TENNESSEE STATE SCHOOL BOND AUTHORITY
March 27, 2023

The Tennessee State School Bond Authority ("TSSBA", or the "Authority") met on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 2:11 p.m. in the Volunteer Conference Center, 2nd Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, Tennessee. The Honorable Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury, was present and presided over the meeting.

The following members were also present:

The Honorable David Lillard, State Treasurer
The Honorable Tre Hargett, Secretary of State
Commissioner Jim Bryson, Department of Finance and Administration
Angela Scott, proxy for Dr. Flora Tydings, Chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents

The following member participated electronically as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-44-108:

David Miller, proxy for Randy Boyd, President, University of Tennessee

The following member was absent:

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor

Mr. Mumpower opened the meetings of the Tennessee State Funding Board, State School Bond Authority, and Local Development Authority by acknowledging the tragic event that occurred at the Covenant School in Nashville earlier in the day. Mr. Mumpower asked everyone in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of those impacted by the tragedy. Mr. Mumpower prayed for healing, comfort, and understanding for everyone involved.

Mr. Mumpower noted the presence of a physical quorum, with David Miller participating electronically, and asked Ms. Sandi Thompson, Director of the Division of State Government Finance (SGF), to call the roll. Ms. Thompson called the roll:

Mr. Hargett – Present
Mr. Lillard – Present
Mr. Mumpower – Present
Mr. Bryson – Present
Ms. Scott – Present
Mr. Miller – Present

Mr. Mumpower stated that the first item on the agenda was the minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting of the Authority. Mr. Mumpower asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Hargett made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Lillard seconded the motion, and Ms. Thompson took the roll:

Mr. Hargett – Aye
Mr. Lillard – Aye
Mr. Mumpower – Aye
Mr. Bryson – Aye
Ms. Scott – Aye
Mr. Miller – Aye

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Mumpower stated that the next item on the agenda was a Resolution to Approve the Borrowing of Money by Another Method by Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU"). Mr. Mumpower recognized Ms. Yvette Clark, Interim Vice President for Information Technology at MTSU, Mr. Chad Mullis,

Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Services at MTSU, and Mr. Drew Harpool, Interim Associate Vice President for Business and Finance at MTSU, to present the request.
Ms. Clark stated that MTSU had an aging server infrastructure that was in need of replacement. Ms. Clark stated that MTSU had compared the cost of maintaining the existing equipment for a few more years before replacement with the cost of replacing the infrastructure today. Ms. Clark stated that replacing the infrastructure at this time would be more cost effective over the next five years and would reduce MTSU's risk. Ms. Clark stated that the purchase price for the new equipment was $1,544,487, which consisted of five annual payments of $308,897.40. Ms. Clark stated that the cost to maintain the old equipment would be approximately $359,897.16 annually. Ms. Clark requested approval for MTSU to borrow money by another method to replace the equipment.

Mr. Bryson moved approval of the item and Mr. Hargett seconded the motion. Mr. Hargett clarified the total amount of the request. Mr. Mumpower asked what the source of repayment would be to fund the equipment. Ms. Clark stated that the source of repayment was the renewal and replacement fund. Mr. Mumpower asked Ms. Thompson to take the roll:

Mr. Hargett – Aye
Mr. Lillard – Aye
Mr. Mumpower – Aye
Mr. Bryson – Aye
Ms. Scott – Aye
Mr. Miller – Aye

The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mumpower stated that the next item on the agenda was the acknowledgement of a project cancellation for Tennessee Technological University ("TTU"). Mr. Mumpower recognized Dr. Claire Stinson, Vice President for Planning and Finance at TTU, to present the request.

- Tennessee Technological University – Residence Hall Innovation Center (931); Cost: $50,190,000 for total funding of which $39,000,000 to be funded by TSSBA; Term of Financing: 20 years at an assumed tax-exempt rate.

Dr. Stinson stated that TTU had decided to cancel the project after going through two unsuccessful schematic designs with the architect. Dr. Stinson explained that the second time TTU had gone through schematic design the architect had assured the project would remain in budget. Dr. Stinson stated that TTU then approved the project for design development, but the architect came back towards the end of the design development period with the estimated cost of the project $9.8 million over budget. Dr. Stinson explained that regardless of changes that were requested to be made, the project was presented with costs over budget and at a level that TTU did not believe was reasonable to finance and charge to the students.

Mr. Mumpower asked if TTU had worked with the designer before. Dr. Stinson stated that TTU had not worked with the designer before. Dr. Stinson explained that TTU had received proposals from designers and selected who they believed would be the best designer for the project. Mr. Hargett stated that the Office of State Architect would watch the situation as well. Hearing no other discussion, Mr. Mumpower acknowledged the cancellation.

Mr. Mumpower stated that concluded the business on the agenda. Mr. Hargett made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Bryson seconded the motion, and Ms. Thompson took the roll:

Mr. Hargett – Aye
Mr. Lillard – Aye
Mr. Mumpower – Aye
Mr. Bryson – Aye
Ms. Scott – Aye
Mr. Miller – Aye

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved on this 26th day of April, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Thompson

Sandra Thompson
Assistant Secretary