

Meeting Minutes

**ARIZONA FINANCE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Location: In-Person Meeting at
Sonesta Suites Scottsdale Gainey Ranch
7300 East Gainey Suites Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258
In Gainey Ballroom A/B

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 25, 2023
4:17 p.m.

Board Members Present (Appearing in Person):
Robin Romano

Board Members Present (Appearing Telephonically):
Ken Burns
Marcel Dabdoub
Lea Márquez Peterson

Board Members Absent:
David Castillo

Meeting Facilitator:
Kelly McGuire – Kutak Rock LLP

Actions:

1. Call to Order:

The Arizona Finance Authority meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ken Burns (acting as interim chairperson) at 4:17 p.m. Board member Robin Romano appeared in person. Appearing telephonically were Board members Ken Burns, Marcel Dabdoub and Lea Márquez Peterson. Board member David Castillo was absent. A quorum was declared present.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 15, 2023, AFA Board Meeting:

Board member **Lea Márquez Peterson** moved to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2023, AFA Board Meeting. Board member **Marcel Dabdoub** seconded the motion.

The Board members were individually polled – Ken Burns (yes), Marcel Dabdoub (yes), Lea Márquez Peterson (yes), Robin Romano (yes), and by a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Kelly McGuire noted that next up was the consent agenda, in which AFA approves the legal proceedings of the Arizona Industrial Development Authority (IDA) with respect to the final approval of any bond issuances the IDA approved at its meeting as required by statute.

Approval of the Arizona Industrial Development Authority Proceedings on July 25, 2023

1. *AFA Resolution No. 2023-13* – Rehrig Pacific Company – Granting final approval of the issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (Rehrig Pacific Company Project), Series 2023, in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$35,000,000, to be issued in one or more tax-exempt and/or taxable series for the benefit of Rehrig Pacific Company.

2. *AFA Resolution No. 2023-14* – Riverview, LLP – Granting final approval of the issuance of Variable Rate Demand Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (Riverview, LLP Project), Series 2023, in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$50,000,000, to be issued in one or more tax-exempt and/or taxable series for the benefit of Riverview, LLP.

Board member **Robin Romano** moved to adopt the consent agenda, as presented. Board member **Lea Márquez Peterson** seconded the motion.

The Board members were individually polled – Ken Burns (yes), Marcel Dabdoub (yes), Lea Márquez Peterson (yes), Robin Romano (yes), and by a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

4. Director’s Report

Mr. Burns stated that he would be providing the Director’s Report on behalf of interim AFA Director, Sandra Watson. Mr. Burns explained that the AFA Director is a position that is appointed by the Governor and that the state is currently in the process of finding someone to recommend to the Governor for appointment to the position. Mr. Burns then called to the attention of the Board, the Memorandum from Interim Director Watson included in board materials, which noted the amount to be transferred by AFA to the Economic Development Fund as required by statute. He noted AFA’s total cash balance was \$3,291,717.45, however, refundable deposits totaling \$336,000 had to be held back and \$100,000 was reserved for operating expenses. While there is currently no AFA staff, money is being reserved in case it is necessary to pay salaries in the event of an appointment. This left the amount of \$2,855,717.45 to be transferred to the Economic Development Fund. Mr. Burns then offered to entertain questions. Ms. Romano asked for clarification regarding the set aside \$100,000. Mr. Burns explained that the position of AFA Director is appointed by the Governor but is a paid position. He added that AFA work is being performed currently by Sandra Watson as Interim Director, but she does not draw a salary. AFA’s accounting work is being done by the Office of Economic Opportunity and its accounting staff, who are also not being paid a separate salary for the

AFA-related work. Likewise, Arizona Commerce Authority employee, Matthew Bolin, is filling in as the program manager for the bond private activity volume cap allocation administration. Those people are paid out of other state funds, and none are drawing from AFA funds. If AFA were to hire a Director, that person's salary would be paid from AFA funds.

5. Discussion of Meeting Format and Location

The AFA board meets directly following meetings of the IDA. During the IDA meeting staff was directed to poll members to determine the date and time of future meetings as well as investigate a new potential meeting location. Following those results, AFA meetings will continue to occur directly after conclusion of IDA meetings.

6. Call to the Public

Mr. Burns announced a call to the public for comments.

No members of the public appeared in person or by telephone to comment.

7. Announcements

Mr. Burns announced that the next regular meeting of the Arizona Finance Authority was currently scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023, commencing immediately following adjournment of the Arizona Industrial Development Authority meeting, and noted that members of the public should consult the website to confirm meeting details in light of the date and/or time possibly moving.

8. Adjournment

Board member **Marcel Dabdoub** motioned for adjournment of the AFA Board Meeting at 4:25 p.m. Board member **Lea Márquez Peterson** seconded the motion.

The Board members were individually polled – Ken Burns (yes), Marcel Dabdoub (yes), Lea Márquez Peterson (yes), Robin Romano (yes), and by a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

Approval: The undersigned hereby certifies that the Board of Directors of the Arizona Finance Authority formally adopted these Minutes on the date shown below.



Chairperson

August 17, 2023

Date of Board Action