Minutes

Texas Bond Review Board

Called Board Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Room 2.041 Barbara Jordan Building

And Videoconference Meeting

1601 Congress Ave.

Austin, TX 78701

The Texas Bond Review Board (BRB) convened in a Called Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 2024, in Room 2.041 of the Barbara Jordan Building 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; Kimberly Edwards, Alternate for Comptroller Glenn Hegar; and Andrew Blifford, Alternate for Speaker Dade Phelan. Also, in attendance were Leslie Brock and Austin Havens 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 10:00 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 from May Planning Session and Board Meeting**

UPON MOTION BY kIMBERLY eDWARDS AND SECOND BY joaquin guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM the may 14, 2024, planning session and may 23, 2024, BOARD MEETING.

1. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

1. **Texas** **Public Finance Authority State of Texas General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes (Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Project) Series A (Taxable) and Series B (Tax-Exempt) for the issuance of commercial paper during fiscal year 2025**

Representatives present were John Hernandez, Deputy Director, Kristen Doyle, Chief Executive Officer, CPRIT; and Heidi McConnell, Deputy Executive and Chief Operating Officer, CPRIT.

UPON MOTION BY JOAQUIN GUADARRAMA AND SECOND BY aUSTIN hOLDER, AND A NO VOTE BY KIMBERLY EDWARDS, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD approveD the issuance of commercial paper notes during fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Public Finance Authority State of Texas General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes (Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Project) Series A (Taxable) and Series B (Tax-Exempt) in a maximum amount of $300,000,000 for authorized program costs, including the costs of issuance and related administrative costs, if any, as outlined in the application dated July 30, 2024, and supplements through August 6, 2024.

1. **Texas** **Public Finance Authority Revenue Commercial Paper Program (Texas Facilities Commission Projects) Series 2016A (Taxable) and Series 2016B (Tax-Exempt) for the issuance of commercial paper during fiscal year 2025**

Representatives present were John Hernandez, Deputy Director, TPFA; Will McKerall, Deputy Executive Director, TFC; Thomas Brown, CFO, TFC; Harrison Gregg, Budget Director, TFC; Mark Diaz, Director of Project Management, TFC; and Jay Franklin, Project Manager, TFC.

UPON MOTION BY KIMBERLY EDWARDS AND SECOND BY joaquin guadarama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD approveD the issuance of commercial paper notes during fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Public Finance Authority Revenue Commercial Paper Program (Texas Facilities Commission Projects) Series 2016A (Taxable) and 2016B (Tax-Exempt) to finance authorized project costs for Phase I and Phase II of the Capitol Complex and North Austin Campus projects, as needed, with an aggregate amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed $200,000,000, including the costs of issuance and related administrative costs, if any, as outlined in the application dated July 30, 2024, and supplements through August 9, 2024.

1. **Texas Public Finance Authority Health and Human Services Commission Deferred Maintenance Project and Department of Motor Vehicles Camp Hubbard Renewal Project financed by the Texas Public Finance Authority Commercial Paper Revenue Notes Series 2019A and Series 2019B (Taxable) for the issuance of commercial paper during fiscal year 2025**

Representatives present were John Hernandez, Deputy Director, TPFA; Gary Hamilton, Deputy Budget Director, HHSC; Rebecca Salisbury, Budget Manager for Facility Maintenance and Construction, HHSC; Daniel Avitia, Executive Director, DMV; and Glenna Bowman, Chief Financial Officer, DMV.

UPON MOTION BY KIMBERLY EDWARDS AND SECOND BY joaquin guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED the issuance of commercial paper notes during fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Public Finance Authority Commercial Paper Revenue Notes Series 2019A and Series 2019B (Taxable) to finance the Health and Human Services Commission’s deferred maintenance projects authorized by the 86th Legislature and 87th Legislature and the Department of Motor Vehicles Camp Hubbard renewal project authorized by the 88th Legislature, as needed, with an aggregate amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed the lesser of the liquidity commitment or $250,000,000, including the costs of issuance and related administrative costs, if any, as outlined in the application dated July 30, 2024, and supplements through August 9, 2024.

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 for the issuance of commercial paper during fiscal year 2025**

Representatives present were John Hernandez, Deputy Director, TPFA; and Bon Wier, Bond Financing Specialist, TAFA.

UPON MOTION BY kimberly edwards AND SECOND BY joaquin guadarrama, THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD deferred and TOOK no action on the approval for the issuance of commercial paper notes during fiscal year 2025 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 pursuant to Texas Administrative Code Title 34, Part 9, Subchapter A, Rule §181.4.

1. **EXEMPT – Texas Transportation Finance Corporation Toll Revenue Subordinate Tier Note Series 2024 (State Highway 288 Toll Lanes Project)**

Representatives present were Stephen Stewart, CFO, TXDOT; and Patrick Marotta, Project Finance & Enterprise Operations Director, TXDOT

The 6-day review period for this application will expire on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Staff recommends exempt approval.

1. **EXEMPT – Texas Transportation Commission State of Texas General Obligation Mobility Fund Refunding Bonds Series 2024 (issued in one or more series)**

Representatives present were Heather Hardaway, Portfolio Project Manager, TXDOT; and Patrick Marotta, Project Finance & Enterprise Operations Director, TXDOT.

The 6-day review period for this application will expire on Friday, August 23, 2024. Staff recommends exempt approval.

1. **EXEMPT – Texas Veterans Land Board State of Texas Veterans Bonds Taxable Refunding Series 2024 (in one or more series)**

The 6-day review period for this application expired on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, and the application was approved.

1. **EXEMPT – Texas Water Development Board State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas Revenue Bonds Series 2024A (Master Trust) and Taxable Series 2024B (Master Trust)**

Staff received this application on August 8th. Rating reports are expected by August 30th. The board will receive the application for the 6-day review period when it is complete.

1. **Date for Next Board Meeting**

A planning session will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th and a Board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 19th in Room 402 of the Clements Building.

1. **Report from the Executive Director**
	* So far for fiscal year 2024, the BRB received over 1,400 local debt issuances for processing which is a decrease from last year.
	* State debt annual reports for fiscal year-end 2024 will be due to BRB staff on Friday, September 13th. Staff will begin reconciling state debt outstanding and include this information on the agency’s website and in the annual debt report by December 1st.
	* Staff is completing the Capital Expenditure Plan, and it will be posted to the agency’s website on September 1, 2024.
	* The agency’s Legislative Appropriation Request was posted to the agency website on Friday, August 16, 2024.
	* Roughly $427M is available for reservation from the August 15th collapse. Staff reserved 9 applications this week.
2. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Called Board Meetingwas adjourned at 10:26 a.m.