ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The meeting of the Illinois Finance Authority convened at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of April, 2024, at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois taken before BARBARA A. PERKOVICH, certified shorthand report, within the State of Illinois, CHAIR WILL HOBERT presiding.

APPEARANCES:

MS. SUSAN ABRAMS

MS. KAREN CALDWELL

MR. STEVE LANDEK

VICE CHAIR ROXANNE NAVA

MR. AMEYA PAWAR

MR. TIM RYAN

MR. MICHAEL STRAUTMANIS

MS. LYNN SUTTON

MR. J. RANDALL WEXLER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER

ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY

MR. BRAD FLETCHER

MS. XIMENA GRANDA

MEMBERS POOLE AND ZELLER via audio



- 1 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 2 Will Hobert, chair of the Illinois
- 3 Finance Authority. I would like
- 4 to call the meeting to order.
- 5 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 6 is Claire Brinley. Today's date is
- 7 Tuesday, April 9th, 2024
- 8 and this regular meeting of the Authority
- 9 has been called to order by Chair Hobert
- 10 at the time of
- 11 9:04 a.m.
- 12 Chair Hobert and some
- 13 Members are attending this meeting in
- 14 person in Suite S-1000 of 160 North
- 15 LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois and
- 16 some Members are attending in person in
- 17 Hearing
- 18 Room A of 527 East Capital Avenue
- 19 in Springfield, Illinois.
- 20 The two locations are connected
- 21 through an audio conference.
- 22 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 23 Will Hobert. Will the Assistant
- 24 Secretary please call the role.



- 1 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 2 is Claire Brinley. I will
- 3 call the role.
- 4 Member Abrams.
- 5 MEMBER ABRAMS: Present.
- 6 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 7 Beres. Member Caldwell.
- 8 MEMBER CALDWELL: Here.
- 9 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 10 Juracek. Member Landek.
- 11 MEMBER LANDEK: Here.
- 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 13 Nava.
- MEMBER NAVA: Here.
- 15 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 16 Pawar.
- 17 MEMBER PAWAR: Here.
- 18 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 19 Poole.
- 20 MEMBER POOLE: Present.
- 21 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 22 Ryan.
- MEMBER RYAN: Here.
- 24 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member



- 1 Strautmanis.
- 2 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Here.
- 3 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 4 Sutton.
- 5 MEMBER SUTTON: Here.
- 6 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 7 Wexler.
- 8 MEMBER WEXLER: Here.
- 9 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 10 Zeller.
- 11 MEMBER ZELLER: Here.
- 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: And
- 13 finally, Chair Hobert.
- 14 CHAIR HOBERT: Here.
- 15 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Again,
- 16 this is Claire Brinley.
- 17 Chair Hobert, in accordance with Section
- 18 2.01 of the Open Meetings Act, as
- 19 amended, a quorum of
- 20 Members has been constituted.
- 21 I note that Members Poole
- 22 and Zeller are attending at the
- 23 Springfield location via an audio
- 24 conference, while the Chair and



- 1 therest of the Members are attending
- 2 from the Chicago
- 3 location.
- 4 For anyone from the public
- 5 participating via phone, to mute
- 6 and unmute your phone, you may
- 7 press star 6 on your keypad if you do not
- 8 have that feature on your phone.
- 9 As a reminder, we are being
- 10 recorded and a court reporter is
- 11 transcribing today's proceeding.
- 12 For the consideration of the court
- 13 reporter, I would also like to ask that
- 14 each Member state their name before
- 15 making or seconding a
- 16 motion or otherwise providing any
- 17 comments for the record.
- 18 The agenda for this public meeting
- 19 was posted in the lobby
- 20 and on the 10th floor of 160 North
- 21 LaSalle Street in Chicago; on the first
- 22 floor of 527 East Capital Avenue in
- 23 Springfield, and on the Authority's
- 24 website, in each case as of last



- 1 Thursday, April 4th, 2024.
- 2 Building security at 160
- 3 North LaSalle Street in Chicago
- 4 and 527 East Capitol Avenue in
- 5 Springfield have been advised that any
- 6 members of the public who
- 7 choose to do and choose to comply with
- 8 the building's public health and safety
- 9 requirements may come
- 10 to those respective rooms and
- 11 listen to the proceedings.
- I am confirming that I can hear the
- 13 Springfield location clearly. Member
- 14 Poole can you confirm that this audio
- 15 conference is clearly heard at the
- 16 Springfield location?
- 17 MEMBER POOLE: Yes.
- 18 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 19 is Claire Brinley. If any members of the
- 20 public
- 21 participating via video or audio
- 22 conference find that they cannot
- 23 see or hear these proceedings clearly,
- 24 please call (312)



- 1 651-1300 or write info@il-fa.com
- 2 immediately to let us know and we will
- 3 endeavor to solve the video
- 4 or audio issue.
- 5 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 6 Will Hobert. Does anyone wish to make
- 7 any additions, edits, or corrections to
- 8 today's agenda?
- 9 Hearing none, I would like
- 10 to request a motion to approve the
- 11 agenda. Is there such a motion?
- 12 MEMBER CALDWELL: This is
- 13 Karen Caldwell, so moved.
- 14 MEMBER WEXLER: Randy
- 15 Wexler, second.
- 16 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 17 Will Hobert, all those in favor?
- (Chorus of ayes.)
- 19 CHAIR HOBERT: Any
- 20 opposed?
- 21 This is Will Hobert, the
- 22 ayes have it and the motion
- 23 carries.
- Next on the agenda is public



- 1 comment.
- 2 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 3 is Claire Brinley. If anyone from the
- 4 public participating via video and audio
- 5 conference wishes
- 6 to make a comment, please indicate your
- 7 desire to do so by using the raised hand
- 8 function. Click on
- 9 the raised hand option located at the
- 10 right side of your screen.
- 11 If anyone from the public
- 12 participating via phone wishes to make a
- 13 comment, please indicate
- 14 your desire to do so by using the raised
- 15 hand function by pressing star 3.
- 16 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 17 Will Hobert, is there any public comment
- 18 for the Members?
- 19 Hearing none, welcome to the
- 20 regularly scheduled April 9th,
- 21 2024 meeting of the Illinois
- 22 Finance Authority.
- I will defer my remarks
- 24 until the presentation and consideration



- 1 of financial reports and report on the
- 2 Climate Bank
- 3 Plan. Despite front loading the
- 4 projects, if anyone has any questions,
- 5 please ask them.
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Thank
- 7 you, Will. This is Chris Meister. I
- 8 will also defer my message until the
- 9 presentation and consideration of the
- 10 financial reports and report on the
- 11 Climate Bank Plan and any modifications
- 12 thereto. Back to you, Will.
- 13 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 14 Will Hobert. There were no committee
- 15 meetings held this
- 16 morning -- or this month.
- 17 Next is the presentation and
- 18 consideration of new business
- 19 items. I would like to ask for
- 20 the general consent of Members to
- 21 consider new business Items 1, 2,
- 22 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 collectively
- 23 and to have the subsequent
- 24 recorded vote apply to each respective



- 1 individual new business item, unless
- 2 there are any
- 3 specific new business items that a Member
- 4 would like to consider separately.
- 5 Hearing no need for a
- 6 separate consideration or recusal,
- 7 I would like to consider new business
- 8 items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 under the
- 9 consent agenda and take a roll call vote.
- 10 Brad.
- 11 MR. FLETCHER: Good morning. This
- 12 is Brad Fletcher. At this
- 13 time I would like note that for
- 14 each conduit new business item presented
- 15 on today's agenda, the Members are
- 16 considering the
- 17 approval only of the resolution
- 18 and the not-to-exceed parameters
- 19 contained therein.
- 20 Item 1 is a Final Bond Resolution
- 21 providing for the issuance by the
- 22 Illinois Finance Authority of not to
- 23 exceed \$100 million aggregate principal
- 24 amount of revenue bonds in one or more



- 1 series, the Bonds, for the benefit of The
- 2 Chicago School -
- 3 California, Incorporated, a California
- 4 nonprofit public
- 5 benefit corporation, the Borrower, and
- 6 its affiliate, The Chicago School of
- 7 Professional Psychology, an Illinois
- 8 not-for-profit corporation defined as The
- 9 Illinois Corporation. To (a), finance,
- 10 refinance, or reimburse
- 11 the Borrower for all or a portion
- 12 of the costs, including
- 13 capitalized interest, if any, of
- 14 the planning, design, acquisition,
- 15 construction, renovation, improvement,
- 16 expansion, completion and/or equipping of
- 17 certain of its facilities constituting
- 18 "Educational facilities," as
- 19 defined under the Illinois Finance
- 20 Authority Act, including without
- 21 limination, the acquisition and
- 22 renovation of the building to
- 23 house, among other things, a
- 24 College of Osteopathic Medicine, defined



- 1 as the Project, (b), pay certain working
- 2 capital
- 3 expenditures related to the
- 4 Project, if deemed desirable by
- 5 the Borrower, (c), pay a portion
- 6 of the interest on the bonds and (d), pay
- 7 certain costs relating to the issuance of
- 8 the Bonds, collectively referred to as
- 9 the Financing Purposes.
- 10 The plan of finance contemplates a
- 11 public offering by RBC Capital Market,
- 12 LLC and/or
- 13 other underwriters as may be approved by
- 14 the Authority, with execution of one or
- 15 more Bond Purchase Agreements
- 16 constituting approval by the Authority of
- 17 such other underwriters. The Borrower
- 18 has applied to Moody's Investors Service
- 19 and S&P Global Ratings for long-term
- 20 ratings in connection
- 21 with the proposed issuance of the Bonds.
- 22 The Bonds will be
- 23 available in denominations of
- 24 \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.



- 1 Each series of Bonds
- 2 will bear interest at one or more fixed
- 3 rates not to exceed a
- 4 weighted average annual rate of 6 percent
- 5 per annum. The Final Bond Resolution
- 6 authorizes a final maturity of not later
- 7 than 40
- 8 years from the date of issue.
- 9 It is my pleasure today to introduce
- 10 Liz Brown, the Chief of Staff of the
- 11 Borrower, and her
- 12 team.
- DR. NEALON: Thank you.
- 14 Good morning, everyone. I am
- 15 joined by Chief of Staff Elizabeth Brown,
- 16 Corporate President Dr. Michael Horowitz
- 17 and CFO Jennifer Ganz.
- 18 First of all, thank you so very much
- 19 for your consideration of this project on
- 20 behalf of the Chicago School.
- 21 The Chicago School is a private,
- 22 non-profit university.
- 23 We have been in Chicago for 45 years.
- 24 We're celebrating our 45th anniversary



- 1 this year. And we now have over 6,000
- 2 students, the largest majority of them
- 3 here in Chicago.
- 4 We are the founding member
- 5 in 2009 of the Community Solution
- 6 Education System, now a six-institution
- 7 group that is focused on institutional
- 8 sustainability, student success
- 9 and community impact.
- 10 We are here because we are
- 11 embarking upon a major strategic
- 12 initiative in Chicago and that is the
- 13 launch of the Illinois College of
- 14 Osteopathic Medicine. The
- 15 first college of medicine that has been
- 16 launched in the City of
- 17 Chicago in -- going on -- the date is out
- 18 there, but going on 100 years.
- 19 The Chicago School, in collaboration
- with the Community Solution Education
- 21 System, just acquired the 400 South
- 22 Jefferson building last month. It is a
- 23 247,000-square foot building and it will
- 24 accommodate nearly 1,800 students,



- 1 faculty, and staff from both of our
- 2 organizations.
- 3 We have long been leaders in the
- 4 field on the topic of
- 5 integrated health. This College
- 6 of Osteopathic Medicine will train
- 7 psychologists, mental health
- 8 professionals, and osteopathic medical
- 9 training physicians to be true change
- 10 makers by having an integrated healthcare
- 11 approach in the growing field of
- 12 osteopathic medicine.
- 13 The initiative is expected
- 14 to have a very significant
- 15 economic impact, locally, regionally, but
- 16 also statewide.
- 17 An external third-party economic impact
- 18 study was conducted and
- 19 they have informed us that this project
- 20 will yield approximately
- 21 one billion dollars in economic benefit
- 22 over the next 12 years.
- We are progressing
- 24 admirably. We have met and



- 1 exceeded all milestones. We are
- 2 in the process of tidying up the first
- 3 rounds of accreditation and
- 4 we expect to launch the first
- 5 class in fall of 2026.
- 6 And last, and very importantly, it
- 7 allows us to continue our legacy here of
- 8 continuing higher education collaboration
- 9 in the City. We
- 10 have been welcomed with open arms
- 11 by our peers in higher education,
- 12 as well as in medicine. And we really,
- 13 truly look forward to contributing to the
- 14 future of Chicago and we are very, very
- 15 pleased for your consideration.
- 16 Thank you, kindly.
- 17 MR. FLETCHER: Thank you so much.
- 18 And for those who don't recognize the
- 19 address, it's the former Tyson Foods
- 20 headquarters.
- 21 So we're very happy to see this building
- 22 repurposed in the central business
- 23 district. Thank you so much for coming.
- 24 Item 2, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health



- 1 Center. Item 2 is a
- 2 one-time Final Bond Resolution authorizing
- 3 the issuance of not to exceed\$45 million
- 4 in aggregate principal amount of Illinois
- 5 Finance Authority Revenue Bonds, Series
- 6 2024, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health
- 7 Center,
- 8 in one or more series, defined as the
- 9 Bonds, the proceeds of which are to be
- 10 loaned to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health
- 11 Center, defined as the Borrower,
- 12 in order to assist the Borrower in
- 13 providing a portion of the funds
- 14 necessary to do any of all of the
- 15 following: (1) finance or
- 16 reimburse the Borrower for the
- 17 cost of acquiring, constructing,
- 18 remodeling, renovating, expanding, and
- 19 equipping certain health care facilities
- 20 owned by the Borrower, including but not
- 21 limited to, (a) constructing, expanding,
- 22 renovating, and remodeling a critical
- 23 care unit, creating space for
- 24 medical-surgical beds, and adding meeting



- 1 rooms, employee offices and a
- 2 multidisciplinary training center all
- 3 within the Borrower's main acute care
- 4 hospital in Mattoon, Illinois.
- 5 (b) renovating existing medical office
- 6 buildings located on the Borrower's main
- 7 acute care
- 8 hospital campus in Mattoon, Illinois.
- 9 (c), renovating the existing emergency
- 10 department
- 11 within Fayette County Hospital and
- 12 constructing and equipping a
- 13 medical office building located adjacent
- 14 to Fayette County
- 15 Hospital, all in Vandalia,
- 16 Illinois. And (d) constructing
- 17 and equipping a medical office building
- 18 in Effingham, Illinois.
- 19 (2) fund a debt reserve fund, if deemed
- 20 necessary or advisable by
- 21 the Borrower orby the Authority. (3)
- 22 pay capitalized interest on
- 23 the Bonds, if deemed necessary or
- 24 advisable by the Borrower or the



- 1 Authority, and (4) pay certain expenses
- 2 incurred in connection
- 3 with the issuance of the Bonds.
- 4 The Bonds will be issued
- 5 pursuant to a Bond Indenture and a Loan
- 6 Agreement as direct purchase
- 7 by TD Public Finance, LLC. During the
- 8 initial period of four years, that is
- 9 April 25th, 2028, interest on the Bonds
- 10 shall accrue at a
- 11 fixed rate of interest to be determined
- 12 at pricing, at a rate
- 13 not to exceeding 4.5 percent. The Final
- 14 Bond Resolution authorizes a final
- 15 maturity of not later than
- 16 40 years from the date of issue.
- 17 Does any Member have any
- 18 questions or comments?
- 19 Item 3 is a Final Bond Resolution
- 20 providing for the issuance by the
- 21 Illinois Finance Authority of not to
- 22 exceed \$25 million in aggregate principal
- 23 amount of revenue bonds in one or more
- 24 series, defined as the Bonds, for St.



- 1 Ignatius College Prep, an Illinois
- 2 not-for-profit
- 3 corporation, defined as the Corporation,
- 4 in order to assist
- 5 the Corporation in providing a portion of
- 6 the funds necessary to
- 7 do any or all of the following purposes,
- 8 collectively known as
- 9 the Financial Purposes.
- 10 (A), refund all or a portion of the
- 11 Illinois Development
- 12 Finance Authority Adjustable Rate Revenue
- 13 Bonds, Series 1994,
- 14 St. Ignatius College Prep, defined as the
- 15 Series 1994 Bonds certain taxable
- 16 indebtedness
- 17 issued under the Corporation's
- 18 line of credit with the PNC Bank,
- 19 National Association, collectively, with
- 20 the Series 94 Bonds, defined as the
- 21 Refunded Indebtedness, the proceeds of
- 22 which Refunded Indebtedness were used to
- 23 finance certain costs of planning,

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- 1 acquiring, constructing, renovating,
- 2 improving and
- 3 equipping certain educational and related
- 4 facilities of the Corporation, defined as
- 5 the Refunding Project.
- 6 (B), finance all or a
- 7 portion of the costs of planning,
- 8 acquiring, constructing,
- 9 renovating, improving, and
- 10 equipping certain educational and related
- 11 facilities currently owned or to be owned
- 12 by the corporation, defined as the
- 13 Improvement
- 14 Project, including reimbursement
- 15 of the Corporation with respect to the
- 16 Improvement Project, the Refunding
- 17 project and the Improvement Project being
- 18 collectively referred to herein as the
- 19 Project.
- 20 (C), fund one or more debt service
- 21 reserved funds for the Series 2024 Bonds,
- 22 if deemed necessary or advisable.
- 23 (D), pay capitalized
- 24 interest on the Series 2024 bonds, if



- 1 deemed necessary or advisable.
- 2 And (E), pay certain
- 3 expenses incurred in connection
- 4 with the issuance of the Series
- 5 2024 Bonds and the refinancing of the
- 6 Refunded Indebtedness.
- 7 The plan of finance contemplates a
- 8 public offering by PNC Capital Markets,
- 9 LLC. An application was submitted and
- 10 certain information was provided
- 11 to S&P Global Ratings for rating
- 12 on the Bonds based upon the
- 13 issuance of an irrevocable transferable
- 14 direct pay letter of credit, known as the
- 15 Initial
- 16 Credit Facility, by PNC Bank, National
- 17 Association, known as the Initial Credit
- 18 Provider.
- 19 The Bonds will be available
- 20 in denominations of (a) \$100,000
- 21 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 in
- 22 excess thereof. If the Bonds
- 23 are bearing interest in the Daily Rate
- 24 Mode, the Weekly Rate Mode or the



- 1 Adjustable Rate Mode and (b) for any Bond
- 2 in Fixed Rate Mode, either (1)
- 3 \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000
- 4 in excess thereof, if such Bonds have
- 5 obtained an Investment Grade
- 6 Rating and satisfied the other
- 7 Fixed Rate conditions precedent or (2)
- 8 \$100,000 or any integral multiple
- 9 of \$5,000 in excess thereof, if
- 10 such Bonds have not attained an
- 11 Investment Grade Rating and have
- 12 satisfied the other Fixed Rate
- 13 Mode Conditions Precedent.
- 14 The Bonds will be initially issued
- 15 in Weekly Rate Mode. Thereafter and
- 16 subject to the conditions set forth in
- 17 the Indenture, each Bond may operate
- 18 at any time in one of four modes,
- 19 a Daily Rate Mode, a Weekly Rate Mode, an
- 20 Adjustable Rate Mode, or
- 21 a Fixed Rate Mode.
- 22 Under the proposed
- 23 multi-modal structure, the Bonds will
- 24 bear interest at variable or fixed rates



- 1 as provided in the Indenture at rates not
- 2 exceeding
- 3 10 percent per annum, other than Bonds
- 4 which constitute Pledged Bonds, that is
- 5 Bonds purchased
- 6 with moneys drawn under a Credit Facility
- 7 such as an irrevocable transferable
- 8 direct pay letter of credit which will
- 9 bear interest rates provided in the
- 10 reimbursement agreement between
- 11 the Borrower and the applicable Credit
- 12 Provider, not to exceed 20 percent. The
- 13 Final Bond
- 14 Resolution authorizes a final maturity of
- 15 not later than 35
- 16 years from the date of issuance.
- 17 Does any Member have any
- 18 questions or comments?
- 19 Item 4A is a one-time Final Bond
- 20 Resolution for George L. And Mackenzie M.
- 21 Rever in a not to exceed amount of
- 22 \$375,000.
- The Revers are purchasing
- 24 approximately 75 acres of farmland



- 1 located in Shelby County. First National
- 2 Bank of Litchfield is the purchasing bank
- 3 for this conduit transaction.
- 4 Does any Member have any
- 5 questions or comments?
- 6 Item 4B is a one-time Final Bond
- 7 Resolution for Adam B.
- 8 Gilbert in a not to exceed amount
- 9 of \$250,000.
- 10 Mr. Gilbert is purchasing
- 11 approximately 40 acres of farmland
- 12 located in Peoria County. First State
- 13 Bank of Toulon is the purchasing bank for
- 14 this conduit transaction.
- 15 Does any Member have any
- 16 questions or comments?
- 17 Item 5 is a Preliminary Bond
- 18 Resolution setting forth the Illinois
- 19 Finance Authority's official intent to
- 20 issue revenue bonds for the benefit of
- 21 West End Tool & Die, Incorporated, an
- 22 Illinois Corporation, or
- 23 affiliates thereof or related entities
- 24 thereto, collectively defined as the



- 1 Borrower, in an aggregate principal
- 2 amount now estimated not to exceed \$15
- 3 million, defined as the Bonds, and
- 4 authorizing and approving related matters.
- 5 In connection with its application,
- 6 the Borrower has requested that the
- 7 Authority consider the issuance and sale
- 8 of the Bonds pursuant to the Illinois
- 9 Environmental Facilities Financing Act
- 10 and the Illinois Finance Authority Act in
- 11 order to assist
- 12 the Borrower in providing all or a
- 13 portion of the funds necessary to
- 14 do any or all of the following: Finance
- 15 or refinance the costs of acquiring,
- 16 improving,
- 17 constructing, installing, and equipping
- 18 industrial, commercial, manufacturing,
- 19 and/or
- 20 environmental facilities,
- 21 including, but not limited to qualified
- 22 small issue
- 23 manufacturing facilities and/or solid
- 24 waste disposal and recycling



- 1 exempt facilities described in
- 2 Section 144(a) and/or 142(a)(6)
- 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 4 1986, as amended, located at
- 5 2253 New Lenox Road in Joliet,
- 6 Illinois and related costs of issuance
- 7 of the Bonds, collectively
- 8 the Financing Purposes.
- 9 The Preliminary Bond Resolution
- 10 approves the Borrower's application.
- 11 The plan of finance will be determined
- 12 when
- 13 the Final Bond Resolution is presented to
- 14 the Members of the Authority at a future
- 15 time.
- 16 Chris, I believe you had a
- 17 few comments?
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes, I
- 19 would just like to point
- 20 outto the Members, industrial revenue
- 21 bonds used to be far more frequent on our
- 22 agendas and past agendas.
- 23 Congress has not updated
- 24 this particular portion of the Internal



- 1 Revenue Code since the early 1980s, so
- 2 the market and prices have changed. But,
- 3 again, we're happy to see this project
- 4 and Brad is -- was in Washington last
- 5 week for one of our national
- 6 organizations. During the Climate Bank
- 7 portion, I'll turn to him and he'll give
- 8 a little bit of an update
- 9 of what the predicted actions of Congress
- 10 are going to be over the next several
- 11 months.
- MR. FLETCHER: I got the
- 13 crystal ball.
- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes
- 15 You and me both.
- MR. FLETCHER: Does any
- 17 Member have any questions or comments?
- 18 If I may, very quickly, so
- 19 the last item, Item 5, all we're doing
- 20 there is approving the application. The
- 21 rationale there
- 22 is this is a for-profit borrower. Under
- 23 Federal tax law, for-profit borrowers
- 24 cannot self-induce to reimburse



- 1 themselves. So we have
- 2 to do it on their behalf.
- 3 So all we're doing here is
- 4 approving an application. When the project
- 5 business terms and conditions are
- 6 finalized they'll come back for our
- 7 approval.
- 8 Moving on. Item 6 is a
- 9 resolution authorizing an
- 10 amendment to a Bond Trust
- 11 Indenture relating to the not to exceed
- 12 \$14,295,000 Revenue Bonds Clark-Lindsey,
- 13 Series 2023A,
- 14 defined as the Series 2023A Bonds; not to
- 15 exceed \$27,705,000 Revenue Bonds,
- 16 Clark-Lindsey, Series
- 17 2023B, defined as the Series 2023B Bonds;
- 18 and the not to exceed \$3 million Revenue
- 19 Bonds, Clark-Lindsey, Series 2023C,
- 20 defined as the Series 2023C Bonds, and
- 21 together with the Series 2023A Bonds and
- 22 the 2023B Bonds, collectively the Series
- 23 2023
- 24 Bonds, of the Illinois Finance Authority



- 1 and approving related matters.
- 2 Clark-Lindsey Village, Inc., and
- 3 Clark-Lindsey Holdings, Inc., the
- 4 Borrowers, and Hamlin Capital Management,
- 5 LLC as bondholder representative are
- 6 requesting approval of a resolution which
- 7 will authorize and approve a Supplemental
- 8 Bond Indenture to effectuate a change in
- 9 the date
- 10 the interest rate on each advance
- 11 of Series 2023 Bond proceeds is
- 12 determined.
- Does any Member have any
- 14 questions or comments?
- Next is Item 7. Item 7 is
- 16 resolution authorizing the
- 17 execution and delivery of a First
- 18 Amendment to Bond and Loan
- 19 Agreement which supplements and amends
- 20 that certain Bond and Loan Agreement
- 21 dated as of January 1, 2016 providing for
- 22 the issuance of the Illinois Finance
- 23 Authority Revenue Refunding Bond, Series
- 24 2016 Loyola Academy Project and related



- 1 documents; and approving related matters.
- 2 Loyola Academy, an Illinois
- 3 not-for-profit corporation,
- 4 defined as the Borrower, and the Wintrust
- 5 Bank National
- 6 Association, defined as the Bond
- 7 Purchaser or the Bank, are requesting
- 8 approval of a
- 9 Resolution to extend the term by which
- 10 the Bank will agree to own
- 11 the Series 2016 Bond by approximately
- 12 nine years and one month, that is from
- 13 May 1st, 2024
- 14 to June 1st, 2033, to reset the interest
- 15 rate borne by the Series 2016 Bond,
- 16 based, in part, on one-month Term SOFR
- 17 and to make certain other amendments
- 18 requested by the Borrower and the Bank.
- 19 Bond Counsel anticipates
- 20 that this transaction will be considered
- 21 a reissuance for
- 22 Federal tax law purposes but will not be
- 23 a refunding under state
- 24 law. Accordingly, Bond Counsel



- 1 anticipates providing a no adverse effect
- 2 opinion for this
- 3 transaction.
- 4 Does any Member have any questions
- 5 or comments?
- 6 Item 8 is a resolution delegating to
- 7 the Executive
- 8 Director of the Illinois Finance
- 9 Authority the power to fund and
- 10 administer financial assistance to the
- 11 Green Energy Justice Cooperative, Inc.,
- 12 an Illinois corporation, defined as the
- 13 Borrower, in an amount not to
- 14 exceed \$1,600,000 related to a
- 15 participation loan and the development of
- 16 a project under the Illinois Finance
- 17 Authority Act, to be used for the purpose
- 18 of reimbursing the Borrower for the costs
- 19 of financing various pre-development
- 20 expenses related
- 21 to three 3 megawatt direct current
- 22 rooftop community solar projects
- 23 in Aurora, Naperville and Romeoville,
- 24 Illinois, including,



- 1 but not limited to interconnection
- 2 deposits and REC contract
- 3 deposits.
- 4 Does any Member have any
- 5 questions or comments?
- 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Thank
- 7 you, Brad. Last month we
- 8 had Reverend Tony Pierce who gave
- 9 a project overview. This is an
- 10 African-American led, community driven,
- 11 community solar project as allowed by the
- 12 State, Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.
- We had technical
- 14 difficulties with our partner agency, the
- 15 Illinois Power Agency that is the
- 16 provider through an objective competitive
- 17 regulated process of the renewable energy
- 18 credit or REC. And that the RECs give
- 19 economic value to the state policies
- 20 behind renewable -- the renewable
- 21 portfolio standard.
- 22 With us today, if you could just
- 23 stand up, is Kelly Turner.
- 24 She is the General Counsel of the



- 1 Illinois Power Agency. She is available
- 2 to answerany questions should any Member
- 3 have questions right now, before we take
- 4 the combined vote.
- 5 But she will also be
- 6 available during the Climate Bank portion
- 7 to answer questions, since we had
- 8 technical difficulties last month. Does
- 9 anybody have any questions?
- I recommend an aye vote.
- 11 This will be a balance sheet
- 12 participation loan, unlike the federally
- 13 funded SSBCI loans. And on the
- 14 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, federal
- 15 funding that I will
- 16 go into to the extent that we know that
- 17 was announced last Thursday, loans of
- 18 this type were
- 19 contemplated in the Illinois application
- 20 to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.
- 21 Again, the
- 22 funding was only announced this month.
- 23 So we are looking at this
- 24 as a bridge participation.



- 1 And the project has obtained its
- 2 own private lender and those details are
- 3 in your board book.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Before
- 6 we take a public vote -- before we take a
- 7 vote on these agenda items, I would like
- 8 to go back to the public comment section
- 9 as I believe we were on mute when
- 10 I was addressing this.
- 11 So I would just like to
- 12 invite anyone from the public if
- 13 you would like to raise your hand
- 14 or raise your hand by pressing
- 15 star 3 if you are on the phone, anyone
- 16 interested in making public comment?
- 17 Seeing none, we can
- 18 continue.
- 19 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 20 Will Hobert. Thank you, Claire.
- 21 I would like to request a motion
- 22 to pass and adopt the following
- 23 new business items, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6,
- 24 7 and 8. Is there such a motion?



- 1 VICE CHAIR NAVA: This is
- 2 Roxanne Nava, so moved.
- 3 CHAIR HOBERT: May we have a second?
- 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Given our
- 5 technical difficulty with visual,
- 6 we would like --Bond Counsel advises that
- 7 we have a second from a Member within the
- 8 room here at 160 North LaSalle, apologies.
- 9 MEMBER PAWAR: This is Ameya Pawar.
- 10 Second.
- 11 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 12 Will Hobert. Will the Assistant
- 13 Secretary please call the role.
- 14 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 15 is Claire Brinley. On the motion by Vice
- 16 Chair Nava and the second by Member Pawar
- 17 I will call the role. Member Abrams.
- 18 MEMBER ABRAMS: Aye.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 20 Caldwell.
- MEMBER CALDWELL: Aye.
- 22 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 23 Landek.
- MEMBER LANDEK: Yes.



- 1 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Vice
- 2 Chair Nava.
- 3 VICE CHAIR NAVA: Yes.
- 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 5 Pawar.
- 6 MEMBER PAWAR: Yes.
- 7 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 8 Poole.
- 9 MEMBER POOLE: Yes.
- 10 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 11 Ryan.
- 12 MEMBER RYAN: Yes.
- 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 14 Strautmanis.
- 15 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Aye.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 17 Sutton.
- 18 MEMBER SUTTON: Yes.
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 20 Wexler.
- MEMBER WEXLER: Yes.
- 22 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Member
- 23 Zeller.
- MEMBER ZELLER: Yes.



- 1 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: And
- 2 finally, Chair Hobert.
- 3 CHAIR HOBERT: Yes.
- 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: Again,
- 5 this is Claire Brinley,
- 6 Chair Hobert, the ayes have it and the
- 7 motion carries.
- 8 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 9 Will Hobert, Six, will you please present
- 10 the financial reports.
- 11 MS. GRANDA: This is Six
- 12 Granda. Thank you, Chair Hobert. Good
- 13 morning, everyone. Today I will be
- 14 presenting the financial report for the
- 15 period ending March
- 16 31st, 2024.
- 17 Please note that all information is
- 18 preliminary and unaudited. Beginning
- 19 with
- 20 operating revenues, our year to
- 21 date operating revenue of \$1.9 million
- 22 are \$116,000 or 6.5
- 23 percent higher than budget.
- 24 Our operating expenses of



- 1 \$3.8 million are \$396,000 or 11.7 percent
- 2 higher than budget. This
- 3 is primarily attributable to the
- 4 Authority posting professional services
- 5 of \$585,000 higher than budget due to
- 6 investments to
- 7 pursue one time only highly competitive
- 8 federal funds to
- 9 benefit the state taxpayers
- 10 through federal and private funds for
- 11 future jobs or 4FJ activities with an
- 12 offset in all other
- 13 expenses of \$189,000 lower than budget.
- 14 Taken together, the Authority posted an
- 15 operating net loss of approximately \$1.9
- 16 million. Our nonoperating activities
- 17 year-to-date interest and
- 18 investment income of \$1.4 million are
- 19 \$90,000 or 6 percent below budget.
- The Authority posted \$728,000 mark
- 21 to market noncash appreciation in its
- 22 investment portfolio, this
- 23 noncash appreciation coupled with an
- 24 approximately \$50,000 of our realized



- 1 loss on the sales of certain Authority
- 2 investment would result
- 3 in a year-to-date investment
- 4 income position of \$2.1 million, which is
- 5 \$627,000 higher than budget. Our
- 6 year-to-date grant income of \$344,000 is
- 7 \$40,000
- 8 higher than budget.
- 9 Our year-to-date operating loss of
- 10 approximately \$1.9 million and our
- 11 year-to-date investment income position
- 12 and grant income
- 13 of \$2.5 million will result in a
- 14 year-to-date net income of approximately
- 15 \$588,000, which is \$382,000 higher than
- 16 budget.
- 17 Our general fund continues
- 18 to maintain a net position of \$59.7
- 19 million as of March 31st, 2024.
- 20 Our total assets in the general
- 21 fund are \$65.5 million consisting mostly
- 22 of cash, investment, and receivables. Our
- 23 unrestricted cash and investments total
- 24 \$51.5 million



- 1 with \$34 million in cash. Our restricted
- 2 cash is \$2.9 million.
- 3 Our notes receivable from our
- 4 former Illinois Rural Bond Bank,
- 5 our local governments totals \$3.7million.
- 6 Participation loan, natural gas loans,
- 7 DACA and other loans receivables are at
- 8 \$5.4 million.
- 9 In March the Authority received
- 10 \$91,000 in interest and principal
- 11 payments under the
- 12 natural gas loans. In the coming weeks
- 13 the Authority will be
- 14 sending statements to the
- 15 borrowers under this program as their
- 16 loans mature on May 1st,
- 17 2024.
- 18 The Authority expects to
- 19 collect over \$2 million in
- 20 interest and principal payments under
- 21 this loan -- under this
- 22 loan's programs.
- Moving on to other funds, in March
- 24 the Authority received \$649,000 in



- 1 interest and principal payment from the
- 2 Firefighter
- 3 Pension Investment Fund.
- 4 Now, moving on to audit. On April
- 5 4th, 2024 the two-year compliance
- 6 examination for Fiscal Year 2022 and
- 7 Fiscal Year 2023 was released by the
- 8 Office of the Auditor General. The
- 9 report contains six findings.
- 10 The Authority is currently working
- 11 on a corrective action
- 12 plan to address the findings. Due to the
- 13 date the audit was released it was too
- 14 late to add it to the agenda. The
- 15 compliance
- 16 examination will be presented in
- 17 our next board meeting.
- The locally held funds audit and
- 19 the purchasing contract intergovernmental
- 20 agreements and leasing audit are in
- 21 progress. At this time, nothing to
- 22 report.
- 23 Any questions? Hearing
- 24 none, then I guess I'll turn it



- 1 over to Chair Hobert.
- 2 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 3 Will Hobert. Thank you,
- 4 Chris and I delayed our remarks so that
- 5 we could move quickly through the
- 6 consideration of the projects.
- 7 If anyone has any questions,
- 8 please ask them.
- 9 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY:
- 10 I would also just like to note for the
- 11 record that Member Pawar
- 12 exited the meeting and terminated his
- 13 participation at 9:30 a.m.
- 14 prior to the presentation and
- 15 consideration of the financial reports.
- 16 CHAIR HOBERT: Thank you. Last
- 17 Thursday, April 4th, our
- 18 state and our organization
- 19 received some very big news.
- 20 We are a sub-recipient of a
- 21 \$5 billion award of federal funds
- 22 to the Coalition for Green
- 23 Capital, a national
- 24 not-for-profit. This award is through



- 1 the National Greenhouse
- 2 Gas Reduction Fund Competition.
- 3 We don't yet know how much Illinois
- 4 will receive but it is likely to be
- 5 substantial. This award builds on our
- 6 success to
- 7 date in receiving federal awards
- 8 and in assisting other state partners.
- 9 Federal funding on this
- 10 scale requires expanded organizational
- 11 capacity. Some but not all of this
- 12 expanded organizational capacity can be
- 13 paid for by the federal grants.
- 14 We are fortunate to have
- 15 substantial accumulated savings. These
- 16 savings allows us, in consultation with
- 17 the Governor's office and our state
- 18 agency
- 19 partners to identify the necessary
- 20 organizational investments to create,
- 21 with the help of federal money, a
- 22 durable, accountable, and successful
- 23 organization focused on financing climate
- 24 initiatives in



- 1 an equitable manner and bond finance.
- 2 On June 11, we will consider our
- 3 budget for next year. Between now and
- 4 then Chris and the team
- 5 will develop a plan for the necessary
- 6 organizational enhancements to
- 7 successfully
- 8 manage and deploy the incoming federal
- 9 funds.
- 10 But these investments cannot just
- 11 be tied to the Climate Bank.
- 12 We also need to update our bond documents
- 13 and processes to reflect today's market
- 14 conditions. We
- 15 also need to ensure organizational
- 16 redundancy, succession plans, and career
- 17 paths.
- 18 The first high-level draft
- 19 of this plan is found on Page 12
- 20 and 13, attached to the joint
- 21 Chair and Executive Director message.
- 22 Finally, special thanks to
- 23 our conduit borrowers and their teams on
- 24 this morning's agenda,



- 1 The Chicago School California, Inc.,
- 2 Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, St.
- 3 Ignatius College Prep, West End Tool &
- 4 Die, Inc., Clark-Lindsey and Loyola
- 5 Academy.
- On behalf of the Authority Members
- 7 and our staff, we thank
- 8 our borrowers for the trust that
- 9 you placed in us with your
- 10 projects. Chris.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Thank
- 12 you very much, Will. Again, just to
- 13 emphasize Will's point on
- 14 12 and 13 of your meeting
- 15 materials, here they are.
- 16 Will and I worked to boil
- 17 down a lot of work and a lot of planning.
- 18 This is the preliminary template of what
- 19 we expect the
- 20 next several months, including the budget
- 21 in June to look like. It's really a
- 22 twofold process.
- On Page 12, we have identified the
- 24 three categories of conduit



- 1 bonds, federally tax
- 2 exempt bonds, what needs to be there,
- 3 what can make -- what can make that
- 4 process faster, cheaper, easier, both for
- 5 our borrowers, their transaction
- 6 participants,
- 7 and our staff.
- 8 Building out commercial
- 9 property assessed clean energy financing.
- 10 Again, this
- 11 organization both developed a
- 12 nationleading state statute and,
- 13 I think, nationleading documents that
- 14 make it very easy for local government
- 15 policymakers and
- 16 decision makers to adopt these
- 17 streamlined ordinances to
- 18 facilitate the access of private capital.
- But, again, there are many, many,
- 20 many counties and municipalities in this
- 21 state under Brad's leadership. We have
- 22 made some significant progress, along
- 23 with our close partnership at DCEO.
- 24 And then there is the State



- 1 Revolving Fund, which our last
- 2 bond issue was at the end of calendar
- 3 year 2020. But we have received some
- 4 preliminary
- 5 indication from our partners at
- 6 the Illinois Environmental Protection
- 7 Agency that there may
- 8 be interest in the not too distant future
- 9 of another bond issue.
- 10 But the fact that a bond
- 11 issue may or may not be on the horizon in
- 12 connection with the IEPA's plans for the
- 13 State
- 14 RevolvingFund is actually a minor
- 15 consideration.
- 16 The major consideration why it's
- 17 important to the Members, particularly
- 18 the newer members, is we are going to
- 19 keep talking about this because the case
- 20 that we are making to the U.S.
- 21 Environmental Protection Agency, in
- 22 connection with the Greenhouse Gas
- 23 Reduction Fund money is we would like to
- 24 see



- 1 a model very similar to the State
- 2 Revolving Fund for those federal funds
- 3 that we expect to receive
- 4 over the next several months.
- 5 And that's important
- 6 because, as you've heard today,
- 7 and the projects that were considered,
- 8 our job is to
- 9 facilitate private capital coming into
- 10 our state.
- 11 Under CEJA, the state law
- 12 and policy enacted by our
- 13 governor, our target is even a little bit
- 14 more narrowly focused.
- 15 As Will said, it's really on equitable --
- 16 you had a better
- 17 phrase than I did.
- 18 CHAIR HOBERT: Financing climate
- 19 initiatives in an
- 20 equitable manner and bond finance.
- 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes.
- 22 So that is our goal. That
- 23 is a narrow state law -- more
- 24 narrow state law and policy goal than



- 1 what is allowed under the federal tax
- 2 code for conduit
- 3 bonds. And we are going to be fortunate
- 4 because we expect to
- 5 have some actual federal money, rather
- 6 than a tax benefit that is indirectly
- 7 bestowed on bond buyers and borrowers, as
- 8 you have heard.
- 9 Again, the second page, 13, again,
- 10 it is a little busy, but
- 11 then our world is going to be --
- 12 it has been busy for the last several
- 13 months and it is going to continue to be
- 14 busy. But we tried to boil down the
- 15 various initiatives, various sources of
- 16 federal funding, all on one page.
- Does anybody have any questions?
- 18 Yes, Member Abrams.
- 19 MEMBER ABRAMS: Good morning. Could
- 20 you talk a little bit more, please, to the
- 21 blockers that are listed on
- 22 12?
- 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Great
- 24 question. So let's talk



- 1 about our origin story. Back in 2003
- 2 there were seven statutory entities.
- 3 They were rather hurriedly combined. Not
- 4 all of
- 5 them were aligned.
- 6 During the first few years
- 7 it coincided with a massive
- 8 building boom by community
- 9 hospitals as they enhanced themselves
- 10 with a view towards
- 11 being acquired or towards
- 12 acquiring others.
- In addition, it was great
- 14 that we had the investor revenue bond
- 15 example. Up until calendar year '06 it
- 16 was also the end of
- 17 the boon times for industrial revenue
- 18 bonds and some other categories of
- 19 private activity
- 20 bonds as allowed by the Federal
- 21 Tax Code.
- 22 So there was a lot of
- 23 issuance and then a lot of that
- 24 sort of started to come to an end



- 1 in the Great Recession. But it
- 2 also came to an end because
- 3 mid-size manufacturers no longer really
- 4 found industrial revenue bonds
- 5 particularly useful because Congress
- 6 hadn't updated them.
- 7 There were other factors.
- 8 So some of it was market, some of
- 9 it was the interest rate environment.
- 10 What did not change was the fact that our
- 11 predecessors, some of them, had rather
- 12 significant state taxpayer guarantees
- 13 tied to their debt instruments. And that
- 14 was in the form of either the
- 15 agricultural guarantee or a contingent
- 16 state taxpayer guarantee called moral
- 17 obligation.
- 18 I'm happy that for most of
- 19 the Members today, when you were
- 20 appointed by Governor Pritzker,
- 21 all of that was in the rearview mirror,
- 22 but it was a very significant anchor on
- 23 the organization.
- 24 But what happened rather



- 1 quickly after all of that went
- 2 into the rearview mirror, Congress moved
- 3 in 2017 to eliminate tax exemption for
- 4 the conduit bonds.
- 5 And we started, the collective staff,
- 6 started work on a path
- 7 that, under the leadership of Governor
- 8 Pritzker, led to the Finance Authority
- 9 being named as
- 10 the Climate Bank.
- 11 But then that also coincided with
- 12 COVID and various other
- 13 market disruptions and now we are where
- 14 we are. So that is a long
- 15 way of saying there is a lot of history.
- But some of the ways that we
- 17 address and present and document Conduit
- 18 Bonds with our partners,
- 19 the market has changed, but there are
- 20 elements of the documentation and the
- 21 processes that are stuck
- 22 in the early 2000s.
- 23 And what we need to do is
- 24 over the coming months, we need to



- 1 address those. Some of those are
- 2 as complicated and as Byzantine as the
- 3 state JCAR process. You can probably
- 4 agree that those are the right words for
- 5 the JCAR process.
- 6 Some of them are working
- 7 with our various outside bond counsel and
- 8 borrowers to make sure that our documents
- 9 reflect the market realities of 2024,
- 10 rather than 2004.
- 11 Brad has been a leader on
- 12 that. Brad, do you have anything
- 13 to add?
- 14 MR. FLETCHER: Yeah, but in the
- 15 interest of time, in 2017, you know, the
- 16 elephant in the room was the Federal Tax
- 17 Code rewrite legislation, colloquially
- 18 referred to as the Trump tax cuts in
- 19 2017.
- 20 On the table in 2017 was tax
- 21 exemption for bonds issued by
- 22 state and local governments, as
- 23 well as our subset of bonds issued by
- 24 state and local governments, which is



- 1 private activity bonds.
- 2 In 2016 a conservative think tank
- 3 the Tax Foundation
- 4 released a very significant white paper
- 5 outlining how tax exemption
- 6 is a very, in their opinion, an
- 7 inefficient mechanism to provide economic
- 8 development and financial tools to
- 9 governments and private activity
- 10 borrowers, conduit borrowers.
- 11 So the tax exemption was on the
- 12 table during those
- 13 negotiations in 2017. We
- 14 subscribe to several different
- 15 organizations, one of which is the
- 16 Council of Development Finance Agencies.
- 17 I'm a board member, I'm actually on the
- 18 legislative
- 19 affairs committee, on the board.
- 20 Sara Perugini, my colleague, she
- 21 is currently at the NAHEFFA conference,
- 22 they're the National Association of
- 23 Healthcare and Educational Facility
- 24 Financing Authorities. I think I got



- 1 that right.
- 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: You
- 3 were close.
- 4 MR. FLETCHER: So they represent
- 5 our nonprofit borrowers, our healthcare
- 6 systems, our universities. GFOA,
- 7 Government Finance Officers Association.
- 8 Bond Dealers of the America, they
- 9 represent the underwriters and the banks.
- 10 They have all, and I just got back from
- 11 DC last week, I was there for a federal
- 12 policy
- 13 Congress, I was working the halls
- 14 of Congress, they're in recess, I was
- 15 talking to staff. Everyone, everyone
- 16 across the board, Congressional staff,
- 17 the CDFA, the other organizations that
- 18 came to
- 19 our conference said next year
- 20 will be the Super Bowl of federal tax
- 21 law.
- 22 The federal tax cuts that
- 23 were imposed in 2017 under
- 24 President Trump are set to sunset this



- 1 coming year. So either those tax cuts
- 2 will be made permanent,
- 3 and if so, they have to be paid
- 4 for. And when you look at pay
- 5 for, you can increase taxes or
- 6 you can eliminate deductions, mortgage
- 7 interest rate deductions, tax and bond
- 8 interest deductions.
- 9 So, we have always taken the
- 10 position that it's better to be at the
- 11 table than be on the menu, if you will,
- 12 in Congress, right? So
- 13 we are very actively involved in these
- 14 organizations. We actively promote our
- 15 industry, along with
- 16 our partners, to preserve, if you will,
- 17 this economic development finance.
- 18 With respect to the IRB, the
- 19 Industrial Revenue Bond that was on the
- 20 agenda today, those really went
- 21 away in 2006, 2007, as Chris
- 22 alluded to, because of the recession,
- 23 one.
- 24 But two, the structure of



- 1 those transactions at the time
- 2 were such that banks were, in effect,
- 3 lending their credit
- 4 ratings to the borrowers. So, therefore,
- 5 they had readily access to the market.
- 6 With the imposition of the three
- 7 requirements, with the American Recovery
- 8 and Reinvestment Act of 2008/2009, it
- 9 became very expensive for banks to do
- 10 those deals.
- 11 An example of that was actually on
- 12 the agenda today for
- 13 St. Ignatius. That was the first letter
- 14 of credit deal I've written up in 14
- 15 years as a staff member.
- 16 So that gives you an idea of how
- 17 far the market has changed in the last 15
- 18 years.
- So, we haven't seen manufacturing
- 20 bonds in quite a while, and I've been
- 21 here long enough to know we used to do
- 22 about 25 of those a year.
- 23 And at the time we charged
- 24 77 basis points. That ends up



- 1 being about \$2 million of revenue
- 2 a year that just was gone, snap of
- 3 a finger, in 2008, 2009. So our agency
- 4 has somewhat struggled to maintain an
- 5 operating surplus with our operations.
- 6 It's more or less essentially
- 7 focused on first time farmers which we
- 8 don't generate a profit off of, it's a
- 9 sunk cost , but we're basically relegated
- 10 to our non-profit borrowers. So as a
- 11 consequence of 2017, thankfully,
- 12 we were able to preserve the tax
- 13 exemption, the decision was made
- 14 by Chris and the Governor's office to
- 15 diversify what to do. That is why we
- 16 have the Climate Bank and
- 17 we are pursuing federal funding.
- 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: And
- 19 just to add quickly to that, during the
- 20 big pieces of federal legislation under
- 21 President Biden, bipartisan -- the
- 22 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the
- 23 Inflation Reduction Act, there was
- 24 a choice that Congress made



- 1 through House Ways and Means --
- 2 the House Ways and Means
- 3 Committee.
- 4 At one point, every conceivable
- 5 idea and desire and
- 6 wish of the municipal public
- 7 finance industry passed through
- 8 the House Ways and Means
- 9 Committee. It was a Christmas
- 10 tree. Industrial revenue bonds,
- 11 tax exemption for electric
- 12 vehicle chargers, the list sort
- 13 of -- the restoration of advanced
- 14 refunding, the list went on and on and
- 15 on.
- 16 It all went through House
- 17 Ways and Means -- the House Ways
- 18 and Means Committee, which was headed by
- 19 somebody very favorable
- 20 to Chair Miehl at the time, very
- 21 favorable to public finance. None of it
- 22 made it to the floor.
- 23 So Congress made a choice, rather
- 24 than tax exemption in



- 1 recent years, it was going to advance
- 2 these public policy goals through grants
- 3 and through funding and seeding of
- 4 climate and green banks. So that just
- 5 provides some additional context as we go
- 6 into next year, whatever November
- 7 brings, the Super Bowl of U.S. tax law.
- 8 That was a long answer,
- 9 Susan.
- 10 MEMBER ABRAMS: Yes.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER:
- 12 Do you have any follow-ups?
- 13 MEMBER ABRAMS: Not at this moment.
- 14 MEMBER LANDEK: One quick
- 15 follow-up question. As it relates to
- 16 this at the table or on the
- 17 menu, I think I hear you saying
- 18 that the sunset of the tax cuts is
- 19 directly relevant to the tax exemption
- 20 requirements that we
- 21 would like to have. Is that fair?
- 22 MR. FLETCHER: At the end of the
- 23 day, putting politics aside, this is a
- 24 conservative think tank that keeps



- 1 advocating for the elimination of what we
- 2 provide
- 3 here with respect to the tax exemption,
- 4 right?
- 5 The idea here is banks,
- 6 investors, do not have to pay the federal
- 7 government federal income tax on their
- 8 interest earnings, therefore, they can
- 9 offer a lower rate to our borrowers.
- 10 That somewhat hits Treasury. They
- 11 don't get the full amount of income taxes
- 12 as a consequence. So they look at that
- 13 as a pay for.
- 14 If you eliminate the tax
- 15 exemption, you eliminate that hit
- 16 to the Treasury, it can pay for
- 17 the lost revenues pursuant to the tax cuts
- 18 So it's always a balance.
- 19 Obviously, we are in favor
- 20 of tax exemptions. That's what we do
- 21 here all day. It'sbeen beneficial to America
- 22 For context, there is no other country in
- 23 the world that offers tax exempt bonds.
- 24 America is unique in that way.



- 1 Some, like myself, would argue
- 2 that's great. That's, you know, a bedrock of
- 3 economic development finance is what this
- 4 country has always done. So, yeah, to your
- 5 point, it's hard to separate them because
- 6 at the end of the day,
- 7 there is a very largehole in the federal
- 8 budget and someone is
- 9 going to have to find a way to pay for
- 10 it.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Lynn.
- 12 MEMBER SUTTON: I think my question
- 13 has been answered. Thank you.
- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER:
- 15 I know we covered a lot and a lot
- 16 of that got very deep into the weeds.
- 17 Does anybody have any
- 18 other questions?
- 19 I think just to conclude as
- 20 to what is going on in Washington, what
- 21 is likely going on in Washington for the
- 22 next 12 to 18 months on issues that are
- 23 important to the Authority,
- 24 there was a financial -- tax exemption is



- 1 a financial structure that used to be the
- 2 perfect overlapping of bipartisan Venn
- 3 diagram. And the two circles have moved
- 4 a part.
- 5 And so we are now in -- we
- 6 are now within the realm of an
- 7 area of negotiation and
- 8 discussion. Leave it at that.
- 9 Okay. Moving on to more
- 10 favorable topics. The Climate
- 11 Bank standing report starts on
- 12 Page 63 of your materials.
- 13 Importantly, and we -- we
- 14 sent an e-mail around on April the 4th,
- 15 the Chair talked about it in his remarks.
- 16 \$20 billion was announced by the Biden
- 17 administration and the U.S. EPA
- 18 last Thursday, April 4th. The Illinois
- 19 Finance Authority's
- 20 Climate Bank is a sub-recipient of an
- 21 award going to-- of \$5 billion
- 22 of that \$20 billion.
- We do not know exactly what our
- 24 portion is going to be. We



- 1 did put in a pipeline of projects last
- 2 October in excess of \$200 million, but
- 3 there are a lot of unanswered questions.
- 4 When we get those answers we'll share
- 5 them.
- 6 Any questions on that? It's very
- 7 exciting news.
- 8 MEMBER LANDEK: Quick question. I
- 9 think in some of
- 10 those remarks there is a question
- 11 of how you sorted out to be the
- 12 sub-recipient. It is fair to
- 13 expect some pro rata separation or is
- 14 that like a negotiation?
- 15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER:
- 16 To your pro rata question, logic would
- 17 dictate that we were part of an
- 18 application that asked for 10, and we had
- 19 200 as part of it. Our application got
- 20 5. And so logic would dictate, well,
- 21 maybe around 100.
- 22 But from the post award
- 23 discussions that we've been a part of it,
- 24 it seems like there are a



- 1 lot of factors under
- 2 consideration. Some could work in our
- 3 favor and some could work against us.
- 4 So, like, the logical answer, I don't
- 5 have enough confidence to say that that's
- 6 likely to be the case.
- 7 MEMBER LANDEK: Thank you.
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Very,
- 9 very exciting news. Also, attached to
- 10 the Climate Bank
- 11 report, Brad and I sort of summarized,
- 12 gave a brief summary
- 13 of the history of the
- 14 organization.
- 15 One of the legacies of this
- 16 organization being a steward of state
- 17 taxpayer guarantees and contingent
- 18 quarantees is that we
- 19 are often asked to appropriation hearings
- 20 in the State legislature, despite not
- 21 receiving appropriations.
- 22 And so I presented our materials,
- 23 our attached. It went without issue.
- 24 PACE, we continue



- 1 to communicate with counties and
- 2 municipalities to encourage them
- 3 to adopt our standard ordinance.
- 4 Public engagement, and I
- 5 think this speaks for very well
- 6 for the process on the Climate
- 7 Bank engaging stakeholders that we've
- 8 been involved with.
- 9 Since November of '22 when
- 10 we began the stakeholder
- 11 engagement we've done in excess of
- 12 a dozen formal stakeholder engagements,
- 13 plus countless conversations.
- But within, basically, the morning
- 15 of April the 4th, we
- 16 sent -- we set a stakeholder engagement
- 17 for the morning of
- 18 April the 5th, last Friday. We
- 19 had almost 200 people and organizations
- 20 call in. The
- 21 materials are attached.
- 22 State economic development,
- 23 we continue to talk with Goschen
- 24 and partner with DCEO on other



- 1 initiatives, like the Goschen loan that
- 2 we considered but has not yet been closed
- 3 last fall.
- 4 The federal funds for future jobs.
- 5 We expect in the coming months to have
- 6 another
- 7 presentation by our partners at
- 8 DCO and P33. And other beneficiaries but
- 9 I think I was pleased with the
- 10 presentation last month. I think that
- 11 investment,
- 12 and it's been substantial, is
- 13 going to bear rewards for the
- 14 state.
- 15 SSBCI, again, that was our first
- 16 pot of federal funding.
- 17 There is a list of what we have
- 18 been doing with lenders and borrowers.
- 19 My favorite is a Ford dealership in
- 20 Belvidere, Illinois that is looking to
- 21 its local
- 22 lender with our help to install charging
- 23 stations.
- 24 The GRID, we've got a



- 1 summary there that's partnership.
- 2 We have received that award and we have
- 3 been working with our
- 4 municipal -- municipal utility and rural
- 5 co-op partners. The
- 6 electric charging awards CFI, we have
- 7 been engaged with our
- 8 partners, park districts and non-profit
- 9 universities.
- 10 And then in GRIP, we were -- as I
- 11 think we mentioned, we were discouraged
- 12 this year, formally, despite in the fall
- 13 and last year being encouraged. And
- 14 given the scope and the magnitude of the
- 15 GreenhouseGas Reduction, we think that
- 16 it's a better approach to
- 17 wait until next year.
- 18 That federal funding should remain
- 19 in place or that was the of intent of the
- 20 Congress that passed it. We will see
- 21 what future Congresses do.
- I do just want to highlight Page 65
- 23 here. So at long last one of the orange
- 24 boxes, the GGRF NCIF is going to move to



- 1 a blue box of something that we have
- 2 received
- 3 the award. The Solar For All, we were a
- 4 lead applicant on that. We have heard
- 5 rumors that over the
- 6 next four weeks, we will receive that
- 7 one.
- 8 And you heard the State's
- 9 climate advisor, JC Kibbey last month on
- 10 therecently submitted Climate Pollution
- 11 Reduction Grant that we will benefit
- 12 from.
- Now, on to the modifications that
- 14 we're going to ask you to --
- 15 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS:
- 16 Director Meister, this is Mike
- 17 Strautmanis, I just wanted to tell you
- 18 and the staff, and obviously this is a
- 19 different
- 20 administration, different strategies, but
- 21 I think you and
- 22 your staff continue to put yourselves in
- 23 a really strong position to be
- 24 competitive for the dollars, considering



- 1 the strategy that Brad Fletcher laid out.
- 2 So I just wanted to have
- 3 this opportunity for you and your team to
- 4 tell you that, in my view, you're moving
- 5 in the right direction.
- And I know it's a lot of
- 7 work to do so, but I think you're making
- 8 it as easy as possible for folks to say
- 9 yes. Which I hope
- 10 and I believe is the goal.
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: That is
- 12 the goal, but thank you.
- 13 And, again, you have standing on that
- 14 observation.
- 15 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Right.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: So,
- 17 and, again, thank you, but, again, it's
- 18 also all of you supporting us, and it's
- 19 the Governor's office.
- 20 And I have been told that
- 21 this administration has been very
- 22 persuasive with federal
- 23 policymakers in Washington on the matters
- 24 before you and on other matters, so thank



- 1 you.
- 2 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: It's
- 3 great.
- 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: It's a
- 5 statewide team effort.
- 6 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: Good.
- 7 Good policy.
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: So,
- 9 thank you.
- 10 So turning to Page 90, the 4FJ, the
- 11 Federal Funds for Future jobs. We heard
- 12 last month from
- 13 the Decatur and Champaign economic
- 14 developmental leaders.
- 15 They were -- we had helped them on
- 16 something called U.S. Department of
- 17 Commerce Tech Hubs.
- 18 We had helped Decatur last year
- 19 with a U.S. Department of Commerce
- 20 Recompete. A sort of very competitive
- 21 source of funding to help long-term
- 22 unemployed communities who are completely
- 23 disconnected from the private workforce.
- 24 Just on Friday the Chair



- 1 signed a contract for Boston Consulting
- 2 Group and they are now working with the
- 3 Decatur team on their phase two
- 4 application.
- 5 Decatur, in particular, we hope
- 6 will be a success story between
- 7 thetech hubs, Recompete, the
- 8 amount of work that the Governor
- 9 and DCO are focusing on Decatur
- 10 and the leadership of -- the local
- 11 leadership at the city and the county and
- 12 the economic
- 13 development folks.
- 14 It's very exciting. And,
- 15 against, IFA is the Climate Bank.
- 16 We were pretty much the only
- 17 people who had the ability to deliver
- 18 these sorts of resources
- 19 to these sorts of applicants. Any
- 20 questions?
- 21 Again, point two on the
- 22 bottom of Page 90 and 10 on 91,
- 23 yes, we are a sub-recipient under the
- 24 Coalition for Green Capital. There are



- 1 two other winning applicants. I'm asking
- 2 your permission to reach out to them
- 3 and to tell our story to them.
- 4 They took a different approach.
- 5 The Coalition for Green Capital put state
- 6 policymakers and state green banks at the
- 7 center of their application. And made a
- 8 national strategy that
- 9 organizations like ours would be
- 10 capitalized.
- 11 The two other winning
- 12 organizations, one is backed by
- 13 the Calvert Funds and others. The other
- 14 is called Rewiring, they received an
- 15 award of 9 and 2, respectively. So what
- 16 point two
- 17 was is I can formally send both those
- 18 organizations a letter and say, hey,
- 19 you've got capital to deploy, we have a
- 20 board, we have a staff, and we have been
- 21 doing stakeholder engagement. Talk to
- 22 us when you get that money. So that's
- 23 the strategy there. Any questions?
- 24 And then, finally, there is one



- 1 additional element I want to emphasize or
- 2 add that did not make it, but we just had
- 3 a conversation yesterday on it.
- 4 The Department of Natural
- 5 Resources and the Department of Emergency
- 6 Management Services are eligible to a
- 7 special type of federal revolving fund
- 8 through the Federal Emergency Management
- 9 Agency.
- 10 And it's basically aimed at
- 11 municipalities in flood areas. Illinois,
- 12 our river systems and Great Lakes are
- 13 expected to
- 14 receive more precipitation in the coming
- 15 years, there will be more flooding. This
- 16 is something to allow municipalities to
- 17 basically buy up land and buildings,
- 18 knock them down and create wetlands or
- 19 parks or whatever.
- 20 So I've had a rather constructive
- 21 discussion with the Department of Natural
- 22 Resources.
- 23 I'm waiting to have a conversation with
- 24 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.



- I had hoped to have that
- 2 yesterday, but there is a possibility
- 3 that we may be partnering with those two
- 4 agencies by the end of the month to
- 5 submit
- 6 a competitive application. It's called
- 7 the Storm Act. Any questions?
- 9 from the Illinois Power Agency, if
- 10 anybody has any questions on the power
- 11 agency, RECs, their
- 12 objective competitive process, and how
- 13 they fit into our collective team, the
- 14 Power Agency, the
- 15 Commerce Commission downstairs,
- 16 the Department of Commerce and Economic
- 17 Opportunity, the Finance Authority is the
- 18 Climate Bank, Department of Natural
- 19 Resources,
- 20 all wearing the same jerseys, all
- 21 knocking down the walls of the silos.
- 22 All under the leadership
- 23 of the Governor. Okay.
- 24 CHAIR HOBERT: This is Will Hobert.



- 1 Thank you, Chris.
- 2 Pursuant to Resolution 2022-1110-EX16,
- 3 the Members may affirm, modify, or
- 4 disapprove of
- 5 any of the modifications to the Climate
- 6 Bank plan.
- 7 I would like to request a
- 8 motion to accept the preliminary
- 9 and unaudited financial reports
- 10 for the eight-month period ended March
- 11 31st, 2024, to accept the report on the
- 12 Climate Bank plan
- 13 and to affirm the modifications to the
- 14 Climate Bank plan. Is there such a
- 15 motion?
- 16 MEMBER RYAN: This is Tim
- 17 Ryan, so moved.
- 18 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: This is Mike
- 19 Strautmanis, second.
- 20 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 21 Will Hobert, all those in favor?
- (Chorus of ayes.)
- 23 Any opposed? The ayes have
- 24 it and the motion cares.



- 1 Six, will you pleasepresent the
- 2 procurement report.
- 3 MS. GRANDA: This is Six
- 4 Granda. Thank you, Chair Hobert.
- 5 The contract listed in the April
- 6 procurement report are to support
- 7 Authority operations. The report also
- 8 includes expiring contracts into July
- 9 2024.
- 10 The Authority recently executed a
- 11 contract with Anthes Pruyn and
- 12 Associates, Limited for accounting and
- 13 audit support services through May 9,
- 14 2024.
- 15 That doesn't sound right. I just
- 16 have to double-check that
- 17 date because it just says that contract's
- 18 through May 9 of 2024, that is just too
- 19 close.
- 20 Anyway, does the Members
- 21 have any questions or comments?
- 22 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 23 Will Hobert. Vice Chair Nava has
- 24 suggested that we put in the



- 1 minutes that Member Caldwell had stepped
- 2 out for that last vote.
- 3 Again, this is Will Hobert.
- 4 The minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting
- 5 of the Authority are still being prepared
- 6 and will be
- 7 presented for correction and approval at
- 8 the May meeting of the Members.
- 9 Is there any other business
- 10 to come before the Members?
- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes. I
- 12 have additional -- I'll go through this
- 13 quick. First of all,
- 14 I am presenting other business on behalf
- 15 of our general counsel and ethics
- 16 officer, Elizabeth Weber.
- So, as many of you know,
- 18 because there has been
- 19 communication from GC Weber and Assistant
- 20 Secretary Claire
- 21 Brinley, May 1st is the upcoming deadline
- 22 of the double state economic disclosure
- 23 for both staff and for the volunteer
- Members,



- 1 like yourselves.
- 2 So the Illinois Governmental Ethics
- 3 Act requires certain state officials, as
- 4 all of you, and employees, which is a
- 5 percentage
- 6 of us, the staff, to file
- 7 statements of economic interest
- 8 with both -- with the Secretary of State
- 9 annually on or Before May 1. It's an
- 10 important date.
- 11 Again, we're going to work with
- 12 you. These are not the most friendly
- 13 forms, but we will work with you to get
- 14 answers. We have had great cooperation
- 15 in the past, but all Members of the
- 16 Authority
- 17 are required to file these statements.
- 18 It's online. It's something that the
- 19 auditors love, love to check.
- 20 It is our understanding that most
- 21 of you should have received this. If
- 22 not, we will work with you, notifying you
- 23 of the requirement. There is also
- 24 guidance about logging in to the



- 1 Secretary of State's website to complete
- 2 this form.
- 3 A couple of reminders,
- 4 first, most of the questions are actually
- 5 prescribed by the
- 6 Illinois General Assembly, by
- 7 state law, and use definitions
- 8 that are spelled out. They are
- 9 not included in the form.
- 10 I think, Claire, we sent out
- 11 Elizabeth's --
- 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY:
- 13 I will be sending our definitions.
- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER: Yes.
- 15 So we are going to be
- 16 sending you the definitions for those of
- 17 you who have not
- 18 completed it.
- 19 But if you have any
- 20 questions, please contact Claire, myself,
- 21 Mark Meyer, whom many of
- 22 you have not met, but we have recently
- 23 designated him temporary ethics officer.
- 24 The ethics officer is



- 1 required to review the form, although in
- 2 fairness, the state
- 3 did not set up the system that
- 4 immediately allows the
- 5 facilitation, the easy
- 6 facilitation of that process, but
- 7 we need to work through it. But once it
- 8 is submitted
- 9 electronically, there is no way to change
- 10 it.
- 11 The only way to adjust or
- 12 clarify anything is for the ethics
- 13 officer to approve a form for
- 14 filing an amendment and obviously
- 15 we want to avoid any amendment.
- 16 We'll work with all of you
- 17 to answer questions. Importantly, this
- 18 is only one of two filings. There is an
- 19 additional filing due
- 20 on May the 1st. It is called the
- 21 Supplemental Statement of Economic
- 22 Interest. That goes to the Executive
- 23 Ethics Commission.
- I believe those e-mails have been



- 1 sent, but if not, we will follow-up.
- 2 And, again, we'll be following up with
- 3 frequently asked questions and we'll work
- 4 with all
- 5 of you to get this done by May the 1st.
- 6 Any questions?
- 7 VICE CHAIR NAVA: Those e-mails would
- 8 have come out from Elizabeth Weber?
- 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEISTER:
- 10 I think we are going -- there was one
- 11 from Elizabeth. We're going
- 12 to do a follow-up from Claire.
- 13 VICE CHAIR NAVA: Okay, thanks.
- 14 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRINLEY: This
- 15 is Claire Brinley. Chair Hobert, Members
- 16 Beres, Juracek,
- 17 and Fuentes were unable to participate
- 18 today.
- 19 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 20 Will Hobert. I would like to request a
- 21 motion to excuse the absences of the
- 22 Members that were unable to participate
- 23 today. Is there such a motion?
- 24 MEMBER SUTTON: This is Lynn



- 1 Sutton, so moved.
- 2 MEMBER WEXLER: This is
- 3 Randy Wexler second.
- 4 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 5 Will Hobert. All those in favor?
- 6 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 7 Any opposed? The ayes have
- 8 it and the motion carries. Is
- 9 there any matter for discussion in closed
- 10 session?
- 11 Hearing none, the next regularly
- 12 scheduled meeting will
- 13 be held in person on Tuesday, May 14th,
- 14 2024. I would like to
- 15 request a motion to adjourn. Is there
- 16 such a motion?
- 17 MEMBER STRAUTMANIS: This is Mike
- 18 Strautmanis, so moved.
- 19 MEMBER ABRAMS: This is
- 20 Susan Abrams, second.
- 21 CHAIR HOBERT: This is
- 22 Will Hobert. All those in favor?
- (Chorus of ayes.)
- 24 Opposed? The ayes have it



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   and the motion carries.
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   is Claire Brinley. The time
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    is 10:14 a.m. This meeting is adjourned.
          (Ending Time: 10:14 a.m.)
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