

UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING

HELD ON MARCH 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (“UDSA” or the “Authority”) was convened at approximately 10:03 a.m., via video conferencing at the offices of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”), 333 Earle Ovington Blvd., Uniondale, NY, pursuant to legal notice given on March 21, 2024; and electronic notice posted on LIPA’s website.

The following Trustees of the Authority were in attendance via video conference:

Robert Gurman, Acting Chair
Bruce Levy

Representing the Authority via video conferencing were Thomas Falcone, Chief Executive Officer and Bobbi O’Connor, Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Representing LIPA, via video conferencing, were Dennis Anosike, Chief Financial Officer; Donna Mongiardo, Vice President-Controller; Jason Horowitz, Assistant General Counsel; and Vinay Dayal, Director of Finance and Treasury.

Representing KPMG, via video conferencing, were Ed Lee, Lead Audit Partner; Todd Fowler, Client Relationship Partner; Stephen Scelfo, Lead Audit Senior Manager; and Grace Kachigian: Audit Senior Manager.

Also, in attendance, via video conferencing, were Elizabeth Columbo, Esq. and Christopher Reitzel, Esq. of Nixon Peabody.

The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the 30th meeting of the Authority.

The Acting Chair stated that the first item on the agenda is the adoption of minutes from

the December 11, 2023 meeting. He asked if there were any changes or deletions. Hearing none, the Acting Chair entertained a motion to adopt the minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

96. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 11, 2023 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on December 11, 2023 are hereby approved and all actions taken by the Trustees present at such meeting, as set forth in such Minutes, are hereby in all respects ratified and approved as actions of the Authority.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Consideration of Appointment of Dennis Anosike as Chief Financial Officer to be presented by Bobbi O'Connor.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was approved:

97. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENNIS ANOSIKE AS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (“CFO”) OF THE UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY (“UDSA”)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the UDSA hereby appoints Dennis Anosike, LIPA’s Chief Financial Officer, as the Chief Financial Officer of the UDSA, effective March 26, 2024, until the earlier of his resignation or removal.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Consideration of Approval of the 2023 Annual Investment Report and 2024 Investment Guidelines to be presented by Dennis Anosike.

Mr. Anosike presented the following action item and took questions from the Trustees:

Requested Action

The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) is requested to adopt a resolution approving the 2023 Annual Investment Report of the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the “UDSA”) in the form attached as Exhibit “B” and the 2024 Investment Guidelines in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Background

Section 2925 of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) requires that the UDSA annually review and approve an investment report and to periodically review and approve investment guidelines, which detail the UDSA’s operative policy and instructions regarding the investing, monitoring and reporting of funds of the Authority. The UDSA adopted the Guidelines for Investing, Securing, Monitoring and Reporting Authority Funds Available for Investment in November 2013, and last reviewed and approved the Guidelines in March 2023 (the “Investment Guidelines”). Staff of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) has reviewed the Investment Guidelines and recommends no changes for 2024.

Pursuant to the Investment Guidelines, an Annual Investment Report has been prepared and submitted to the Board for approval. The UDSA’s investments were compliant with the terms and conditions of the Policy for 2023 and performed consistent with Staff’s expectations given the nature of the investments.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the approval of the above requested action by adoption of a resolution in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was approved:

98. APPROVAL OF THE UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY 2023 ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT AND 2024 INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the “UDSA”) is required by Section 2925 of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) to annually review and approve an investment report and to periodically review and approve investment guidelines which detail the UDSA’s operative policy and instructions regarding the investing, monitoring and reporting of funds of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the UDSA adopted the Guidelines for Investing, Securing, Monitoring and Reporting Authority Funds Available for Investment in November 2013, and last reviewed and approved in March 2023 (the “Investment Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, Staff of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) has reviewed the Investment Guidelines and is recommending no changes for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Guidelines and the PAL require that the Board annually approve an investment report prepared by LIPA Staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the 2023 Annual Investment Report in the form presented at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the 2024 Investment Guidelines in the form presented at this meeting.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Consideration of Approval of the Annual Review of Board Policies to be presented by Bobbi O'Connor.

Ms. O'Connor presented the following action item and took questions from the Trustees:

Requested Action

The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the “UDSA”) is requested to adopt a Resolution reviewing and approving certain Board policies.

Discussion

In accordance with the New York State Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) and governance best practices, the Board has adopted various policies relating to UDSA’s mission, governance, and operations. Specifically, these include the: (i) Mission Statement; (ii) By-laws; (iii) Board Policy on Procurement; (iv) Board Policy on Property Disposition; (v) Board Policy on Real Property Acquisition; (vi) Board Policy on Lobbying; (vii) Trustee Code of Ethics and Conduct; and (viii) Board Policy on Prompt Payment.

Annual Review and Amendments to Certain Board Policies

LIPA Staff recommends no changes to the Board policies listed above and recommends approval of the review of those policies, as written, with the exception of the Trustee Code of Ethics and Conduct, as described below. The existing Board policies are located on the UDSA’s website at this [link](#) and, also, this [link](#).

Amendments to the Code of Ethics and Conduct

LIPA Staff has reviewed the Code of Ethics and recommends certain minor changes to the Policy to conform with updated law. The New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (“COELIG”) was established by the Ethics Commission Reform Act of 2022. COELIG was created to replace what was known as the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (“JCOPE”). References to JCOPE have been removed and replaced with COELIG consistent with Ethics Commission Reform Act of 2022. Additionally, certain other changes have been

made to better reflect the thresholds related to gifts. Other minor formatting and clerical edits are also included. All amendments are more specifically shown on Exhibit “B.”

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, it is recommended that the Trustees adopt the resolution in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was approved:

99. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN MISSION, GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE BOARD POLICIES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) and governance best practices, the Board has adopted various policies relating to the Authority’s mission, governance and compliance, including the: (i) Mission Statement; (ii) By-laws; (iii) Board Policy on Procurement; (iv) Board Policy on Property Disposition; (v) Board Policy on Real Property Acquisition; (vi) Board Policy on Lobbying; (vii) Trustee Code of Ethics and Conduct; and (viii) Board Policy on Prompt Payment.

WHEREAS, LIPA Staff recommends that the Board approve the annual review of the Board policies, listed above, as written, with the exception of the Trustee Code of Ethics and Conduct, as described in the attached memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the annual review of the: (i) Mission Statement; (ii) By-laws; (iii) Board Policy on Procurement; (iv) Board Policy on Property Disposition; (v) Board Policy on Real Property Acquisition; (vi) Board Policy on Lobbying; and (vii) Board Policy on Prompt Payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the amendments to the Code of Ethics and Conduct as provided in the attached memorandum.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Discussion of Year-to-Date Tracking Report to be presented by Donna Mongiardo.

Ms. Mongiardo presented the Discussion of Year-to-Date Tracking Report and took questions from the Trustees.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Discussion of the 2023

Financial Report to be presented by Donna Mongiardo.

Ms. Mongiardo presented the Discussion of the 2023 Financial Report and took questions from the Trustees.

The Acting Chair stated that the next item on the agenda is the Discussion of the 2023 Audit Results with the Independent Auditors, to be presented by Ed Lee and KPMG.

Mr. Lee and KPMG associates presented the Discussion of the 2023 Audit Results with the Independent Auditors and took questions from the Trustees.

The Acting Chair then asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with KPMG and announced that no votes would be taken, and the Trustees would be returning to public session. The motion was duly made and seconded and the following resolution was adopted:

100. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO SECTION 105 OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, the Trustees of the Long Island Power Authority shall convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

At approximately 10:48 a.m. the Open Session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned to Executive Session, and returned to public session at approximately 10:59 p.m.

The Acting Chair stated that the last item on the agenda is the Consideration of Approval of the 2023 Financial Report to be presented by Donna Mongiardo.

Ms. Mongiardo presented the following action item and took questions from the Trustees:

Requested Action

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) is being requested to approve the proposed financial report section of the 2023 annual report of the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the “UDSA”), prepared in accordance with Section 2800(1) of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”), in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

Background

Section 2800(1) of the PAL requires that the UDSA submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate Finance committee, the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Assembly Ways and Means committee, the State Comptroller, and the Authorities Budget Office, within ninety days after the end of the Authority’s fiscal year. The annual report includes, among other things, the Authority’s financial report for the fiscal year just ended. Under Section 2800(1)(a)(2) of PAL, the financial report shall include the following: audited financials; grant and subsidy programs; operating and financial risks; current bond ratings; and long-term liabilities (the “Financial Report”). Section 2800(3) of PAL requires the Financial Report to be approved by the Trustees.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was approved:

101. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE UTILITY DEBT SECURITIZATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Section 2800(1) of the Public Authorities Law (“PAL”) requires public authorities such as the Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the “UDSA”) to prepare an annual report; and

WHEREAS, the UDSA’s annual report includes, among other things, a financial report, as defined under Section 2800(1)(a)(2) of PAL (the “Financial Report”); and

WHEREAS, the UDSA has prepared its Financial Report, which, pursuant to Section 2800(3) of PAL, is subject to the approval of the Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2023 Financial Report of the Utility Debt Securitization Authority, in the form presented at this meeting.

At approximately 11:07 p.m. the Acting Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, which was duly made and seconded.
