# MINUTES OF THE 525<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY

#### May 1, 2025

#### **MEMBERS:**

- \* Kathleen Butler, Administrator CSBG, DCA (representing Jacquelyn Suarez, Commissioner, DCA)
- \*\* Aimee Manocchio Nason, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, (representing Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General)
- \*\*\* Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Administrator of Accreditation, Department of Banking and Insurance (representing Commissioner Justin Zimmerman, Department of Banking and Insurance
- \*\*\*\* Robert Tighue, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Treasury (representing Elizabeth Maher Muoio, State Treasurer)
- \*\*\*\* Eric Kaufman, Director of Special Projects, Department of Human Services (representing Sarah Adelman Commissioner, Department of Human Services)

Diane Johnson

Dorothy Blakeslee

### HMFA STAFF PRESENT:

Melanie Walter, Executive Director

Laura Shea, Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs

John Murray, Chief Financial Officer

Deb Urban, Chief of Multifamily Programs

Jeanette Nieves, Executive Board Secretary

Donna Spencer – Director of Multifamily Programs

Jonathan Sternesky, Manager of Policy and Legislative Affairs

Sean Dell' Arena, General Services Assistant I

Darryl Applegate, Director of Regulatory Affairs

Jennifer Riley, Multifamily Loan Processor

Teresa White, Assistant Director of Risk Management & Special Program

Jaime Ding, Policy and Programs Analyst II

Pam DeLosSantos, Director of Technical Services

Mary Miller, Director of Operations

Jordan Moskowitz, Managing Director of Single -Family Programs

Radica Ghooray, Director of Information Technology

Shanisha Mack - Credit and Business Analyst

Matthew Boyle - Director of Finance

Joseph Heath - Director of Capital Markets

Nicholas Amendola - Multifamily Program Coordinator

Jesse Crawford - Manager of Marketing and Communications

Kathleen Annarelli - Policy Research Coordinator

Chai Respes – Director of Human Resources

Jesskomar Velarde Gargot - Honors Fellow Agency Policy & External

### **Affairs**

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vladimir Palma, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office Dorian Smith, Senior Counsel, Governors Authority Unit

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Lindsey Pinter Charles Eichberg Matthew Quagliariello

- \* Letter of December 9, 2024 designating Kathleen Butler to represent Jacquelyn Suarez, Commissioner, DCA
- \*\* Letter of January 27, 2023 designating Aimee Manocchio Nason to represent Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General
- \*\*\* Letter of January 17, 2020 designating Paulette Sibblies Flagg to represent Justin Zimmerman, Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance
- \*\*\*\* Letter of November 29, 2022 designating Robert Tighue to represent the State Treasurer, Elizabeth Maher Muoio
- \*\*\*\*\* Letter of November 2, 2018 designating Eric Kaufman to represent Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Kathleen Butler, Administrator, Department of Community Affairs read the following into the minutes:

### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency gave notice of the time, place and date of this meeting by electronic mail on April 25, 2025 to the Secretary of State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Times, and the Courier Post, and by posting the notice at the office of the Agency in Trenton, New Jersey. Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, a resolution must be passed by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency in order to hold a session from which the public is excluded.

### **ROLL CALL**

Are there any members of the public that wish to address the Board?

Executive Director Walter will now provide the Executive Director's Update

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### <u>APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2025 MEETING</u> <u>OF THE HMFA BOARD – ITEM 1A.</u>

Robert Tighue moved and Diane Johnson seconded. 1. Approval of the Public Session Minutes of the March 20, 2025 Meeting of the HMFA Board

Aye — Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay — None Abstained- None

#### **SINGLE- FAMILY**

### <u>APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE PARTICIPATING LENDERS GUIDE - ITEM 2A</u>

Dorothy Blakeslee moved and Aimee Manocchio Nason seconded. Approval of revisions to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's Mortgage Program Policy and Procedures for Participating Lenders (the "Participating Lender's Guide") in the form attached hereto. 2. Authorization for the Executive Director to approve amendments to correct errors in or clarify the Participating Lender's Guide, so long as such amendments do not result in a change in policy or implementation of the documents as currently approved. Specifically, the Executive Director would be authorized to approve corrections in spelling, punctuation, and misnumbering. Any amendments that would change the underlying policy or implementation of the Participating Lender's Guide from the forms in which they are now approved shall remain subject to Agency Board approval.

#### MULTIFAMILY – FOUR PERCENT TAX CREDITS- DECLARATION OF INTENT

### <u>HMFA #07987– ALFRED CRAMER – APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT - ITEM 3A</u>

Robert Tighue moved and Dorothy Blakeslee seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax- exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$22,972,000 in construction and permanent financing for a project known as Alfred Cramer, HMFA #07987 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Aye – Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay – None Abstained- None

### <u>HMFA #07982– GARDEN COURT APARTMENTS – APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION</u> <u>OF INTENT - ITEM 3B</u>

Aimee Manocchio Nason moved and Diane Johnson seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax- exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$40,712,000 in construction financing for a project known as Garden Court Apartments, HMFA #07982 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

### <u>HMFA #07999– 10 PARK PLACE – APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT - ITEM 3C</u>

Paulette Sibblies-Flagg moved and Robert Tighue seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax- exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$72,613,000 in construction and permanent or permanent financing for a project known as 10 Park Place, HMFA #07999 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Aye – Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann
Nay – None
Abstained- None

### <u>HMFA #08003– THE CROSSINGS AT BRICK CHURCH STATION 1B – APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT - ITEM 3D</u>

Dorothy Blakeslee moved and Diane Johnson seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax- exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$35,171,000 in construction and permanent financing for a project known as The Crossings at Brick Church Station 1B, HMFA #08003 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

### <u>HMFA #08007- PAULSBORO GARDEN APARTMENTS - APPROVAL OF A</u> DECLARATION OF INTENT - ITEM 3E

Aimee Manocchio Nason moved and Paulette Sibbles Flagg seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax- exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$32,052,000 in permanent financing for a project known as Paulsboro Gardens Apartments, HMFA #08007 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Aye – Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay – None Abstained- Diane Johnson

### <u>HMFA #07953– THE APARTMENT AT MINE HILL – APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION</u> <u>OF INTENT - ITEM 3F</u>

Robert Tighue moved and Dorothy Blakeslee seconded. Approval of a "Declaration of Intent" stating the intention of the Agency, subject to the availability of volume cap, to issue tax-exempt bonds in an estimated amount not to exceed \$21,708,000 in permanent only financing for a project known as The Apartments at Mine Hill, HMFA# 07953 (the "Project"). Approval of this "Declaration of Intent" is intended to establish for tax purposes the eligibility for reimbursement with the proceeds of the Bonds of certain costs paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Original Expenditures") associated with pre-bond sale and development work on the Project. By this action, the Board expresses its present intent to issue the Bonds for the Project and its reasonable expectation that it will reimburse Original Expenditures with proceeds of the Bonds, and declares its intent that the Declaration of Intent be determined to be a declaration of official intent under Treas. Reg. Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

### **MULTIFAMILY – FOUR PERCENT TAX CREDITS**

### <u>HMFA #07820– HIGHLAND VIEWS PHASE I – APPROVAL OF A MORTGAGE</u> <u>FINANCING RECOMMITMENT - ITEM 4A</u>

Paulette Sibblies Flagg moved and Diane Johnson seconded. Approval of a mortgage loan recommitment for an estimated \$14,957,000 in permanent only financing from the Agency Revenue Bond Financing Program for a project known as Highland Views Phase I HMFA #07820 (the "Project"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA. 2. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan recommitment for an estimated \$2,700,000 in construction and permanent financing from the Special Needs Housing Trust Fund ("SNHTF" Program), upon the terms and conditions set in the RFA.

Aye – Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay – None Abstained- None

### <u>MULTIFAMILY – NINE - PERCENT TAX CREDIT</u>

### <u>HMFA #03518– APARTMENTS AT CLINTON – APPROVAL OF A MORTGAGE</u> <u>FINANCING COMMITMENT - ITEM 5A</u>

Diane Johnson moved and Dorothy Blakeslee seconded. Approval of a mortgage commitment for an estimated \$12,273,000 in permanent financing from the Agency Revenue Bond Financing Program for a project known as Apartments at Clinton, HMFA #03518 (the "Project"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA. 2. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$300,000 in permanent financing from the Money Follows the Person Housing Partnership Program ("MFPHPP") for the Project, pursuant to the MFPHPP Program Guidelines. 3. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$300,000 in permanent financing from the Special Needs Housing Trust Fund Program ("SNHTF") for the Project, pursuant to the SNHTF Program Guidelines.

### <u>HMFA #07958– EDGEWATER PARK SENIOR APARTMENTS – APPROVAL OF A</u> MORTGAGE FINANCING COMMITMENT - ITEM 5B

Diane Johnson moved and Paulette Sibblies Flagg seconded. Approval of a mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$1,423,000 in permanent financing from the Agency Revenue Bond Financing Program for a project known as Edgewater Park Senior Apartments, HMFA #07958 (the "Project"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA. 2. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$450,000 in permanent only financing from the Money Follows the Person Housing Partnership Program ("MFPHPP") for the Project, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA.

Aye – Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay – None Abstained- None

### <u>HMFA#07767– VERONA FLATS AKA APARTMENTS AT VERONA – APPROVAL OF A</u> MORTGAGE FINANCING COMMITMENT - ITEM 5C

Robert Tighue moved and Dorothy Blakeslee seconded. Approval of a mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$8,023,000 in permanent financing from the Agency Revenue Bond Financing Program for a project known as Verona Flats aka Apartments at Verona, HMFA #07767 (the "Project"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA. 2. Approval of a mortgage commitment for an estimated \$375,000 in permanent only financing from the Money Follows the Person Housing Partnership Program ("MFP") for the Project. 3. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$2,541,000 in permanent financing from the Affordable Housing Production Fund Set Aside ("AHPFSA") Program for the Project, pursuant to the AHPFSA Program Guidelines. 4. Approval of a subsidy mortgage loan commitment for an estimated \$1,500,000 in permanent financing from the Affordable Housing Gap Subsidy Program ("AHGS") for the Project, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### FIP #020 – 43 SHARPLESS BOULEVARD – APPROVAL OF A FUNDING COMMITMENT FROM THE FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (FIP) – ITEM 6A

Diane Johnson moved and Paulette Sibblies-Flagg seconded. Approval to enter into a grant agreement for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for acquisition and rehabilitation costs from the Residential Foreclosure Intervention Program ("FIP") for the property located at 43 Sharpless Blvd, Westampton, New Jersey (the "Project"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the RFA.

Aye — Kate Butler, Paulette Sibblies-Flagg, Robert Tighue, Diane Johnson, Dorothy Blakeslee, Aimee Manocchio Nason, Eric Kaufmann Nay — None Abstained- None

## APPROVAL OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INSURANCE PILOT PROGRAM (AHIP) GUIDELINES- ITEM 6B

Diane Johnson moved and Dorothy Blakeslee seconded. Approval of program guidelines in substantially the form attached hereto, for the Affordable Housing Insurance Pilot Program ("AHIP"), utilizing up to \$10 million of funds. 2. Authorization for the Executive Director, Chief of Multifamily Programs, and the Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs to approve any amendments to, correct errors in, or clarify the program guidelines, so long as such amendments do not result in a change in policy or implementation of the program guidelines as currently approved. Any amendments that would change the underlying policy or implementation of the Program Guidelines from the form in which it is presented at this meeting shall remain subject to Agency Board approval. 3. Authorization for the Executive Director, the Chief of Programs, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, in Consultation with the Attorney General's Office, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the above actions.

Is there any other business, which the Board would like to discuss at this time?

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Robert Tighue moved and Aimee Manocchio Nason seconded a Motion to Adjourn at 10:34 am.



PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY Lieutenant Governor DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
101 SOUTH BROAD STREET
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TRENTON, NJ 08625-0800

JACQUELYN A. SUÁREZ
Commissioner

April 4, 2025

Melanie R. Walter Executive Director New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency 637 S. Clinton Avenue Trenton, New Jersey 08611

Dear Executive Director Walter:

I am writing to formally notify you that Department of Community Affairs Administrator Kate Butler will serve as my designee at the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency board meeting on May 1, 2025, and all subsequent meetings. Kate is authorized to represent me in my absence and will have full voting rights on my behalf as well as on behalf of the Department.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at 609-913-4800.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn A. Suárez Commissioner

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MATTHEW J. PLATKIN Attorney General

SHEILA Y. OLIVER *Lt. Governor* 

PHILIP D. MURPHY

Governor

January 27, 2023

Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver, Chair New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency P.O. Box 18550 Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Lieutenant Governor Oliver:

I am writing to appoint my designee to serve on the board of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (the "Agency").

I hereby appoint Aimee Manocchio Nason, Deputy Attorney General as my designee to serve on the board of the Agency. DAG Manocchio Nason is authorized to represent me in my absence at the meetings of the Agency, to vote in my stead, and to otherwise act on my behalf. In the event of DAG Manocchio Nason's absence, Philip Espinosa, Deputy Attorney General is authorized to represent me in my absence at the meetings of the Agency, to vote in my stead, and to otherwise act on my behalf. In the event of the absence of both DAG Manocchio Nason and DAG Espinosa, Jonathan Peitz, Deputy Attorney General is authorized to represent me in my absence at the meetings of the Agency, to vote in my stead, and to otherwise act on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Platkin Attorney General

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c: Michael T.G. Long, Director, Division of Law Sudha Raja, Deputy Chief of Staff, Division of Law Aimee Manocchio Nason, Deputy Attorney General Philip Espinosa, Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Peitz, Deputy Attorney General Jonathan Garelick, Chief of Staff Melanie R. Walter, Executive Director, NJHMFA





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Acting Director of Banking

January17, 2020

Charles A. Richman, Executive Director New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency 637 South Clinton Avenue PO Box 18550 Trenton, NJ 08650

Re: NJ HMFA Board Meeting Designee

Dear Mr. Richman:

My designee for the New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency Board meetings is Paulette Sibblies-Flagg of the Division of Banking.

Ms. Sibblies-Flagg can be reached at <u>paulette.sibblies-flagg@dobi.ni.gov</u>, telephone (609) 940-7347.

Very truly yours,

Marlene Caride Commissioner

cc: Richard Mumford, Acting Director of Banking Paulette Sibbles-Flagg, Division of Banking



# State of New Jersey Office of the State Treasurer PO Box 002 TRENTON NJ 08625-0002

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor
Sheila Y. Oliver
Lt. Governor

Elizabeth Maher Muoio State Treasurer

November 29, 2022

Melanie Walter, Executive Director NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency 637 South Clinton Avenue PO Box 18550 Trenton, NJ 08650

Dear Executive Director Walter:

I hereby designate Robert Tighue, Department of Treasury to act as my permanent designee at all the meetings of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. Anthony Longo, Department of Treasury will be my back-up should Robert not be available to attend.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Maher Muoio State Treasurer



PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

## State of New Jersey Department of Human Services

SARAH ADELMAN Acting Commissioner

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor P.O. BOX 700 TRENTON, NJ 08625-0700

April 9, 2021

Melanie R. Walter
Executive Director
New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
637 South Clinton Avenue
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Dear Ms. Walter,

I am writing to update the Department of Human Services' backup staff for the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Board. As Acting Commissioner, I will continue to represent the Department at these meetings. The Department's first and second backups are:

#### Elisa Neira

Deputy Commissioner Elisa.Neira@dhs.nj.gov 609-984-5550

Eric Kaufmann
Director of Special Projects
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Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Acting Commissioner**