Minutes

Texas Bond Review Board

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E2.028

And Videoconference Meeting

1100 Congress Ave.

Austin, TX 78701

The Texas Bond Review Board (BRB) convened in a Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 21, 2023, in Room E2.028 of the Capitol Extension and via videoconference as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.127. Present were Austin Holder, Chair and Alternate for Governor Greg Abbott; Joaquin Guadarrama, Alternate for Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick; and Piper Montemayor, Alternate for Comptroller Glenn Hegar. Also, in attendance were Leslie Brock and Doug Bryant with the Office of the Attorney General, Bond Finance Office staff members, and others.

1. **Call to Order**

Austin Holder, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He announced that this meeting will be held by videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.127. This meeting may include participation from one or more Bond Review Board members by remote videoconference. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Bond Review Board members participating by videoconference shall be considered as being present for all purposes in the meeting. A quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

UPON MOTION BY PIPER MONTEMAYOR AND SECOND BY joaquin guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM THE July 11, 2023, planning session and July 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING.

1. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

1. **Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Norman Commons) Series 2023**

Representative present was David Danenfelzer, Senior Director, TSAHC.

UPON MOTION BY piper montemayor AND SECOND BY Joaquin guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Norman Commons) Series 2023 with a maximum par amount and a maximum total proceeds amount not to exceed $38,000,000 including premiums, if any, as outlined in the application dated August 25, 2023, and supplements through September 19, 2023.

1. **Texas Public Finance Authority State of Texas General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes (Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Rural Economic Development Finance Program) Taxable Series 2023**

Representatives present were Lee Deviney, Executive Director, TPFA; and Bon Weir, Bond Financing Specialist, TDA.

UPON MOTION BY joaquin guadarrama AND SECOND BY piper montemayor, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED the issuance of commercial paper notes during fiscal year 2024 for the Texas Public Finance Authority State of Texas General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes (Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Rural Economic Development Finance Program) Taxable Series 2023 to provide financing assistance limited to the Texas Rural Community Loan Program only with an aggregate amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed $6,000,000 including the costs of issuance and related administrative costs, if any, as outlined in the application dated August 28, 2023, and supplements through September 20, 2023.

1. **Title 34 Texas Administrative Code, Part 9, Chapter 181 Bond Review Board Rules, Proposed New Rule §181.11**

The BRB is proposing a new administrative code rule based on the passage of House Bill 1038 by the 88th Legislature. This new rule aims to grant the Board the authority to gather relevant information from state agencies.

BRB staff received comments from one state agency. Staff will digest the comments, incorporate any changes necessary so the Board may take action on a future date. The rules were published in the register on August 18, 2023, so any adoption would need to occur within 6 months, February 14, 2024.

1. **Title 34 Texas Administrative Code, Part 9, Chapter 190 Allocation of State’s Limit on Certain Private Activity Bonds, §§ 190.1, 190.2, 190.3, 190.4, 190.5, 190.6, and 190.8**

The BRB proposes updates and clarifications to its administrative code rules based on the passage of House Bill 1766 by the 88th Legislature.

The Texas Register 30-day comment period expired on Sunday, September 17, 2023. BRB staff received one comment.

UPON MOTION BY PIPER MONTEMAYOR AND SECOND BY Joaquin Guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD adopted the proposed changes to Title 34 Texas Administrative Code, Part 9, Chapter 190, Sections 190.1, 190.2, 190.3, 190.4, 190.5, 190.6, and 190.8.

1. **Date for Next Board Meeting**

TPFA has requested a called meeting in October. Staff is looking at October 10th and the 19th as tentative options. We also have a Board Meeting scheduled for November.

1. **Report from the Executive Director**
   * The BRB received approximately 1,538 local debt issuances for processing during fiscal year 2023. In October, staff will begin the local closeout process and finalize the data. Staff will publish the local data in the state debt annual report on December 1st and subsequently will publish a local annual report at a later date.
   * As of fiscal year-end 2023, the Private Activity Bond program had provided a total of $2.1 million in general revenue deposits and application fees. This amount of fees is the most collected by the BRB for the PAB program in one fiscal year.
   * BRB staff is tentatively scheduling the 2024 program year Private Activity Bond lottery for Wednesday, November 8th at 10am. We plan to hold the meeting in Room 402 of the Clements Building and via videoconference.
   * State debt annual reports for fiscal year-end 2023 were due to BRB staff on Friday, September 15th. Staff is reconciling state debt outstanding and will include this information in our reports.
   * BRB staff is designing a new online portal for data entry. We are still developing the schematic framework.
2. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Board Meetingwas adjourned at 10:21 a.m.