

FINANCE COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
POINT BREEZE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

OPEN SESSION

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jack Basso (via phone)
Katherine Bays Armstrong (via phone)
Dontae Carroll (via phone)
John von Paris (via phone)

STAFF ATTENDING: Cheryl Dickinson
Trudy Edwards
Allen Garman
Chantelle Green
Meshelle Howard (via phone)
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
John O'Neill (via phone)
Kevin C. Reigrut (via phone)
Deb Sharpless
Cheryl Sparks
Christina Thompson
Lora Tracy

At 9:00 a.m., Member Jack Basso, Chair of the Finance Committee, called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.

APPROVAL – OPEN MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2019, MEETING

Member Jack Basso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the open meeting held on February 12, 2019. Member Katherine Bays Armstrong made the motion, and Member Dontae Carroll seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – MDTA BOARD RESOLUTION 19-02

Mr. Allen Garman requested a recommendation of approval from the Finance Committee to present Board Resolution 19-02 which authorizes the issuance of up to \$85 million of special obligation revenue bonds, subject to certain conditions, to the full Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board at its next meeting.

Resolution 19-02 has certain conditions that must be met, including:

1. Par Amount – Limited to \$85 million.
2. Net Present Value (“NPV”) savings – Refinancing must generate economic savings of at least \$1 million.
3. Final Maturity Date (refunding portion) – In compliance with IRS regulations, no later than the final July 1, 2023 maturity date of the Series 2009A bonds.
4. Bond Sale Date – No later than August 31, 2019.
5. Bond Sale Report on Results – Provided by the Executive Director and CFO at the first Board meeting after the sale date.

Member Basso called for a motion to recommend approval of this item to the full MDTA Board at its next scheduled meeting. Member Armstrong made the motion, and Member John von Paris seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

UPDATE – FY 2020 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES BUDGET ANALYSIS

Ms. Chantelle Green provided the Finance Committee with an overview of the budget issues and recommendations presented by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) during the Maryland Transportation Authority’s (MDTA) FY 2020 legislative budget hearing. The overview included a discussion of the three issues that were raised in the budget analysis regarding the fiscal prudence of the agency’s loans to other transportation business units; the affordability of the I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northern Extension; and whether certain costs should have been included in the MDTA’s January 2019 financial forecast submission to the legislature.

Following a brief discussion about the issues raised in the DLS budget analysis, Member Armstrong requested that the Finance Committee be kept abreast of whether the DLS recommendation to require a report on the financial plan for the I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northern Extension is adopted by the budget committees.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:27 a.m., following a motion by Member Armstrong, and seconded by Member Carroll.

Jack Basso, Chairman