

TRANSCRIPT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 14, 2022

Alejandro J. Valella, Vice President and Deputy Counsel to the Agencies, stated that Chairman Adams was not able to attend today's Board and Committee meetings, and noted that Commissioner Visnauskas would preside in his place. Mr. Valella opened the April 14, 2022 meetings of the Governance Committees of the New York State Housing Finance Agency, the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the Affordable Housing Corporation, the State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency and the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation and noted that Legislation in response to the continuing impact of COVID-19 has extended the exemption to the Open Meetings law that provides that public bodies may meet to take actions without permitting in public in-person access to such meetings and authorizes meetings to be held remotely by conference call, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. Mr. Valella noted that this year's Budget contains amendments to the Public Officers law that would permit continuing participation by board members in public meetings using video facilities and added that staff is reviewing the amendments to determine next steps, but the Budget bill provides a 60-day period during which our COVID-19 procedures can continue.

Mr. Valella also stated that the Committee meetings would be held by conference call instead of as a public meeting open for the public to attend in person, and that a call-in number was made public for the public to listen to the proceedings.

Mr. Valella noted that because of these special features a change in voting procedures would be put in place for this meeting and he would be asking each Board member to record their votes individually.

Mr. Valella asked for a motion to call the meeting of the HFA and AHC Governance Committees to order. Mr. Olczak made the motions and Mr. Curtis seconded. Mr. Valella noted the presence of a quorum for HFA and AHC Governance Committees.

Mr. Valella asked for a motion to call the meeting of the SONYMA Governance Committee to order. Mr. Kapell made the motion and Commissioner Visnauskas seconded. Mr. Olczak voted aye; Mr. Ballan voted aye. Mr. Valella noted the presence of a quorum for SONYMA.

Mr. Valella asked for a motion to call the meeting of the MBBA and TSFC Governance Committees to order. Mr. Olczak made the motion and Ms. Baldwin seconded the motion. Mr. Valella noted the presence of a quorum for the MBBA and TSFC.

Ms. Visnauskas proceeded to present the first item as **the approval of the transcript of the Governance Committees meetings held on January 27, 2022**. The transcript was deemed approved.

Ms. Visnauskas noted that the next item was a Consent Item and there would be no discussion unless Committee members so requested:

ITEM 2: Approval and/or review of various contracts monitored by the Facilities and Administration Department.

Mr. Valella moved for adoption of the resolution transmitted in connection therewith. Considering the first and second motions previously entered for the HFA, SONYMA, MBBA and TSFC Committees, Mr. Valella asked all Committee members voting to approve to signify by saying aye. The motions were carried, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

Ms. Visnauskas noted that **the last item on the Governance Agenda was an Information Item:**

ITEM 3: Annual review of the Memorandum of Agreement with Natural Heritage Trust.

Noting that there was no more business for the Governance Committees, Ms. Visnauskas asked Mr. Valella to adjourn the Governance Committee Meetings.

Mr. Valella stated that, assuming the first and second previously entered for all the Committees, all in favor of adjourning, please signify by saying Aye. The motion was carried. The meetings were adjourned.

Mr. Valella noted that the next Governance Committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 9 am.