

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

June 1, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority was held on June 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Due to the Governor's Proclamation related to COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Declaration of the Board Chair that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent the meeting was held via audio and video conference.

Item 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Item 2. Roll Call

Call of the Roll was taken and the following members of the Authority were present: Chair Leslie Darling, Rosemarie Andolino, Norm Bobins, Trisha Rooney, Michael Forde, Coco Soodek and Tarah Cooper Wright. Also present were Frank Bilecki, P.J. Frayer, Dana Phillips Goodum, Maureen Gorski, Maria Saldaña and Russell Levine of the Authority's staff. In addition John Corvino and Maacah Scott from the Chicago White Sox staff attended the meeting.

Item 3. 2021 Bond Refinancing

Ms. Phillips Goodum introduced Claire Goodman from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, who was serving as Financial Advisor on the proposed 2021 Bond Refinancing and asked her to provide a summary of the purpose and key terms of the proposed bond refinancing. Ms. Goodman directed the Board's attention to the presentation included in the Board's package. She noted that the presentation stated that the purpose of the 2021 refunding was to refinance a portion of the Authority's Series 2001 Soldier Field Bonds to avoid payment of the State Advance deficiency amount by the City for fiscal year 2021. She reported that the proposal was to issue approximately \$19 million in bonds on June 11, 2021, with pricing to occur on June 4, 2021. This issuance would generate proceeds to refund approximately \$22 million of the 2001 Bond maturity amount due on June 15, 2021. She stated that the amount to be freed up, as a result of the refunding, would be used to pay the deficiency amount of the State Advance. The 2021 Bonds would mature from 2030-2032 and under current market conditions the all-in true interest costs would be approximately 3.26%. She stated that the Bonds would be directly placed with RBC and that RBC had agreed to hold the bonds for a certain period of time and to work with the Authority to prepare documents required for a public offering. Under the proposed agreement pursuant to which RBC would purchase the Bonds, the Authority would agree to deliver an Offering Memorandum and ratings within a 45- day period after the June 11, 2021, date. The agreement with RBC would include a financial penalty to the Authority in the event that the offering memorandum was not timely delivered. She also stated that it was anticipated the Board would approve the form of the Offering Memorandum before the public offering.

Ms. Phillips Goodum stated that the Resolution for the Bond Refinancing included approval of the form of Contract of Purchase and the Sixth Supplemental Indenture. Ms. Saldana stated that the Sixth Supplemental Indenture was a supplement to the Master Indenture pursuant to which the

Authority issued all of its bonds. She stated that the contract of Purchase was the agreement between the Authority and RBC pursuant to which it, RBC would purchase the Bonds.

Chair Darling called for a motion to approve Resolution 21-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority of not to exceed \$21,400,000 Aggregated Principal Amount of its Sports Facilities Refunding Bonds (State Tax Supported), Series 2021. Mr. Bobins moved to approve, and Ms. Andolino seconded. Chair Darling then called for discussion.

Mr. Forde wanted to know what the current projected amount of the Authority's hotel taxes for FY 2022 was and what the net hotel taxes had been in in FY 2019. Ms. Phillips Goodum reported that projected FY 2022 net hotel taxes were \$22M and that in FY 2019 net hotel taxes were approximately \$53M, which she noted had been more than enough to pay back the State Advance in FY 2019. Mr. Forde also wanted to know whether the City had been briefed regarding the Authority's debt service going forward and that Authority hotel taxes may not recover sufficiently to pay back State Advance going forward. Mr. Bobins assured Mr. Forde that City had been briefed. Ms. Soodek asked whether this financing would have an impact on the Authority's credit rating. Mr. Bobins opined that no one could answer for certain, but he did not think so. Ms. Soodek also asked what would happen next year if again net hotel taxes were not sufficient to pay back State Advance. Chair Darling said that for now this is the deal we are doing to help City, and as we recover from COVID we will have to continue to assess the situation. Ms. Andolino commented that the fact that things were opening up in the City and the State would certainly help with hotel tax receipts.

Mr. Forde indicated that he had some concerns about the financing because it pushed out debt service into the future, but he stated that he understood how important this transaction was to the Mayor's office. He commented that he understood that the City had informed the Authority that this transaction was critical to the City's finances. He concluded that because of request from the City to approve this transaction he would vote to approve it. Mr. Bobins noted that the City's budget had been negatively impacted by COVID and he thought assisting the City with this transaction on a one-time basis was not too much to ask for.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Ayes: Chair Darling, Ms. Andolino, Mr. Bobins, Mr. Forde, Ms. Soodek, Ms. Copper Wright, Ms. Rooney

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Item 4. Other Business

None

Item 5. Public Comment

None

Item 6. Adjournment

Chair Darling adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.


Chair, Leslie Darling

ATTEST:

Secretary, Michael Forde