

# NY CREATES Meeting of the Board of Directors April 3, 2020 – Via teleconference

# **Minutes**

Directors present: Dr. Bahgat Sammakia - Chair, Michael Frame, Franklin Hecht, Kenneth Tompkins, Michael Abbott, Dr. Meng-Ling Hsiao, Joan McDonald, Christine Chung, and Alicia Barton.

Staff: Dr. Douglas Grose – President, Patricia Arciero-Craig – Chief Administrative Officer and Acting General Counsel, Paul Kelly – Chief Operating Officer, Timothy Taylor – Chief Financial Officer, Scott Bateman – Treasurer, and Patricia Bucklin – Board Secretary.

Guests: Dr. Tod Laursen – SUNY, Michael Frame – SUNY Polytechnic Foundation, Inc., Emily Kunchala – RF SUNY, Monika Conley, John Schopfer and Barry Valentinsen from the Public Resources Financial Group, and Robert Ryan from Harris Beach.

#### 1. Call to order

Chair Sammakia called the meeting of the Board of Directors of NY CREATES to order at 3:36 PM.

Chair Sammakia advised that, due to public health concerns, this meeting is being held via teleconference as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor. A webcast is available for members of the public to listen to the meeting.

Chair Sammakia conducted a roll call of all of the participants in the meeting and advised that he would be doing a roll call vote for each action item to ensure an accurate record of all votes.

Chair Sammakia asked the Directors if they had any potential conflict of interest with respect to items on today's agenda, and if so, to disclose it. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

# 2. Finance Committee Report

FRMC Resolution No. 169 - Authorizing the Engagement of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company and KeyBank National Association for a One-Year Extension of the Corporation's Debt and an Increase to the Corporation's Line of Credit

Michael Frame asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 169.

Motion: Kenneth Tompkins Second: Franklin Hecht

Michael Frame advised that Fuller Road Management Corporation (the "Corporation") has approximately \$259,933,422 (as of April 29, 2020) that is scheduled to either mature or has a mandatory tender in early May 2020 (the "Prior Indebtedness"). The Prior Indebtedness consists of three borrowings made up of bonds and bank loans, the proceeds of which were used to finance the construction of specific buildings and improvements on the Fuller Road campus as detailed in Resolution No. 169.

The Corporation by Resolution No. 166 adopted on March 19, 2020, approved and authorized the issuance of taxable municipal bonds through the New York State Transportation Development Corporation to refinance the Prior Indebtedness as well as the Corporation's Series 2005 bonds and all or a portion of the Corporation's line of credit (the "Series 2020 Bonds"). However due to current unprecedented market conditions, the public offering and sale of the Series 2020 Bonds has been delayed. Given the mandatory tender and maturity dates in early May 2020 for the Prior Indebtedness, the Corporation determined to engage its existing lenders, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company ("M&T Bank") and KeyBank National Association ("Key Bank" and collectively with M&T Bank, the "Lenders") for a one-year extension of the Prior Indebtedness (the "Extension").

M&T Bank has offered engagement letters for the Series 2014A&B Bonds and the 2012 Credit Facility ("Engagement Letters") and Key Bank has offered a term sheet for the Series 2007 Bonds ("Term Sheet"), each setting forth certain extension and arrangement fees in addition to other annual administrative fees as detailed in Resolution No. 169. The term sheet provides that 50% of these fees are due and considered earned upon execution of the Engagement Letter with the balance paid and considered earned at the closing of the Extension (the "Extension Closing").

The approval and execution of the Engagement Letters and Term Sheet together with the payment of the portion of the extension and arrangement fees due at the time of execution, will allow the Lenders to commence the underwriting process to refine the terms and conditions of the Extension and obtain credit and other required approvals. Upon completion of the underwriting, credit and other required approvals, and the drafting of the definitive documents containing the specific terms and conditions, the proposed Extension will be brought to the Corporation's Board of Directors for approval prior to the Extension Closing.

The Corporation has a \$15 million unsecured line of credit pursuant to a Credit Agreement dated as of March 30, 2012 by and between the Corporation and M&T Bank as amended by an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated May 27, 2014 (the

"Line of Credit"). M&T Bank has offered to increase the Line of Credit to accommodate the Lender's fees and other closing costs associated with the Extension.

Following extensive deliberations, including taking into account the current unprecedented market conditions, and upon the advice and recommendation of the Corporation's financial advisors, the Finance Committee approved (1) proposed Board Resolution No. 169 (A) approving and authorizing the engagement of M&T Bank and Key Bank for a one-year extension of the Corporation's Prior Indebtedness, including the payment of the Lenders' fees in an amount not to exceed the amounts as presented herein, (B) increasing the Line of Credit up to \$5 million and (C) authorizing the execution and delivery of the Engagement Letters, Term Sheet and Line of Credit amendment, and (2) recommending that the Board approve the same actions.

Discussion: None.

Action Requested: Approve Resolution No. 169.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### 3. New Business

Chair Sammakia asked if there was any new business. There was no new business.

## 4. Public Comment

Chair Sammakia stated that, given the change in meeting logistics due to public health concerns, we notified the public of the opportunity to send in comments via email prior to the meeting. We did not receive any comments.

## 5. Schedule of Next Meeting

Chair Sammakia advised that the date of the next meeting is to be determined and once finalized will be posted on the website.

## 6. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sammakia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Michael Frame Second: Kenneth Tompkins The meeting was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patricia K. Bucklin

Secretary of the Board