

**NEW MEXICO STATE BOARD OF FINANCE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD VIRTUALLY**

**June 21, 2022**

A regular meeting of the New Mexico State Board of Finance was called to order on this date at 9:02 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL -- QUORUM PRESENT**

**Members Present:**

The Hon. Tim Eichenberg, State Treasurer  
Mr. Joseph Badal, Public Member  
Mr. Paul Cassidy, Public Member  
Mr. Michael S. Sanchez, Secretary, Public Member  
Ms. Wendy Trevisani, Public Member

**Members Excused:**

The Hon. Michelle Lujan Grisham, President  
The Hon. Howie Morales, Lt. Governor

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Ashley Leach, Director  
Mr. Marcos B. Trujillo, Deputy Director  
Ms. Debbie Romero, Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration

**Legal Counsel Present:**

Ms. Sally Malavé

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Leach stated that Items 19 through 21, under Bonding Programs, are shown as informational on the agenda but were noticed as action items. A special meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible so that the board can take action on them. There is no impact on the scheduled bond sale, however, as this is just an amending resolution that attaches the project list.

**Mr. Badal moved approval of the agenda, as published. Ms. Trevisani seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 17, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING)**

Mr. Cassidy moved approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2022, meeting, as presented. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4-18)**

Presenter: Ashley Leach, Director, Board of Finance

Submitted by: Stephen Weinkauff, E-911 Project Manager, Local Government Division

- 4. Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division— Requests Approval of the FY23 Operating and Capital Budgets for Public Safety Answering Points (\$10,194,245)**
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Submitted by: Marcos Gonzales, Economic Development Director, Bernalillo County

- 5. Bernalillo County—Requests Approval of an Extension of its Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation for the Trailhead at Chamizal Apartments Project, Located in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**
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Submitted by: Isidoro Hernandez, Executive Director, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority

- 6. New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority—Requests Approval of an Extension of its Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation for Vista Mesa Villa Apartments Project, Located at 1121 Mount Taylor Avenue in Grants**
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- 7. New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority—Requests Approval of an Extension of its Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation for EMLI at Wells of Artesia Apartment Project, Located at 2104 Richey Avenue in Artesia**
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- 8. New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority—Requests Approval of an Extension of its Private Activity Bond Volume Cap Allocation for its Single Family Housing Program**
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Submitted by: Gerald Hoehne, Capital Projects Director, Higher Education Department

- 9. New Mexico State University, Alamogordo—Requests Approval of Capital Expenditures for the Alamogordo Physical Plant Building Renovations (\$930,000)**
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- 10. New Mexico State University, Grants—Requests Approval of Capital Expenditures for Exterior and Site Improvements to Martinez Hall (\$2,187,500)**
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- 11. University of New Mexico—Requests Approval of Capital Expenditures for the UNM Track Resurfacing Renovation (\$880,000)**
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- Submitted by: Vikki Hanges, Chief Investment Officer, State Treasurer’s Office
12. **State Treasurer’s Office Investment Report for Month-Ended April 30, 2022**
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Submitted by: Anna Silva, Facilities Management Division Director General Services Department

13. **Capital Buildings Repair Fund Financial Status Report for Month-Ended May 31, 2022**
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14. **Legislative Capital Projects Financial Status Report for Month-Ended May 31, 2022**
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Submitted by: Ashley Leach, Director, Board of Finance

15. **Summary Report of Board of Finance Contracts**

16. **Emergency Balances – June 21, 2022**

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Operating Reserve Fund	\$ 121,878.00	\$2,500,000.00
Emergency Water Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 175,000.00

17. **Fiscal Agent and Custodial Bank Fees Reports**

18. **Joint Powers Agreements for Month Ended May 31, 2022**

Mr. Badal moved approval of the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mr. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BONDING PROGRAMS**

Presenters: Ashley Leach, Director, State Board of Finance; David Buchholtz, Director, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A. Luis Carrasco, Director, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A.; Parker Schenken, Member, Sherman & Howard, LLC; Jill Sweeney, Member, Sherman & Howard (Co-Bond Counsel); David Paul, President, Fiscal Strategies Group

Ms. Leach stated that a special meeting would be scheduled on Monday in order for the board to take action on Items 19-21.

19. **Consideration of the Amending and Authorizing and Delegating Resolution for State of New Mexico Severance Tax Bonds, Series 2022A, Maximum Principal Amount of \$600,000,000**
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Ms. Leach noted that the board took action on this item last month and approved the sale. This amending resolution appends the final project list, following due diligence by bond counsel, tax counsel, board counsel, and Board of Finance staff on about 1,200 capital projects over the last several months. The final project list has a total funding amount of \$291,750,923, and the board plans to sell the remainder of the projects that are ready for funding in September as part of a second long-term sale.

Mr. Schenken said this translates into an estimated bond sale of approximately \$263 million that will be determined based on bids tomorrow, and the difference between the \$263 million and the \$291 million will be attributable to anticipated market premium on the bonds. The sale is expected to take place tomorrow morning, and the board will take the action to amend the resolution at the upcoming special meeting.

Responding to Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Schenken said a true interest cost of about 2.96 percent is anticipated with a net interest cost of about 3.175 percent.

**20. Consideration of Amending Resolution for State of New Mexico Severance Tax Note, Series 2022S-A, Maximum Principal Amount of \$300,000,000**

Ms. Leach said the board approved this resolution at its May meeting. Through the same due diligence process she discussed in the previous agenda item, staff has determined a total note size of \$183,300,530, which is just shy of the statutory capacity. She said \$152.6 million is for the earmarked tribal, colonias and water projects, leaving the remainder of about \$30.7 million to be used for capital projects approved by the legislature at the last session and previous sessions for projects that have not been sold yet.

Mr. Carrasco stated that the project list appended to this resolution is the final project list for this note, although there is some delegation of authority to the Executive Officer to add projects as they become available and there is room in the authorized amount. He said \$38,140,000 would go to the Tribal Infrastructure Board, with the same amount to the Colonias Infrastructure Board, and \$76,290,000 would go to the Water Trust Board.

Mr. Carrasco said the interest rate on this note would be LIBOR +5 basis points as of June 15. Ms. Leach said the LIBOR as of June 15 was 1.50929 percent, for a total of a 1.55929 percent interest rate, or about \$7,900 in one day's interest to STO for this overnight sale.

**21. Consideration of a Resolution Reauthorizing Certain Severance Tax Bond/Note Projects**

Ms. Leach said that this resolution is brought to the board around this time each year after the legislature acts on certain capital projects during the session to change their purpose, extend the amount of time that the funds can be spent, or change the oversight

agency. Board of Finance staff, bond counsel, tax counsel and board counsel take a look at those projects that have a change in purpose to make sure that the new purpose for the proceeds aligns with the allowable use as set forth by the legislature in their reauthorization statute. The team also makes sure there are no tax considerations or the like now that these projects have a change in purpose. The due diligence review has been completed and those projects are included in this reauthorizing resolution.

Mr. Carrasco said this is very similar to the last two resolutions on this agenda, but the main difference here is that these projects have already been funded from bonds or notes that had been issued with a project list already defined.

### **PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS**

Presenters: Lisa Sedillo-White, Deputy County Manager; John Grubestic, Special Assistant County Attorney; Bryan Godfrey, MAI, State Certified General Appraiser; Enrico Gradi, Deputy County Manager, Community Services; Debbie Jo Almagar, Director, County Parks & Recreation; Sarah Love, Bernalillo County Real Estate Coordinator

#### **22. Bernalillo County—Requests Approval of the Sublease of the Soccer Field, Located within the Mesa del Sol Regional Recreational Complex, to New Mexico United Soccer (\$22,125/year)**

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Ms. Sedillo-White presented this request for approval of the sublease of a 128,550 square foot soccer field and 5,000 square feet of adjacent vacant land, where a temporary modular building would be placed for New Mexico United Soccer members. New Mexico United Soccer would use the field for approximately 200 days per year. The lease term would be two years with one two-year option to extend. The rental fee includes a \$349 per day fee, which includes all repairs, maintenance and utilities, to be paid by Bernalillo County. There is also a rental fee for the 5,000 square feet of \$400 per year. In addition, New Mexico United Soccer will reimburse the county 10 percent of all revenue received from ticket sales, merchandise, and concessions. The anticipated revenue by New Mexico United Soccer per year is anticipated to be approximately \$25,000, which at 10 percent would be about \$2,500 per year.

Ms. Leach stated that approval would be contingent upon director's and counsel's receipt and review of a fully executed sublease agreement.

**Mr. Badal moved for approval. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed, with Ms. Trevisani in abstention.**

### **EMERGENCY FUNDING REQUEST**

Presenters: Priscilla Lucero, Executive Director, NM Southwest Council of Governments; Agatha King, Quemado Lake Water Association Vice President; Marty Howell, Souder Miller & Associates

**23. Quemado Lake Water Association—Requests Approval of an Emergency Grant for the Replacement of its Booster Pump Station (\$146,585.18, Staff Recommendation of \$121,878)**

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Ms. Lucero stated that the Quemado Lake Water Association (QLWA) has approximately 160 connections, and is in a very isolated area between the Gila National Forest, Cibola National Forest, and Apache National Forest. The Southwest Council of Governments continues to see these rural water systems deteriorate because of age.

Ms. King said the original pump station was installed in 2004, and the original system was built in 1998. The QLWA has approximately 60 full time residents but about 160 people who spend the summers at the lake. On May 15, their booster pump station failed, which was possibly caused by a power surge. The company that installed the system said they could no longer repair the two pumps that failed nor could they replace them, because the new pumps would be incompatible with the old pumps. To replace the entire system would cost \$146,585. While the QLWA has built reserves over the past 20 years, it has spent \$2,000 just in the last two months making repairs. They are estimating that with 10 additional small line breaks, their reserve fund would be depleted. She commented that a lot of pipes are beginning to break and freeze. They had sought funding to replace the tank, add a new well, and install a metering system, but then this happened.

Ms. Lucero stated that if another pump fails, the QLWA would only be able to supply water at half of capacity. As Ms. King has indicated, replacing the pump would be futile because it would not be compatible with the existing system. Without access to water from the current system, they would have to haul water from 30 miles away. She commented that some of the reserves accumulated by the QLWA could be used to offset some of the costs that have to be incurred to make the improvements.

Ms. Lucero added that the board has seen her on these calls before about other community water systems, and she has been part of the ongoing discussion about how they can do this better not only as a region but also as a state, and she is dedicated to finding a solution. There are a number of systems in New Mexico that are obsolete, and nothing is compatible, and they have to figure out how to provide basic water need.

**Mr. Sanchez moved for approval. Mr. Cassidy seconded the motion.**

Mr. Cassidy commented that he was very impressed that the QLWA has built up reserves over the years and has resources to actually contribute and meet the long-term capital infrastructure planning goal noted by Ms. Lucero.

Mr. Badal said that, during the briefing for this meeting, he raised the issue of whether there was enough money appropriated for the Emergency Water Fund going forward. He said he thought this would continue to be a major problem for the state as a whole.

Ms. Leach noted that she, with Secretary Romero and Deputy Director Trujillo, had a lengthy conversation last week on this issue as well. There has indeed been an uptick in requests as the small water associations deal with an aging infrastructure in combination with drought. She said it is their intention to prepare a larger request for funds for FY 2024, but she also believes it will have to be a concentrated joint effort with the board's partners, the COGS, NMFA, Environment Department and others to start tackling this as a joint approach on top of seeking additional funding. She said thinking outside the box, such as seeking new legislation, would help coordinate these efforts across the state.

Secretary Romero said they definitely want to explore lots of options on how they can do a better job in addressing all of these water issues statewide. She commented that part of the problem is that the systems and funding sources are fragmented, and bringing them together would allow them to do a better job. She said she would welcome the input of board members on any new ideas.

Mr. Badal suggested surveying the rural communities about the age of their infrastructure, since this would give some idea about potential problems and associated costs that can be anticipated.

Ms. Lucero added that she sees water loss in these systems ranging from 15 percent to 40 percent. This would be an important piece of data to gather in surveying these community water systems.

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the Councils of Government around the state be asked to lead this effort to gather the data.

Ms. Leach clarified that the resolution in the board packet has been drafted to provide the QLWA with the remainder of the Emergency Water Fund for this fiscal year, which is \$121,878.

Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Cassidy had no objection.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

[Member Sanchez temporarily stepped away from meeting.]

## **HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Presenters: Mark Chisholm, Academic Policy Director, NMHED; and Thomas Schawel,

Education Administrator, NMHED

**24. Presentation on the Higher Education Department Approval Process for Graduate Programs**

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Mr. Schawel and Mr. Chisholm made this presentation.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Presenters: Thomas Schawel, NMHED Education Administrator; Mark Chisholm, Academic Policy Director; NMHED; Stephanie Rodriguez, Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Patricia Trujillo, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Ian Williamson, Associate VP Academic Affairs/Graduate Dean, NMHU; Roxanne Gonzales, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, NMHU; Brandon Kempner, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, NMHU; Jeanie Flood, Director of Nursing Department, NMHU; Sandra Gardner, Nursing Faculty Member, NMHU; Alice Davis, Nursing Faculty Member, NMHU

**25. New Mexico Highlands University—Requests Approval of the Master of Science Degree Program in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty**

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Provost Gonzales said New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) is very happy to be introducing this program because it will meet the healthcare needs of New Mexico's rural communities and its workforce, but the program also has a cultural component. The Native American Institute for Social Work includes a curriculum that will fit very nicely for individuals and students who want to work with the pueblos, tribes and reservations.

Dr. Davis made a slide presentation.

Mr. Badal asked how much of this program will be offered virtually.

Dr. Davis responded that the virtual part is perhaps one-third of the program, which are all the didactic courses. The program is divided into the theory courses, which is population health, social determinants of health, and the like. Students then go into the clinical sites, where they have the one-to-one training, and a faculty member is assigned to those courses. Students will do over 700 clinical hours in the program, which is on site with a preceptor.

Mr. Badal asked if there is any reason why the virtual part of the program couldn't be offered by the UNM Nursing School, for example, which would mitigate some of the costs associated with putting the program on at NMHU.

Dr. Davis responded that this could be possible for some of the courses, but they really have to think about NMHU's mission, which is to address rural population health. NMHU

is well prepared to do that, and they don't want to focus too much on urban population. She commented that there are some similarities in the courses that are regulated by the accrediting bodies, such as physical assessment, passive physiology, and pharmacology, but she feels there is uniqueness to all of these programs that would be difficult to share on site.

Mr. Badal said he would just encourage NMHU to try to avoid replicating something already in existence by researching what might be offered virtually through another institution in New Mexico. He understands the program isn't self-sustaining financially at least initially through enrollment.

Mr. Cassidy commented that this is so needed in northeastern New Mexico. In his home county in Mora, they can't find people to work at the clinic up there to serve the local population because of the great distances that people have to drive. He said NMHU's approach, which is getting local people to train and stay in their local communities, is the only way to stop the migration to urban centers, and so he supported this program.

**Ms. Trevisani moved for approval. Mr. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Presenters: Thomas Schawel, NMHED Education Administrator; Mark Chisholm, Academic Policy Director; NMHED; Stephanie Rodriguez, Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Patricia Trujillo, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Doug Ziedonis, Executive Vice President, UNM Health Sciences; Julie Coonrod, Dean of Graduate Studies, UNM; Janet Poole, Professor of Occupational Therapy

**26. University of New Mexico—Requests Approval of the Professional Practice Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy**

Dr. Poole made a slide presentation.

Dr. Poole noted that there are no occupational doctoral degree programs in the state of New Mexico, and there is also a shortage of faculty with doctoral degrees to educate future occupational therapists in New Mexico and nationwide. UNM and New Mexico have been losing occupational therapists who are enrolling in universities outside of the state to obtain doctoral degrees, and often they do not return to New Mexico. UNM will be offering full and part time options. It will be basically an online program with an in-person meeting one or two days per year.

Ms. Trevisani commented that her mother was an occupational therapist, as is her sister, so the profession is very near and dear to her heart. Given that this program will enhance the number of educators in the field, she asked if they anticipate more students down the line, and is there the capacity for that.

Dr. Poole responded that their entry-level program will take 30 students per year, and they hope to create different services that then will provide more clinical and training opportunities. This may enable UNM to increase the number of students in their entry-level program, and the increase in capacity would depend upon the number of faculty and facilities.

**Ms. Trevisani moved for approval. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Presenters: Thomas Schawel, NMHED Education Administrator; Mark Chisholm, Academic Policy Director; NMHED; Stephanie Rodriguez, Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Patricia Trujillo, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NMHED; Doug Ziedonis, Executive Vice President, UNM Health Sciences; Julie Coonrod, Dean of Graduate Studies, UNM; Tiffany Lee, Chair & Professor of Native American Studies, UNM

**27. University of New Mexico—Requests Approval of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Native American Studies**

Dr. Ziedonis stated that no other institution in New Mexico offers a PhD in Native American Studies and would be one of only four in the nation.

Dr. Lee made a slide presentation.

**Mr. Cassidy moved for approval. Ms. Trevisani seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**BIANNUAL REPORTING & APPROVALS**

Presenter: Anna Silva, Facilities Management Division Director; General Services Department

**28. Inventory of Buildings Report, Including an Approved Checklist of Conditions**

Ms. Silva presented this report.

**29. Schedule of Repairs for July 2022 through December 2022**

Ms. Silva presented this report.

**Treasurer Eichenberg moved for approval. Ms. Trevisani seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **STAFF ITEMS**

### **REPORTING**

Presenters: Ashley Leach, Director, Board of Finance; Board Member Paul Cassidy; and Board Member Joseph Badal

#### **30. Report of the Board of Finance Audit Subcommittee**

Ms. Leach stated that the SBOF is required by statute to review the annual audits of the Educational Retirement Board (NMERB), the Office of the State Treasurer (STO), the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and the State Investment Council (SIC). Members Joseph Badal and Paul Cassidy, members of the Audit Subcommittee, led the efforts in reviewing the audits. The subcommittee also pulls the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and reviews those for key metrics as well as looks at any audit findings. For this year, all four of the entities had clean audits with no findings, and there were no additional comments from the auditors in the exit interview.

Ms. Leach stated that the Audit Subcommittee report could be found on page 1,019 of the electronic agenda.

Mr. Badal commented that the subcommittee flooded Ms. Leach with questions that needed to be passed on to the various entities that were being audited, and she was very diligent in getting them to respond. The agencies were extremely diligent in cooperating, as well. It made the process a lot easier for the subcommittee and also more comprehensive for the board.

Mr. Cassidy added that the subcommittee is recommending that this requirement of the SBOF to review audits should be removed, since the board is at the third, fourth or fifth level of review, so this seems like a bit of overkill. He commented that this is the third year for this, and there is also a lot of work for Ms. Leach and her staff to do.

Ms. Leach said staff worked with the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) staff, who conduct a quarterly review of the performance of NMERB, PERA and the SIC, and they have a metric that they send out to the three entities, which results in a very detailed report. Once board staff learned that this year, it helped fuel the conversations around the necessity of Board of Finance oversight, considering that this data was being collected and reported quarterly by the LFC, in addition to having a review by the Office of the State Auditor.

Ms. Leach said Mr. Cassidy brought up a thought that perhaps this statutory requirement should be retired, and the board consider having the State Comptroller or the State Auditor report to the board each year on the audits and audit process. She commented that this would be an opportunity to discuss these in a public meeting and allow for questions from all of the board members.

Treasurer Eichenberg asked if this might be better handled by a disinterested third party that the board would contract with. They could do this same review, and the only task of the subcommittee would be to review the review.

Ms. Leach responded that Mr. Cassidy's idea of having the State Comptroller or State Auditor make a presentation to the board each year seemed more feasible. Also, because the Director of the Board of Finance sits on the STIC Committee, she thought there was some duplication or overlapping there, and that a reporting element would be more appropriate than a statutory requirement for the board to do a review. Even if the statute doesn't go away, maybe the review is just the reporting, and the board can define the reporting in whatever way it feels appropriate.

Mr. Badal agreed with Ms. Leach. It would be redundant, and there are already independent entities that are doing the individual audits and they're being reviewed.

Mr. Cassidy concurred.

## **CONTRACTS**

Presenter: Ashley Leach, Director Board of Finance

### **31. Contract for Custodial Bank Services**

Ms. Leach stated that the board approved the finalist offer for this contract a couple of months ago, and gave staff the authority to enter contract negotiations and complete the professional services contract with JPMorgan Chase Bank for a four-year term. The GSD State Procurement Division has reviewed the negotiated contract for any deviation from the contract template for the state.

**Treasurer Eichenberg moved for approval. Ms. Trevisani seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **32. Contract for Ongoing Fiscal Agent and Treasury Consulting Services**

Ms. Leach stated that this is a one-year small purchase contract with PFM Group Consulting, which means it will not be more than \$60,000. The scope of services includes ongoing support of the board's Treasury services contracts. In addition, PFM will be working with staff to develop a fee mapping tool that will allow increased transparency of bank fees on a monthly basis both of the Board of Finance and those paid by state agencies, so the board can ensure each month that what it is seeing in its statements ties back to the negotiated fees reflected in the contract with the various vendors. The State Purchasing Division approved deviation from the contract template.

**Mr. Sanchez moved for approval. Mr. Cassidy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**33. Contract for Overnight Repurchase Agreement Services**

Ms. Leach stated that this contract, with AVM, L.P., is for overnight repurchase agreement services. This is a one-year small purchase contract, so it will not exceed \$60,000. Staff received approval to procure this contract at last month's board meeting. The State Purchasing Division approved deviation from the contract template. The scope of services is to provide REPO services to STO in their investment services. These services were previously provided under the last fiscal agent contract completed on April 30. Because the new fiscal agent contract does not cover these services, the board is procuring a separate contract for the next year; and then either at the end of the year or before that, STO will take over this contract and be able to procure it separately.

**Mr. Cassidy moved for approval. Mr. Badal seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**34. Amendment #1 to the Contract for Prepaid Debit Cards**

Ms. Leach stated that this is the first amendment to the prepaid debit cards contract, which the board entered into a few months ago, with Conduent State & Local Solutions. She commented that this is a housekeeping item, as it was always the intent of this contract that whichever agency would like to utilize prepaid debit cards could do so under this contract. Right now, Workforce Solutions and Human Services Department historically utilize prepaid debit cards and do so under this contract. In reviewing this contract, however, staff identified that its definition of "prepaid debit cards" was limiting, which meant that should another agency want to utilize prepaid debit cards, the board would have to execute a contract amendment to do so. She said the intent of the procurement, however, was that it would be open to all state agencies as long as they received approval from staff to utilize the contract. This is simply a change to one definition in the contract, so that if any agency in addition to Human Services Department and Workforce Solutions wants to use this contract in the future, they will be able to do so without the need for an amendment.

**Mr. Badal moved for approval. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**35. Contract for Arbitrage Service**

Ms. Leach said this is a contract with BLX group LLC to provide the board with arbitrage services. BLX has been the board's vendor for several years, and this new contract is for a one-year small purchase agreement, as it was last year. BLX will be providing arbitrage services for Severance Tax Bonds and General Obligation Bonds. Their

fees are typically under \$10,000 a year. Based on new guidance from the State Purchasing Division and the Chief Procurement Officer at DFA, the board will probably move to a competitive bid for this at the end of FY 2023

**Mr. Cassidy moved for approval. Mr. Badal seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:48 a.m.**



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Michelle Lujan Grisham, President

July 22, 2022

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Date



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Michael S. Sanchez, Secretary



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Date