illinois Finance Authority staffers really played a
- 12 big role in ensuring the success of the
- 13 consolidation.
- 14 CHAIR HOBERT: Thank you.
- 15 COURT REPORTER: Can I have your name,
- 16 please?
- 17 MEMBER JURACEK: Arlene Juracek.
- 18 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: This is Brad
- 20 Fletcher. Please let the record reflect that
- 21 during the Chair's remarks but prior to the
- 22 Executive Director message, Members Caldwell,
- 23 Pawar, and Strautmanis arrived and were added to
- 24 the initial roll call.



- 1 CHAIR HOBERT: Thank you, Brad. This is
- 2 Will Hobert. There were no committee meetings held
- 3 this month.
- 4 Next is a presentation and
- 5 consideration of New Business Items.
- I would now like to ask for the
- 7 general consent of the Members to consider New
- 8 Business Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 collectively, and
- 9 to have the subsequent recorded vote applied to
- 10 each respective individual New Business Item,
- 11 unless somebody would -- unless there are any
- 12 specific New Business Items that a Member would
- 13 like to consider separately.
- 14 Hearing no need for a separate
- 15 consideration or recusal, I would like to consider
- 16 New Business Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 under the
- 17 consent agenda and take a roll call vote.
- 18 Brad?
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: This is Brad
- 20 Fletcher. At this time I'd like to note for each
- 21 conduit New Business Item presented on today's
- 22 agenda, the Members are considering the approval
- 23 only of the resolution and not-to-exceed parameters
- 24 contained therein.



- 1 Item 1: The University of Chicago
- 2 Medical Center and Mizuho America Leasing LLC.
- 3 Item 1 is a Final Bond Resolution
- 4 authorizing the issuance of the Illinois Finance
- 5 Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2024
- 6 (UChicago Medicine Project), in one or more
- 7 tax-exempt and/or taxable series or subseries, in
- 8 an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50
- 9 million (defined as the "Bonds"), the proceeds of
- 10 which will be made available to Mizuho America
- 11 Leasing LLC (the "Lessor" hereafter) in order to
- 12 assist the lessor providing all or some of the
- 13 funds necessary to do any or all of the following:
- 14 (1) purchase one or more vertical
- 15 separation units comprised of approximately 62,000
- 16 square feet located at 355 East Grand Avenue,
- 17 Chicago, Illinois (defined as "River East"), to be
- 18 leased to and used by The University of Chicago
- 19 Medical Center (or "UCMC") for the provision of
- 20 direct health care to its patients and/or for its
- 21 general corporate purposes, and the costs of
- 22 acquiring, constructing, renovating, remodeling,
- 23 expanding, rehabilitating and equipping certain
- 24 improvements to such property.



- 1 (2) purchase the real property,
- 2 building and improvements located at 4646 South
- 3 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, consisting of
- 4 approximately 1.2 acres of land, and an
- 5 approximately 12,500 square foot building (defined
- 6 as "Drexel") to be leased to and used by UCMC for
- 7 the provision of direct health care to its patients
- 8 and/or for its general corporate purposes, and the
- 9 costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating,
- 10 remodeling, expanding, rehabilitating and equipping
- 11 certain improvements to such property.
- 12 (3) fund one or more debt service
- 13 reserve funds for the benefit of the Bonds.
- 14 (4) fund working capital.
- 15 (5) fund interest accruing on the
- 16 Bonds.
- 17 And (6) pay certain expenses
- 18 incurred in connection with the issuance of the
- 19 Bonds.
- The proceeds of the Bonds will be
- 21 made available to the Lessor to acquire the Drexel
- 22 and River East properties to lease to UCMC under
- 23 one or more facility leases. In exchange therefor,
- 24 the Lessor will assign and sell to the Authority



- 1 and the Authority will purchase a right to receive
- 2 payments, including rent payments (defined as
- 3 "Rents") to be made by UCMC under the facility
- 4 leases in an amount sufficient to pay all debt
- 5 service (including principal and interest) on the
- 6 Bonds and to pay all other costs of the parties to
- 7 the financing.
- 8 The Authority will immediately
- 9 assign the Rents to the trustee under one or more
- 10 indentures of trust as security for the Bonds to be
- 11 used to pay debt service and other amounts due with
- 12 respect to the Bonds. The Bonds will be further
- 13 secured by an assignment and sale by the Lessor of
- 14 a leasehold mortgage from UCMC on each of the
- 15 properties. UCMC will operate the properties and
- 16 will be the owner of the properties for federal tax
- 17 purposes.
- The purpose of this lease structure
- 19 is to allow UCMC to use and operate the properties
- 20 and achieve certain desired accounting treatments
- 21 in connection with the properties.
- The Bond will be underwritten by
- 23 FMSbonds, Inc. and sold immediately to Mizuho
- 24 Capital Markets LLC. The Bonds will be sold at



- 1 fixed rates to be determined at pricing and shall
- 2 bear interest at stated rates not exceeding 10
- 3 percent per annum. The Final Bond Resolution
- 4 authorizes a final maturity of not later than 15
- 5 years from the date of issuance.
- 6 Does any Member have any questions
- 7 or comments?
- 8 Item 2 is a Final Bond Resolution
- 9 authorizing the issuance of Illinois Finance
- 10 Authority Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (Smart
- 11 Hotels/Olympia Chicago, LLC Project), Series 2024,
- in a maximum principal amount of \$15,500,000
- 13 (defined as the "Bond"), the proceeds of which are
- 14 to be loaned to Smart Hotels/Olympia Chicago, LLC,
- 15 a Delaware limited liability company (defined as
- 16 the "Borrower"), in order to assist the Borrower in
- 17 providing all or a portion of the funds necessary
- 18 to (i) currently refund all or a portion of the
- 19 Authority's outstanding Recovery Zone Facility
- 20 Bonds (Smart Hotels/Olympia Chicago, LLC Project),
- 21 Series 2017 (defined as the "Series 2017 Bonds"),
- 22 and (ii) pay all or a portion of the costs of
- 23 issuance for the Bond.
- 24 The Bond will be issued under a



- 1 Bond and Loan Agreement as a bank direct purchase
- 2 by Live Oak Banking Company, a North Carolina
- 3 banking corporation (defined as the "Bond
- 4 Purchaser"). During the Initial Interest Period of
- 5 five years, interest on the Bond shall accrue at
- 6 the Bank Purchase Rate, which shall be the greater
- 7 of (i) a certain fixed rate of interest or (ii) a
- 8 variable rate of interest based, in part, on Term
- 9 SOFR. The Bond shall bear interest at a fixed or
- 10 variable rate of interest not exceeding 18 percent
- 11 per annum.
- The Final Bond Resolution
- 13 authorizes a final maturity of not later than
- 14 January 5, 2039.
- 15 It's my expectation that we have
- 16 with us today Ed Small, President of Smart
- 17 Hotels/Olympia Chicago, LLC.
- Ed, are you with us today?
- 19 ED SMALL: I am. Can you hear me?
- 20 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Yes, sir.
- 21 Please, the floor is yours.
- 22 ED SMALL: Well, I appreciate the
- 23 opportunity to thank Brad Fletcher and the IFA
- 24 Board for the original issuance in 2010 for the



- 1 bond for this project. It's our hotel in Chicago's
- 2 Hyde Park neighborhood. It's a catalytic project,
- 3 and it is not an exaggeration to say that without
- 4 that bond financing at that time --
- 5 COURT REPORTER: I can't understand. He's
- 6 cutting out too much. I'm sorry.
- 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Ed, I'm sorry,
- 8 this is Chris Meister. The court reporter is
- 9 having a challenge. Could you go a bit more
- 10 slowly, please.
- 11 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
- 12 ED SMALL: Sure. Sorry about that.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Janet, we'll
- 14 also have a recording so you can review later.
- 15 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
- 16 ED SMALL: Should I pick up where I left off
- 17 or start all over?
- 18 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: No. Please
- 19 pick up where you left off. We caught it.
- Thanks, Ed.
- 21 ED SMALL: Okay. So, again, it's not an
- 22 exaggeration to say that without the bond issuance
- 23 in 2010, we could not have done this project. It
- 24 absolutely would not have been possible. And the



- 1 continuing cooperation of Brad and the IFA has been
- 2 critical, and we appreciate your consideration for
- 3 this refinancing.
- 4 COVID was certainly challenging for
- 5 hotels, and ours was no exception to that, and
- 6 while we're making a strong recovery at this point,
- 7 it's very important that we continue to be able to
- 8 have access to the tax-exempt facility. So thank
- 9 you so much for your consideration of this.
- 10 And, further, we understand there's
- 11 another resolution for lowering the fees on the
- 12 refinancings, and given the increased costs that we
- 13 have for the hotel operations with wages and such
- 14 and further interest rates rising, the reduced
- 15 costs on the refinancing are also very important.
- So we appreciate the customer
- 17 service. We appreciate that you are there to help
- 18 us get these important projects done.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: This is Brad
- 20 Fletcher. Thank you, Ed. I really appreciate the
- 21 comments.
- Does any Member have any questions
- 23 or comments?
- Okay. Moving on to Item 3,



- 1 Additional Resolutions.
- 2 Item 3 is a Resolution authorizing
- 3 the execution and delivery of an Amended and
- 4 Restated Bond and Loan Agreement relating to the
- 5 Illinois Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bond,
- 6 Series 2012 (Sacred Heart Schools Project) (defined
- 7 as the "Series 2012 Bond") to provide for certain
- 8 amendments relating to the extension of the
- 9 purchase date of the Bond, the interest rate
- 10 calculation on the Bond and certain others matters;
- 11 authorizing the execution and delivery of any other
- 12 documents necessary or appropriate to effect the
- 13 matters set forth in such Amended and Restated Bond
- 14 and Loan Agreement; and authorizing and approving
- 15 related matters.
- 16 Convent of the Sacred Heart of
- 17 Chicago, Illinois, an Illinois not-for-profit
- 18 corporation (defined as the "Borrower") and
- 19 Wintrust Bank, National Association (as the "Bond
- 20 Purchaser"), are requesting approval of the
- 21 Resolution to authorize the execution and delivery
- 22 of an Amended and Restated Bond and Loan Agreement
- 23 and other documents to effectuate certain
- 24 amendments relating to the outstanding Series 2012



- 1 Bond.
- 2 Approval of the related Resolution
- 3 will extend the term by which the bank as the Bond
- 4 Purchaser will agree to continue owning the Series
- 5 2012 Bond by approximately seven years and seven
- 6 months (that is, from February 28th, 2024, to
- 7 October 1, 2031), will reset the interest rate
- 8 borne by the Series 2012 Bond (based, in part, on
- 9 Term SOFR) and will make certain other amendments
- 10 requested by the Borrower and the bank as the Bond
- 11 Purchaser.
- Does any Member have any questions
- 13 or comments?
- 14 Item 4 is a Resolution approving
- 15 fee schedule for certain types of bonds.
- 16 Approval of the related Resolution
- 17 is essential to ensure the Authority's commercial
- 18 viability, particularly with respect to eligible
- 19 publicly traded and privately held, for-profit
- 20 borrowers that may benefit from the issuance of
- 21 Industrial Development Bonds, Exempt Facility
- 22 Bonds, Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, and Midwestern
- 23 Disaster Area Bonds.
- 24 Ultimately, these changes would



- 1 serve to make the Authority more competitive
- 2 relative to its peers in the development finance
- 3 industry and reflect the Authority's commitment to
- 4 adapt to evolving market dynamics and to improve
- 5 financial sustainability.
- Does any Member have any comments
- 7 or questions?
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Brad, if I may
- 9 add to your comments. As the Chair noted, Brad and
- 10 Sara have been working diligently with partners,
- 11 transaction partners across our world of economic
- 12 sectors and borrowers, and I think this resolution
- 13 and the proposed fee changes that are found on page
- 14 155 in your materials recognize some of the
- 15 challenges and the complexities that the Authority
- 16 handles in the conduit space.
- 17 I'll also note that both the
- 18 University of Chicago Medical Center and the Smart
- 19 Hotel, both of these projects had the potential to
- 20 start their lives as a leaf, become a tree, and
- 21 then multiply themselves into a forest, which if we
- 22 did not have staff like Brad and Sara, there were
- 23 other folks that easily could have gotten lost in
- 24 that forest and not have the clarity of the



- 1 presentation that you have today. So they're to be
- 2 commended.
- Again, you've heard from Mr. Small
- 4 on the Smart Hotel on that catalytic project.
- 5 Similarly, again, same general community, Hyde
- 6 Park, Sara has been working closely with the
- 7 University of Chicago Medical Team on this proposed
- 8 transaction since late last summer. So it's an
- 9 example of the clarity and the efficiency that we
- 10 are striving for as staff.
- Back to you, Brad.
- 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Just a little
- 13 extra color on the fee resolution. If you recall,
- 14 the Members that were here in September, we said we
- 15 were going to somewhat piecemeal this to catch up
- 16 with the times. Our overall fee schedule for our
- 17 various market sectors hasn't been updated in some
- 18 cases in two decades. So this is a continuation of
- 19 the same.
- You'll recall in September, we
- 21 approved a fee schedule for a solid waste disposal
- 22 facility.
- What we're doing today is we're
- 24 saying to our borrowers in the corporate world,



- 1 hey, we understand there's an innumerate amount of
- 2 exempt facility bonds. We will charge the same fee
- 3 for all of them. We are undertaking the same
- 4 performance and actions here. So this puts our
- 5 best foot forward with respect to our corporate
- 6 borrowers.
- 7 In addition to that, you heard from
- 8 Ed Small, the president of the hotel. That was a
- 9 Disaster Recovery Bond. From time to time Congress
- 10 authorizes Disaster Recovery Bonds when there's a
- 11 disaster. So, for instance, we have outstanding
- 12 bonds for Midwestern Disaster Area Bonds for
- 13 flooding along the Mississippi River. Recovery
- 14 Zone Bonds could be used for commercial purposes
- 15 that normally are outside of our universe of
- 16 Borrowers.
- 17 So what we did for the fee schedule
- 18 for this refunding for the hotel was to waive the
- 19 application fee, put our best foot forward for a
- 20 disaster-type enterprise, if you will. I
- 21 understand it's a hotel, but the Federal intent is
- 22 there.
- 23 And then, similarly, Sara and I
- 24 have continued working with our not-for-profit



- 1 borrowers. Sara and I have been using a pilot
- 2 amendment fee schedule. We've always used our fee
- 3 schedule as guardrails. So we're planting a flag
- 4 in the ground so we always maintain a competitive
- 5 advantage.
- 6 Sara and I are continuing piloting
- 7 that, and we expect to have something by budget
- 8 time to formally adopt.
- 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: And just one
- 10 clarification. And, again, as Brad said, there are
- 11 multiple types of these bonds. Transactions like a
- 12 nonprofit for the University of Chicago Medical is
- 13 somewhat simpler. But these were actually Recovery
- 14 Zone Facility Bonds, not the disaster bonds.
- 15 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Right. It's
- 16 a broad category by Congress. Those are considered
- 17 various forms of disaster bonds, that's correct.
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Midwestern
- 20 Disaster, Recovery Zone.
- 21 So does any Member have any
- 22 questions or comments on Resolution Item 4?
- Moving on, Item 5 is a Resolution
- 24 to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit.



- On February 6, 2024, the Auditor
- 2 General released the Authority Fiscal Year 2023
- 3 Financial Audit. In the opinion of the Independent
- 4 Auditors' Report, the Authority's Fiscal Year 2023
- 5 Financial Audit presents fairly, in all material
- 6 respects, the respective financial position of the
- 7 business-type activities, each major fund, and the
- 8 aggregate remaining fund information for the
- 9 Illinois Finance Authority as of June 30, 2023, and
- 10 the respective changes in financial position and,
- 11 where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year
- 12 then ended in accordance with accounting principles
- 13 generally accepted in the U.S.
- 14 Moreover, the Resolution designates
- 15 the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit as the report
- 16 and financial statement of its operations and of
- 17 its assets and liabilities as required by
- 18 Section 845-50 of the Illinois Finance Authority
- 19 Act as amended.
- 20 Chris, I believe you had several
- 21 bullet points you wanted to address.
- 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes. Thank
- 23 you, Brad. To add to Brad's statement -- and,
- 24 again, the financial audit is both posted online on



- 1 the Auditor General's website, but it also was
- 2 distributed with our materials and are on the
- 3 tables in front of the Members.
- 4 The General Operating Fund -- and,
- 5 again, that's our main fund -- and the total
- 6 Nonmajor Funds, all those assets increased by
- 7 approximately \$5.8 million over the prior fiscal
- 8 year. Primarily it was a DCEO Grant for some
- 9 federal funds through U.S. Treasury known as SSBCI.
- 10 That grant was executed towards the end of last
- 11 fiscal year, very near to June 30, 2023, and the
- 12 increase in investment revenue.
- 13 As of June 30, 2023, we have a net
- 14 position of approximately \$126 million, and that
- 15 represents an increase of approximately 2.5 million
- 16 or 2 percent from the previous fiscal year in both
- 17 the operating -- General Operating Fund and the
- 18 Nonmajor Funds.
- 19 Again, our General Operating Fund
- 20 basically is approximately 60 million, and then
- 21 there are a series of Nonmajor Funds that are
- 22 statutorily fenced in.
- 23 As I noted, the increase in net
- 24 position is primarily due to the increase in



- 1 investment revenues/nonoperating income of
- 2 approximately 2.9 million. And then there was an
- 3 offset in Operating loss of approximately \$465,000.
- 4 The unmodified opinion was received
- 5 by the Auditor General's Special Assistant
- 6 Auditors. The firm is RSM US LLP. They were
- 7 procured by the Auditor General's Office, and they
- 8 have been our external auditors for a number of
- 9 years.
- 10 As Brad noted, the financial
- 11 statements are reported fairly in all material
- 12 respects.
- 13 We did receive a material weakness
- 14 finding. It has been a number of years since we
- 15 have received a finding on the financial audit. In
- 16 the coming weeks, we'll have the two-year complying
- 17 audit. We expect to have a few more findings. But
- 18 I would just emphasize to the Members that the text
- 19 of the finding and also the text found in the
- 20 subsequent events, that language speaks for itself
- 21 regarding the incident that occurred last November.
- 22 The Authority accepted that finding.
- 23 In addition, and for context and
- 24 narrative, we do have the Authority's descriptions



- 1 of our activities during and after the Audit
- 2 period.
- 3 Primarily there was the Auditor
- 4 General's Digest that was attached as an exhibit to
- 5 my written message.
- There is the transmittal letter,
- 7 which is written by me to the Chair, Will, and
- 8 those are pages 2 through 7 of the Audit Report.
- 9 The Management Discussion and
- 10 Analysis, that's generally on pages 17 through 24.
- And the subsequent events,
- 12 particularly note 16, and those are on pages 60 to
- 13 61.
- 14 I will especially thank our
- 15 colleague Six Granda. She leads our engagement
- 16 with the auditors. The pages here do not quite
- 17 accurately represent the amount of work that goes
- 18 into this process, but I do believe that this audit
- 19 reflects well on the Authority despite the finding,
- 20 which we have accepted, and I ask the Members for
- 21 your acceptance of the audit.
- 22 As I noted, the two-year complying
- 23 audit hopefully will be completed in the coming
- 24 weeks. We'll also bring it to you at that time.



- 1 Once both audits are posted and
- 2 accepted by the Members, the next stop in the
- 3 process is before the Legislative Audit Commission
- 4 of the Illinois General Assembly that supervises
- 5 the Auditor General's Office. For the past several
- 6 years, we have been on the consent calendar so no
- 7 appearance has been required. We'll see if that
- 8 practice by the Legislative Audit Commission
- 9 continues.
- 10 I'll take any questions.
- Back to you, Brad.
- 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: All right.
- 13 That's the end of the New Business Items.
- 14 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. I would
- 15 like to request a motion to pass and adopt the
- 16 following New Business Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- 17 Is there such a motion?
- 18 MEMBER FUENTES: This is Jim Fuentes. So
- 19 moved.
- 20 MEMBER JURACEK: This is Arlene Juracek.
- 21 Second.
- 22 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Will
- 23 the Assistant Secretary please call the roll?
- 24 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This is Claire



- 1 Brinley. On the motion by Member Fuentes and
- 2 second by Member Juracek, I will call the roll.
- 3 Member Beres?
- 4 MEMBER BERES: Yes.
- 5 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 6 Caldwell?
- 7 MEMBER CALDWELL: Here.
- 8 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 9 Fuentes?
- 10 MEMBER FUENTES: Yes.
- 11 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 12 Juracek?
- 13 MEMBER JURACEK: Yes.
- 14 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Landek?
- 15 MEMBER LANDEK: Yes.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Pawar?
- 17 MEMBER PAWAR: Yes.
- 18 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Poole?
- 19 Member Poole, you might still be
- 20 muted.
- 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: He is
- 22 signaling.
- 23 MEMBER JURACEK: I think that's a yes.
- 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Is that a yes?



- 1 Nod your head.
- 2 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Ryan?
- 3 MEMBER RYAN: Yes.
- 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: He nodded his
- 5 head.
- 6 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 7 Strautmanis?
- 8 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Yes.
- 9 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Sutton?
- 10 MEMBER SUTTON: Yes.
- 11 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member Wexler?
- 12 MEMBER WEXLER: Yes.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: And finally,
- 14 Chair Hobert?
- 15 CHAIR HOBERT: Yes.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Again, this is
- 17 Claire Brinley. Chair Hobert, the ayes have it and
- 18 the motion carries.
- 19 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Brad,
- 20 will you please present the Financial Reports?
- 21 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Sure. This
- 22 is Brad Fletcher. In Six's absence today, I'll be
- 23 presenting the financial reports for the period
- 24 ending January 31, 2024. The financial reports



- 1 begin on page 42 of the Confidential Board Book.
- 2 Please note that all information is
- 3 preliminary and unaudited, as customary.
- 4 Beginning with the operating
- 5 revenues, year-to-date operating revenues of \$1.7
- 6 million and are \$325,000 or 23.3 higher than
- 7 budget.
- 8 Operating expenses of \$2.2 million
- 9 are \$426,000 or 16.2 percent lower than budget.
- 10 This is primarily attributable to the Authority
- 11 posting annual employee-related expenses and
- 12 professional services of \$392,000 lower than budget
- 13 due to reduced staff head count and lower than
- 14 expected professional services and other expenses
- of \$34,000 lower than budget.
- Taken together, the Authority
- 17 posted an Operating Net loss of approximately
- 18 \$492,000.
- 19 Nonoperating activity, year-to-date
- 20 interest, and investment income of \$1 million is
- 21 \$147,000 and 12.6 percent below budget. The
- 22 Authority posted \$668,000 market-to-market, noncash
- 23 appreciation in its investment portfolio. This
- 24 noncash appreciation, coupled with an approximate



- 1 \$24,000 realized loss on the sale of certain
- 2 Authority investments, will result in year-to-date
- 3 Investment Income Position of \$1.7 million which is
- 4 \$497,000 higher than budget. Year-to-date Grant
- 5 income of \$61,000 meanwhile is \$175,000 lower than
- 6 budget.
- 7 The year-to-date Operating loss of
- 8 approximately \$492,000 and year-to-date Investment
- 9 Position Income and Grant Income of \$1.7 million
- 10 collectively will result in a year-to-date net
- 11 income of approximately \$1.2 million which is \$1.1
- 12 million higher than budget.
- In the General Fund, the Authority
- 14 continues to maintain a net position of \$60.3
- 15 million as of January 31, 2024. Total assets in
- 16 the General Fund are \$65.3 million (consisting
- 17 mostly of cash, investments, and receivables).
- 18 Unrestricted cash and investments total \$50.4
- 19 million (with approximately \$22.2 million in cash).
- 20 Restricted cash totals \$3.1 million.
- 21 Notes receivable from former
- 22 Illinois Rural Bond Bank local governments totals
- 23 \$4.3 million. Participation Loans, Natural Gas
- 24 Loan Program, DACA (which is the pilot medical



- 1 student loans in exchange for service in medically
- 2 underserved areas in Illinois) and other loan
- 3 receivables are \$5.4 million. From October 1st,
- 4 2023, to January 31, 2024, the Authority collected
- 5 \$835,000 in interest and principal from outstanding
- 6 Natural Gas Loans and \$294,000 from outstanding
- 7 Participation Loans.
- 8 Moving next to Audit matters.
- 9 On February 6, 2024, the Office of
- 10 the Auditor General released a Fiscal Year 2023
- 11 Financial Audit Report, as mentioned earlier by
- 12 Chris and myself. The Special Assistant Auditors
- 13 for the Office of the Auditor General expressed an
- 14 unmodified opinion on the Authority's basic
- 15 financial statements. The report contained one
- 16 material weakness finding, as previously stated.
- 17 The Two-Year Compliance Examination
- 18 for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 are in
- 19 progress. The Authority anticipates the report to
- 20 be issued sometime in March 2024.
- 21 And with that, I'll turn things
- 22 over to the Executive Director.
- 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Thank you,
- 24 Brad. Again, Chris Meister, Executive Director.



- 1 The February 13, 2024, Climate Bank standing report
- 2 is found on pages 45 through 47 of your materials.
- 3 These monthly standing reports go
- 4 back to a resolution that was adopted by the Board
- 5 back in November of 2022, and this approach has
- 6 worked well as the Authority has needed flexibility
- 7 to respond to various priorities of the Governor's
- 8 Office and various financial opportunities provided
- 9 by the federal government.
- 10 There are no proposed Climate Bank
- 11 plan modifications this morning and there are no
- 12 attachments.
- I will note, just something to add
- 14 for the Members, from Brad's report the State
- 15 Treasurer has a resource or a program called the
- 16 Illinois Funds that the Authority has been moving
- 17 much of our liquid cash in. They are very good
- 18 returns. It's run by a State constitutional
- 19 officer. We have nearly full liquidity. So in the
- 20 current interest rate environment, we've been
- 21 working closely to take advantage of that.
- The action summary here on page 45,
- 23 number one, in addition to his other duties, Brad
- 24 is the architect of the Commercial Property



- 1 Assessed Clean Energy Open Market Initiative of the
- 2 Illinois Finance Authority.
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 We've been -- that is sort of a
- 4 dual presentation to our transaction teams that
- 5 know us as the Authority and know our reputation.
- 6 They know C-PACE as a product of the Illinois
- 7 Finance Authority. Sometimes when we are talking
- 8 to local policymakers and our colleagues in State
- 9 government, we refer to it as a Climate Bank
- 10 initiative, but we're very pleased that the City of
- 11 East Moline and the City of Mount Carroll, both in
- 12 northwestern Illinois, passed the standard IFA Open
- 13 Market Initiative Ordinance in December of '23 and
- 14 January of '24.
- 15 We have also been busy on public
- 16 engagement. On February 9, 2024, I presented
- 17 Climate Bank overview to the Chicagoland Chamber of
- 18 Commerce's Infrastructure and Digitalization
- 19 Committee meeting. On February 2, Andrew
- 20 Barbeau -- a name that many of you should
- 21 recognize, he's our outside consultant on Climate
- 22 Bank matters -- presented, along with the Builders
- 23 Network and a foundation and the Illinois
- 24 Department of Transportation, at the Blacks in



- 1 Green presentation at UIC that was funded by the
- 2 U.S. Department of Energy.
- 3 On January the 31st -- again, a
- 4 special thank you to Claire Brinley -- we hosted a
- 5 large remote primarily stakeholder engagement on
- 6 our Climate Bank plans and activities. We also
- 7 partnered and had representatives of the Department
- 8 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the
- 9 Illinois Power Agency. We had over 250
- 10 participants registered and at any given time
- 11 somewhere between 150 and 155 stakeholders.
- I also presented at the Urban
- 13 League, along with DCEO, on January the 23rd. We
- 14 continue to work on a variety of DCEO economic
- 15 development projects. Last month we had Director
- 16 Kristen Richards of DCEO address the members.
- 17 Also in December of last year,
- 18 through the modified Climate Bank Plan, we created,
- 19 and Members approved -- because of course we can't
- 20 be government without an acronym -- 4FJ federal and
- 21 private funds for future jobs, an initiative of the
- 22 Illinois Climate Bank.
- So there is a nonprofit that is
- 24 aligned with the Governor's Office named P33. We



- 1 entered into a non -- a Zero-Dollar contract with
- 2 P33. And then together with P33 and DCEO, we
- 3 engaged some outside expertise on a procurement
- 4 path. That path is not yet complete. So I will
- 5 tell you what parts of the path are complete.
- It was known as an invitation bid
- 7 competition on price. Again, the regulators in
- 8 that process is not yet complete. But pursuant to
- 9 that process, there are two small, under 100,000,
- 10 sole source small purchase agreements with
- 11 conditions. That is what they are known as.
- 12 Under the procurement rules, they
- 13 went to Boston Consulting Group. I've got a family
- 14 member who works for Boston Consulting Group. So
- 15 we'll agree to sign those two contracts.
- 16 And that work is underway for a
- 17 U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Investment
- 18 Administration opportunity known as Tech Hubs, one
- 19 agriculturally focused in downstate Illinois in the
- 20 Champaign-Decatur area and one focused on quantum
- 21 in northeastern Illinois.
- I will take any questions. I know
- 23 that we talked a little bit last December on 4FJ
- 24 and the efforts, because we believe that -- based



- 1 on my discussions within State Government, I
- 2 believe that we're going to have more opportunities
- 3 and requests.
- 4 That's a lot of State Government
- 5 procurement rules.
- 6 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Member Strautmanis. My
- 7 only comment is as somebody who has family --
- 8 COURT REPORTER: Can I have your name?
- 9 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Member Strautmanis.
- 10 As someone who has family members
- 11 in Champaign, I describe Cairo, Illinois, as
- 12 downstate Illinois.
- 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: You're right.
- 14 I stand corrected. Thank you.
- 15 We have a former board member who
- 16 always said, well, it's only true southern
- 17 Illinois, which are the true downstate is the
- 18 southern 15 or 16 counties along the Ohio, the
- 19 Wabash, and the Mississippi. So I stand corrected.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 We've mentioned before the U.S.
- 22 Department of Treasury SSBCI. Evans Joseph is our
- 23 colleague who works on that. Joanna Martinez is
- 24 helping us cohost. And Stan Luboff, under a



- 1 personal services contract, is working closely with
- 2 Evans and Joanna. Stan Luboff brought this
- 3 opportunity to the State of Illinois about 15 years
- 4 ago under stimulus, so he knows it very, very well.
- 5 The Will Group is a minority-owned
- 6 enterprise active primarily in electrical
- 7 contracting. They've moved into manufacturing of
- 8 energy efficiency -- energy efficient electrical
- 9 components, and they're in the process of building
- 10 a manufacturing facility on Chicago's west side.
- 11 We signed those documents at the end of December,
- 12 and the process is continuing.
- 13 We have also been working with NTH
- 14 Tool in Plano, Illinois, and Stan, Evans, and
- 15 Joanna have multiple leads and multiple discussions
- 16 with multiple private lenders. SSBCI is primarily
- 17 a participation loan product that is delivered
- 18 through private commercial lenders.
- 19 On the U.S. Department of Energy
- 20 grid, this is primarily formula funding that we are
- 21 working with. Municipal utilities and municipal
- 22 and rural electric co-ops. We've put out a request
- 23 for information at the beginning of February.
- 24 We're expecting responses. We expect most of that



- 1 total of \$40 million, of which we've received an
- 2 allocation of 16 million, to be deployed in some
- 3 form of grant.
- We still are awaiting the U.S.
- 5 Department of Energy Revolving Loan Fund through
- 6 the State Environmental Protection Agency. That
- 7 has been pending for quite some time.
- 8 The next item, a significant
- 9 victory by the Authority and all of us. Last
- 10 spring the Governor's Office asked the Authority to
- 11 submit for the competitive CFI Community's Electric
- 12 Vehicle Charging Grant. We were fortunate enough
- 13 to be awarded on the January 18th. The only
- 14 application that was successful in the State, it
- 15 was highly competitive, and we expect to have an
- 16 intake webinar with the U.S. Department of Energy
- 17 next Thursday, on February 22nd.
- 18 And finally, the U.S. Department of
- 19 Energy GRIP. This is competitive. We have filed
- 20 the concept paper, which is the first step in that
- 21 project.
- So we've been busy. Thank you.
- 23 Any questions?
- 24 Great.



- 1 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Thank
- 2 you, Chris. Pursuant to Resolution 2022-1110-EX16,
- 3 the Members may affirm, modify, or disapprove of
- 4 any of the modifications to the Climate Bank Plan.
- 5 There are no modifications to the Climate Bank Plan
- 6 this month.
- 7 I would like to request a motion to
- 8 accept the preliminary and unaudited Financial
- 9 Reports for the seven-month period ending January
- 10 31, 2024, and to accept the report on the Climate
- 11 Bank Plan.
- 12 Is there such a motion?
- 13 MEMBER PAWAR: This is a Ameya Pawar. So
- 14 moved.
- 15 MEMBER WEXLER: This is Randy Wexler.
- 16 Second.
- 17 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. All
- 18 those in favor?
- 19 (Ayes via voice vote)
- 20 CHAIR HOBERT: Opposed?
- 21 The ayes have it and the motion
- 22 carries.
- 23 Brad, will you please present the
- 24 procurement report?



- 1 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLETCHER: Certainly.
- 2 This is Brad Fletcher. Thank you, Chair Hobert.
- 3 The contracts listed in the
- 4 February procurement report are to support the
- 5 Authority's operations. The report also includes
- 6 expiring contracts into 2024.
- 7 The Authority recently executed a
- 8 Zero-Dollar dollar contract with P33 Chicago to
- 9 assist The Authority in collaboration with the
- 10 State and other State agencies or governmental
- 11 entities in applying for and obtaining federal
- 12 funding.
- Does any Member have any questions
- 14 or comments?
- 15 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. Does
- 16 anyone wish to make any additions, edits, or
- 17 corrections to the minutes from December 12, 2023?
- 18 Hearing none, I'd like to request a
- 19 motion to approve the minutes.
- Is there such a motion?
- 21 MEMBER RYAN: This is Tim Ryan. So moved.
- 22 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: This is Mike
- 23 Strautmanis. Second.
- 24 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. All



- 1 those in favor?
- 2 (Ayes via voice vote)
- 3 CHAIR HOBERT: Opposed?
- 4 The ayes have it and the motion
- 5 carries.
- Is there any other business to come
- 7 before the members?
- 8 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This is Claire
- 9 Brinley. Chair Hobert, Members Abrams and Zeller
- 10 and Vice Chair Nava were unable to participate
- 11 today.
- 12 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. I would
- 13 like to request a motion to exclude Members Abrams,
- 14 Zeller, and Nava who were unable to participate
- 15 today.
- Is there such a motion?
- 17 MEMBER SUTTON: This is Lynn Sutton. So
- 18 moved.
- 19 MEMBER JURACEK: This is Arlene Juracek.
- 20 Second.
- 21 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert. All
- 22 those in favor?
- 23 (Ayes via voice vote)
- 24 CHAIR HOBERT: The ayes have it and the





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| 1 | STATE OF ILLINOIS) |
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| 2 | COUNTY OF DU PAGE) |
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| 4 | I, Janet L. Brown, CSR. No. 84-002176, do |
| 5 | hereby certify that I reported in shorthand the |
| 6 | proceedings had in the above-entitled cause and |
| 7 | that the foregoing Report of Proceedings, Pages 1 |
| 8 | through 51, inclusive, is a true, correct, and |
| 9 | complete transcript of my shorthand notes taken at |
| 10 | the time and place aforesaid. |
| 11 | I further certify that I am not counsel for |
| 12 | nor in any way related to any of the parties to |
| 13 | this suit, nor am I in any way, directly or |
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| 20 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my |
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