A Conference Call / Video Conference Meeting of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") was held via conference call and video conference on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. with Members participating via Zoom.

# CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Alfonso Carney, Board Chair at 10:10 a.m. and a quorum was declared present.

Sara Richards, Assistant Secretary, called the roll.

The following Board Members and Staff were present:

### Board Members Present – Via Zoom

Alfonso L. Carney, Jr. - Chair

John B. Johnson—Vice-Chair

Beryl L. Snyder, Esq. – Secretary

Gerard Romski, Esq. – Board Member

Joan M. Sullivan – Board Member

Wellington Chen—Board Member

Janice McKinnie – Board Member

Ken Evans, Designated Representative of the Commissioner of Health, Board Member (ex officio)

Phyllis Morris---Designated Representative of the Commissioner of Education, Board Member (ex officio) – Board Member

#### **Board Members Absent**

Jonathan Gardner, Esq. – Board Member

Adrian Swierczewski--Designated Representative of the Director of the Budget, Board Member (ex officio)

#### Staff Members Present - via Zoom

Reuben R. McDaniel, III, President and Chief Executive Officer

Paul G. Koopman, Vice President

Kimberly A. Ellis, Chief Financial Officer

Nadine Fontaine, Esq., General Counsel

Portia Lee, Managing Director, Public Finance and Portfolio Monitoring

Stephen Curro, Managing Director, Construction

Ricardo Salaman, Esq., Deputy General Counsel

Sara Potter Richards, Esq., Managing Senior Director, Governance and Administration

Kathy Ebert, Senior Director, Internal Audit

Matthew T. Bergin, Director, Public Finance

Craig Schreivogl, Director, Portfolio Monitoring

David Ostrander, Assistant Director, Public Finance

Dena Amodio, Esq., Assistant General Counsel

Jeffrey Gordon, Senior Director, Communications & Marketing Deborah Fasser, Director, Strategic Communications and Business Development Karen E. Ehlinger, Manager, Internal Control Analysis Alex Sirdine, Financial Analyst Amanda Nazario, Confidential Legal Assistant

### Bond Counsel – via Zoom

Damon Pace, Esq., Orrick Harrington & Sutcliffe, LLP Natalia Pearson-Farrer, Esq., Golden Holley James LLP Melissa Bennett, Esq., Barclay Damon, LLP Alison Radecki, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP Michael Cobbs, Brown Hutchinson LLP

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

John B. Johnson, Jr.

The Chair directed the Members' attention to the proposed list of Authorized Officers provided in the Board materials. He explained that this must be adopted each year at DASNY's Annual Meeting. The Authorized Officers are as follows:

Vice Chair

Beryl L. Snyder
Kimberly A. Ellis
Stanley J. Reed
Laura E. St. James
Antoinette M. Tomlin
Steven R. Winters-Bona
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

Steven R. Winters-Bona
Dena T. Amodio
Frederick W. Clark, III
Kay M. Edwards
R. Nadine Fontaine
Sara Potter Richards
Ricardo Salaman
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Secretary

Upon a motion by Mr Romski and a second by Mr. Chen, the Resolution setting forth the Authorized Officers of DASNY was approved unanimously.

# **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan and a second by Ms. Snyder, the Minutes of the DASNY March 2, 2022 Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Romski reported that after approving the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from the March 2, 2022 Meeting, the Finance Committee voted to recommend the Yeshiva University,

Cornell University, and the Northwell Health Obligated Group to the Full Board for Single Approvals. Mr. Romski informed the Board Members that the Finance Committee also recommended that the full Board increase the not-to-exceed amount of the School District Revenue Bond Financing to \$1 Billion, up from \$750 million, which was the amount approved at the March 2, 2022 Board Meeting.

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY—SINGLE APPROVAL

President McDaniel introduced David Ostrander of DASNY, Damon Pace, Esq. of Orrick Harrington & Sutcliffe, LLP and Natalia Pearson-Farrer of Golden Holley James LLP, co-bond counsel on the transaction.

Mr. Ostrander stated that the Board is being asked to approve the issuance of three series of tax-exempt and/or taxable, fixed and/or variable rate bonds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 on behalf of Cornell University. He stated that the proceeds would be used to refund all or a portion of Cornell's Series 2000A, 2000B and 2019C Bonds, all of which were issued by DASNY. Mr. Ostrander explained that all three series of bonds are variable rate, with interest rates reset monthly based on LIBOR plus a spread. He noted that the bonds are all privately placed - the Series 2000A&B Bonds with Banc of America, and the Series 2019C Bonds with TIAA Bank. Mr. Ostrander explained that the proposed transaction is expected to reduce the University's variable rate exposure by refunding the Series 2000A, 2000B, and 2019C bonds with publicly offered, fixed rate bonds.

Mr. Ostrander informed the Members that the outstanding obligations of the University have been assigned a rating of "Aa1" from Moody's and "AA" from S&P. Accordingly, Cornell meets the requirements under DASNY's financing guidelines for the bonds to be issued as a general unsecured obligation of the University.

Mr. Ostrander summarized the operations and finances of the University. He stated that Cornell has experienced strong demand and increasing enrollment over the last five years, despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and has become increasingly selective over the past five years while maintaining a diverse revenue composition, growing financial resources and liquidity. He further stated that the University's variable rate debt, which represents approximately half of its total long-term debt, will be reduced by approximately \$140 million through the proposed transaction.

Mr. Pace further described the transaction and presented the financing documents. He stated that before the Members for their consideration is the adoption of three Series Resolutions relating to Cornell University. Mr. Pace further stated that the proposed Series 2022 Bonds would be issued pursuant to DASNY's Cornell University Revenue Bond Resolution, which the Board adopted on January 26, 2000, and which was last supplemented and amended on March 6, 2019. The related Loan Agreement was amended and restated as of April 25, 2019. The amended and supplemented documents were each effective May 12, 2020. Mr. Pace informed the Members that the Series 2022 Bonds are to be issued at one or more times to refund all or a portion of DASNY's Cornell University Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, Series 2000B and Series 2019C and pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds. He noted that each series of the bonds expected to be refunded was directly placed with, and is currently held by, a financial institution.

Ms. Pearson-Farrer provided more details about the 2000 General Resolution. She stated that the 2000 General Resolution, as amended and supplemented, constitutes the basic agreement between DASNY and the holders of the bonds issued thereunder. Ms. Pearson-Farrer further stated that the General Resolution authorized the issuance from time to time of multiple series of bonds in an unlimited principal amount for purposes including financing or refinancing the costs of projects for the University; paying the associated costs of issuance; and paying or providing for the payment of outstanding notes or bonds issued for the benefit of the University. She explained that each series of bonds is secured on a parity with each other series of bonds by certain revenues, by certain funds and accounts established for the bonds, and by any other security pledged to the payment of the series of bonds. She further explained that the revenues consist of certain payments to be made by the University under the Loan Agreement, as amended and supplemented, on account of debt service on the bonds issued under the General Resolution.

Ms. Pearson-Farrer stated that the Board is now being asked to adopt three Series Resolutions under the 2000 General Resolution. Each Series 2022 Resolution, individually and in the aggregate, authorizes the issuance of bonds entitled to the benefit, protection and security of the General Resolution in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150 million. She explained that the Series 2022 Bonds are proposed to be issued to refund certain bonds, and to be issued as publicly offered, fixed rate bonds, sold through a negotiated sale to a syndicate of underwriters represented by BofA Securities, Inc. She noted, however, that the Series 2022 Resolutions do not limit the discretion of the Authority's officers to determine to issue the Series 2022 Bonds in other configurations than are currently contemplated. Ms. Pearson-Farrer informed the Members that the Series 2022 Resolutions delegate to any DASNY authorized officer certain powers, including to determine the final terms of the Series 2022 Bonds and to execute and deliver various documents including a bond purchase agreement and supplement to the Loan Agreement.

### Ms. Snyder moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolutions:

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SERIES 2022A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORNELL UNIVERSITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022A IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000,000

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SERIES 2022B RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORNELL UNIVERSITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022B IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000,000

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SERIES 2022C RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORNELL UNIVERSITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022C IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000,000

Mr. Chen seconded the motion, and the Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

### NORTHWELL HEALTH OBLIGATED GROUP--SINGLE APPROVAL

President McDaniel introduced Matt Bergin of DASNY, Alison Radecki, Esq. of Orrick Harrington & Sutcliffe, LLP and Michael Cobbs, Esq. of Brown Hutchinson, co-bond counsel on the transaction.

Mr. Bergin presented the Northwell Health Obligated Group transaction. He stated that before the Members for their consideration is a financing on behalf of the Northwell Health Obligated Group. Mr. Bergin explained that the transaction contemplates a 30-year term for a bond issue in an amount not to exceed \$820,000,000 to finance various construction, renovation, and modernization projects for the members of the Northwell Health Obligated Group, as well as refund all or a portion of DASNY's North Shore – Long Island Jewish Obligated Group Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B, C & D.

Mr. Bergin explained that obligations issued under the Master Trust Indenture will be a joint and several obligation of each member of the Obligated Group and will be secured by a lien on certain Gross Receipts of the members of the Obligated Group. He informed the Members that it is anticipated that the existing mortgages will be eliminated once the consents of 51% of the holders of the Master Trust Indenture Obligations are received, which is expected to occur by the closing of the Series 2022 Bonds. Mr. Bergin noted that this change in the security was disclosed in connection with the 2019 financing. The 2019 POS included deemed consent language for this amendment to the MTI. He noted that the 2022 POS will state that by their purchase of the Series 2022 Bonds, the purchasers shall consent and shall be deemed to have consented to this amendment.

Mr. Bergin informed the Members that the Obligated Group has consistently recorded over 100 days cash on hand and their cushion ratio has averaged nearly 13:1. The Obligated Group's operating gain has averaged nearly \$235 million over the last five years. Mr. Bergin reported that the System's inpatient market share is approximately 31%, more than double that of its nearest competitor. He directed the Members' attention to the organizational flowchart and explained that there are 4 hospitals in the System that are not in the Obligated Group, and that the members of the Obligated Group represented nearly 82% of the total operating revenue and 83% of the total assets of the System.

Mr. Bergin discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the System and its role in providing testing and vaccine distribution in its service area, including medically underserved communities. He stated that the pandemic also caused a negative financial impact on the System as described in the Staff Report. Mr. Bergin reported that the expected ratings on the Bonds are A3, A-, and A-.

Ms. Radecki further described the transaction and presented the financing documents. She stated that before the Members for their consideration is the adoption of a Series 2022A Resolution Authorizing Up To \$820,000,000 Northwell Health Obligated Group Revenue Bonds and a Loan Agreement.

Ms. Radecki stated that the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2022A Bonds will not exceed \$820,000,000. She further stated that the proceeds of the Series 2022A Bonds will be loaned to Northwell Healthcare, Inc. pursuant to a loan agreement with the Authority for the benefit of Members of the Obligated Group. Ms. Radecki informed the Members that the Series 2022A Bonds will be secured by Obligation No. 63 issued pursuant to the Master Trust Indenture.

Ms. Radecki reported that the Obligated Group currently consists of ten members each of which is a New York not-for-profit corporation: North Shore University Hospital; Glen Cove Hospital; Plainview Hospital; Long Island Jewish Medical Center; Northwell Health Stern Family Center for

Rehabilitation; Northwell Healthcare, Inc.; Staten Island University Hospital; Huntington Hospital Association d/b/a Huntington Hospital; South Shore University Hospital; and Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Cobbs informed the Members that the Series 2022A Bonds are expected to be issued as tax-exempt fixed rate bonds, and will be used to refund the Authority's Series 2009B, Series 2009C and Series 2009D Bonds; finance certain projects for various Members of the Obligated Group; and pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds. He stated that the Series 2022A Bonds will be special obligations of the Authority payable solely from Revenues which consist of certain payments to be made under the Loan Agreement and payments made under the Obligation. He further stated that the obligations to the Authority will be secured by the Gross Receipts pledge of all Members pursuant to the MTI.

Mr. Cobbs stated that the Series Resolution delegates to various officers of the Authority the powers, among others, to establish the principal amount of the Series 2022A Bonds not to exceed \$820,000,000 in the aggregate; the date or dates on which any Series 2022A Bonds will pay interest and principal and mature, which maturity may not exceed thirty years from the November 1 immediately next succeeding the date of initial issuance; the rate or rates at which the Series 2022A Bonds will bear interest; provided that the true interest cost of the Series 2022A Bonds will not exceed 7.5% if tax-exempt and 10.0% if taxable; the redemption dates and prices and provisions for tender for purchase; and the form of the Series 2022A Bonds. Mr. Cobbs noted that there is no debt service reserve fund requirement in connection with the Series 2022A Bonds.

Mr. Cobbs informed the Members that the Series Resolution authorizes the execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Loan Agreement and approves a draft Preliminary Official Statement, authorizes a final Official Statement and authorizes Authority officers to do all other things necessary or advisable in connection with the issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds. He stated that the Series 2022A Bonds will be secured by the funds and accounts established pursuant to the Series Resolutions and a pledge of payments to be made to the Authority under the Loan Agreement and the Obligation.

Ms. Radecki provided additional details about the Obligated Group. She explained that under the MTI, the Members are jointly and severally obligated to pay all Obligations issued thereunder. Ms. Radecki stated that each Obligation will be secured by a pledge of the Gross Receipts of the Members of the Obligated Group which constitute all revenue derived from health care and health-related services. She further stated that Members of the Obligated Group may leave the Obligated Group and new Institutions may join the Obligated Group, but only if certain debt service coverage tests and other conditions provided in the MTI are satisfied.

Ms. Radecki informed the Members that the MTI permits Members of the Obligated Group to incur additional indebtedness, pledge or otherwise encumber a portion of their accounts receivable and secure indebtedness on a parity with the Series 2022A Bonds within certain prescribed limitations. The MTI requires Members of the Obligated Group to maintain certain debt service coverage ratios and contains certain limits on the amount of cash and other property that may be transferred to parties that are not Members of the Obligated Group.

Ms. Radecki stated that the Series 2022A Bonds are proposed to be sold through a negotiated sale to a syndicate of underwriters represented by Citigroup Global Markets. The Bond Purchase

Agreement to be entered into between the Authority, Northwell Healthcare, Inc. and the Underwriters contains terms and conditions which are customary in connection with the sale of bonds of the Authority.

### Mr. Romski moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolutions:

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SERIES 2022A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UP TO \$820,000,000 NORTHWELL HEATLH OBLIGATED GROUP REVENUE BONDS

Mr. Chen seconded the motion, and the Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS REVENUE BOND FINANCING PROGRAM--SINGLE APPROVAL

Mr. Ostrander reminded the Members that on March 2, 2022, the Board authorized and adopted the necessary documents for the issuance of bonds on behalf of various New York State School Districts. Staff requested an amount not to exceed \$750,000,000, which was expected to be sufficient to accommodate a June new money and BAN refinancing pool, as well as a refunding pool later in the year.

Mr. Ostrander that that the rise in interest rates over recent weeks has resulted in increased demand from school districts to participate in the DASNY pool. He explained that to date, staff has received responses from 66 districts who wish to participate, totaling over \$820 million. In addition, a refunding transaction later this year could total up to \$150 million. Mr. Ostrander summarized that the total amount of school district demand for new money, BAN refinancing, and refunding bonds now exceeds the authorized amount of \$750,000,000.

Mr. Ostrander stated that in order to accommodate additional school district demand, staff recommends the Board authorize the necessary amendments to the documents adopted at the March 2, 2022 Board Meeting to increase the not to exceed amount from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. He informed the Members that there are no other changes to the transaction that the Board approved in March. Ms. Snyder inquired whether \$1,000,000,000 is sufficient to meet the needs of all school districts who may wish to participate. Mr Ostrander replied in the affirmative, and noted that the deadline to join the pool has passed. Mr. Ostrander stated that Melissa Bennett, Esq. of Barclay Damon LLP is present, should the Members have questions for Bond Counsel.

## Ms. Morris moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AMENDED AND RESTATED SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION 2022-1 AUTHORIZING UP TO \$1,000,000,000 SCHOOL DISTRICTS REVENUE BOND FINANCING PROGRAM REVENUE BONDS

Mr. Romski seconded the motion, and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

### YESHIVA UNIVERSITY—RESOLUTION TO PROCEED

Matthew Bergin stated that the Members are being asked to adopt a Resolution to Proceed for one or more series of fixed and/or variable rate tax-exempt and/or taxable bonds, with a term not to exceed 31-years, in an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000,000, on behalf of Yeshiva University.

Mr. Bergin explained that the proposed issuance will be used to refund the University's outstanding DASNY bonds, including the Series 2009 and Series 2011A bonds, and to finance approximately \$20 million of new money projects. Mr. Bergin further explained that the new money and refunding components of the proposed financing are each anticipated to provide annual cash flow savings and better align expenses with the useful life of the assets financed. He added that new money proceeds will finance high priority projects under the University's energy master plan.

Mr. Bergin informed the Committee Members that financing the projects is expected to be cash flow positive to the University as the annual debt service on the new money portion of the proposed issuance is estimated at approximately \$1.2 million and the anticipated energy savings is approximately \$1.7 million per year.

Mr. Bergin stated that debt service on the Series 2009 and 2011A bonds is currently approximately \$12.2 million a year. Debt service on the refunding bonds is anticipated to be approximately \$5.5 million a year during the interest only period and approximately \$8.4 million a year when principal amortization begins. He further stated that the refunding is estimated to provide net present value savings of approximately \$6.5 million, or approximately 5.0% of the bonds being refunded.

Mr. Bergin informed the Committee Members that the bonds are anticipated to be rated by S&P which rates Yeshiva BBB- with a stable outlook. Therefore, in accordance with DASNY's financing guidelines, the Loan Agreement shall be a general unsecured obligation of the University. He noted that the financing documents may include additional security provisions based on market conditions. Mr. Bergin stated that, subject to review by tax counsel, the University may repay principal over approximately 25 years following five years of interest only payments for both the new money and the refundings.

Mr. Bergin provided additional information about the operations of the University, the financial impacts of the pandemic, and the steps that have been taken to improve Yeshiva's finances. He explained that the University engaged a team of financial advisors to assist with the development and implementation of short- and long-term strategies to better align Yeshiva's expenses with revenues and improve liquidity which the University continues to implement. The implementation of these strategies included the September 2015 transfer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine to a newly formed education corporation controlled by Montefiore Medicine. Mr. Bergin reported that the level of the deficits over the past five years are well below the deficits Yeshiva reported while the Medical School was included as part of its operations. Mr. Bergin then summarized various operational and financial data for the Members.

Mr. Bergin stated that the new money and refunding components of the proposed financing are each anticipated to provide annual cash flow savings and better align expenses with the useful life of the assets financed. He noted that Yeshiva University has been a DASNY client since 1994 and has always met its obligations to DASNY on time and in full.

# Mr. Chen moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) AUTHORIZING STAFF AND BOND COUNSEL TO PROCEED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCING OF FACILITIES FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

## Ms. McKinnie seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Board Chair thanked DASNY Staff and Bond Counsel for the work in preparing the Board presentations, and encouraged the Members to reach out to Staff should they have any questions regarding the materials in the Board Book, or if they have suggestions on ways to improve the presentations.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President informed the Members that the State is expected to adopt a budget later this week, and that he will work with Ms. Fontaine on a summary presentation for the Members for the next Board meeting. The Chair and the President thanked Ms. Fontaine for her efforts.

The President reported that DASNY is working on a major revision to the Procurement Guidelines. He explained that J. Matthew Moore, Director, Procurement and Ms. Fontaine are leading a DASNY-wide committee to undertake this initiative. The President stated that the revised guidelines will include the implementation of PMWebb, alternative delivery methods, and other matters.

The President stated that he had the opportunity to attend the groundbreaking of the new Urban Health Plan facility in the South Bronx. The new facility is funded by a \$60 million private placement transaction. He reported that the new facility is located on a remediated Brownfield, and will provide much-needed primary and specialty care services in this community. The President noted that Bronx County is ranked last in the State in terms of health care outcomes. He informed the Members that the daughter of UHP's founder was present, and she was very moved by the new investment. The President stated that the borrower's team was very complimentary of DASNY staff for their efforts in facilitating the transaction.

#### CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REPORT

Mr. Curro delivered the Construction Report. He stated that the GOSR Program deadline is September 2022, and there are 23 active projects ongoing. GOSR has been notified that several downstate projects will continue past the September deadline, and DASNY meets with GOSR on a monthly basis.

Several SUNY projects continue to move forward. Mr. Curro reported that construction is underway on the Smith Hall renovation at SUNY Cortland and the project is expected to be completed in time for the Fall semember. A May start of the \$42 million Awosting Residence Hall renovation at SUNY New Paltz is anticipated. The project involves the addition of a 5<sup>th</sup> story, and a Construction Manager at Risk has been retained. Mr Curro reported that bid opening for the \$43 million gut renovation of two residence halls at SUNY Albany is scheduled for April 7, and construction is expected to begin this summer. In addition, fifteen 2022 summer projects totaling approximately \$19 million are planned.

Mr. Curro updated the Members regarding the preliminary preparations DASNY is undertaking in anticipation of legislation authorizing the buildout of cannabis dispensaries across New York State. He summarized that Staff in the Real Property, Interior Design, Procurement, and Design and Construction units have been comtemplating project delivery strategies for the program.

With respect to CUNY, Mr. Curro reported that he and Mike Stabulas have been working with CUNY to update the Project Management Agreement, which was last updated in the 2005. DASNY and CUNY held several meetings to discuss the agreement and expect to receive a final draft from CUNY soon, which will then be reviewed by Counsel's Office.

Mr. Curro stated that Molly Larkin is heading up the Upstate Design and Construction Department, and three Chief Project Managers have now been installed by region. Staff has been assigned to each on both the design and construction sides, which continues the model already implemented in Western New York. Once fully implemented successfully, attention will be focused on the Downstate region.

Mr. Curro stated that Phase I of the PMWeb Implementation continues, and over 75 projects have been added into the system so far. Phase I completion is targeted for May of this year, and Phase II will follow in early 2023. The remainder of the projects are still in Contract Manager.

In response to a question from Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Curro stated that he continues to work with HR to add staff to meet client expectations, and that currently there are 23 open positions.

# **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Fontaine informed the Members that DASNY has added several new attorneys in order to provide support to all DASNY divisions. She stated that Dwight Flynn, Managing Assistant Counsel, will be working in the Corporate area; Mike Logan, previously of Harris Beach and Hodgeson Russ, will be supporting the Finance Department as a Managing Assistant Counsel; and Valerie Himelewski will be starting as a Managing Assistant Counsel supporting the Construction Division next week.

The Board Chair and the President thanked Ms. Fontaine for her efforts to recruit qualified staff. The President noted that all of the new attorneys have either State experience, or experience working with DASNY.

#### **PUBLIC FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Lee delivered the Public Finance Report. She informed the Members that in fiscal year 2021-22, DASNY issued \$9 billion in bonds in 16 financings. Of these 16 financings, there were 7 higher education deals; 1 health care transaction; 1 BOCES transaction; 1 library transaction; the IAC transaction; the School Districts transaction; 3 PIT transactions and the SUNY Dorms transaction. Ms. Lee thanked the staff in the Public Finance, Finance and Counsel's Office for their efforts in completing these deals.

Ms. Lee stated that three deals have priced since the last Board meeting. She informed the Members that New School priced \$153,290,000 and Rockefeller University priced \$70,400,000. The PIT transaction sold for a total of \$3,090,070, and of that amount, an all-MWBE and SDVOB syndicate managed the \$667 million Taxable transaction. Ms. Lee noted that the market has been very volatile and that rates have been rising. She stated that the firms did a very good job pricing these transactions and our clients are pleased.

Ms. Snyder compliemented Ms Lee and her staff for their ability to price these transactions so favorably in a very difficult market. She emphasized that the municipal bond market has experienced periods of weakness, especially recently.

Ms. Lee provided a brief market update. She stated that total year to date new issue volume is approximately \$97.6 billion, down 14.1% from last year; and total supply for the week is expected to be heavier at about \$11.7 billion this week. Ms. Lee reported that tax-exempt bond yields were higher yesterday with the 10-year AAA MMD and 30-year AAA both increasing by 4 basis points

to a 2.20% and 2.55%, respectively. U.S. government bond yields were higher, as the 10-year Treasury yield increased by 12 basis points to a 2.54% and the 30-year Treasury yield increased by 9 basis points to yield a 2.57%. Ms. Lee stated that municipal bond funds continued to report outflows. As an example of the rising rates and volatility, Ms. Lee informed the Members that since the last Board meeting, the one-year MMD rate has increased by 76 basis points, the 10-year MMD has increased by 67 basis points, and the 30-year MMD has increased by 62 basis points. In that same time period, the 10-year Treasury yield has increased by 82 basis points and the 30-year Treasury yield has increased by 46 basis points.

Ms. Lee stated that DASNY will continue to stay in contact with our clients as they monitor potential savings from refunding transactions. She noted that even with the rising interest rates, DASNY continues to receive calls from clients who wish to access the financial markets quickly in light of projections for expected rate increases in the future. Ms. Lee stated that a continued pipeline is anticipated.

Mr. Romski inquired whether DASNY's Financing Guidelines provide enough flexibility for clients in the current rate environment, and Ms. Lee responded in the affirmative. She stated that clients are very appreciative of the changes that have been made to the Guidelines and she does not believe additional changes are needed at this time. Ms. Lee thanked the Members for their willingness to participate in Special Meetings in the event that such meetings are required to accommodate client schedules. The Board Chair stated that the Board is happy to do so, should it be necessary.

Ms. Lee also noted that a Bond Sale Summary, including Performance Metrics, is provided with the Members' materials.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Ellis provided the Financial Report. She directed the Members' attention to the monthly report included in the Board materials behind tab 12, which details activity through February. Ms. Ellis informed the Members that total operating expenses through February are slightly under projection by \$1.1million; however, a year-end deficit is still anticipated.

Ms. Ellis directed the Member's attention to the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2021. She highlighted the trading activity with the MWBE/SDVOB firms on DASNY's approved list of broker-dealers, which increased as a result of modifications to DASNY's investment policy and guidelines. Ms. Ellis summarized that DASNY awarded over 91%, or \$1.4 billion in par value of trades conducted over the phone to a MWBE firm and over 62% of trades, for another \$1.4 billion, to a MWBE firm when trading on the Bloomberg platform. She informed the Members that all trading is done on a competitive basis, with at least two MWBE/SDVOB firms included in each solicitation. She noted that \$30.2 billion par value has been awarded to MWBE firms over the ten-year period that MWBE firms have been on the approved list.

Ms. Ellis directed the Members' attention to the Resolution authorizing certain individuals to approve and execute investment transactions in accordance with DASNY's Investment Policy and Guidelines. She explained that the Resolution is being updated to reflect the departure of two staff members.

### Mr. Romski moved the adoption of the following entitled Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW ORK (DASNY) AUTHORIZING NAMED EMPLOYEES TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

# Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Board Chair moved that the Members go into Executive Session to discuss the financial and credit history of particular corporations. Mr. Romski seconded the motion and the Members went into Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action was taken in Executive Session other than to return to Public Session.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Snyder moved that the Meeting adjourn, Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Richard

Sara P. Richards Assistant Secretary