



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
December 15, 2022
8:00 AM - House Committee Room 4
State Capitol Building

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Treasurer Schroder called the meeting to order. Then Ms. Snell called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Tina Vanichchagorn, representing Governor John Bel Edwards
Honorable William H. Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor
Ms. Nancy Landry, representing Secretary of State R. Kyle Ardoin
Mr. Craig Cassagne, representing Attorney General Jeffrey Landry
Senator Patrick Cortez, President of the Senate
Senator Mack White, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senator Bret Allain, Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee
Senator Mike Reese, Senator at Large
Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House
Representative Jerome Zeringue, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Representative Stuart Bishop, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
Mr. Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration
Honorable John M. Schroder, State Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John Stefanski, Representative at Large

Treasurer John Schroder acknowledged the catastrophic weather that affected many areas throughout Louisiana.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Schroder introduced Mr. Wendell Gaertner, of Public Resources Advisory Group, the new Municipal Advisor for the State of Louisiana.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 26.

3. L22-282 - Ascension Parish School Board, Parishwide School District

(1) 21.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to public elementary and secondary schools by providing monies for salaries and benefits for all School Board personnel; (2) 8.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2026-2035, additional support to public elementary and secondary schools, provided no less than 3.0 mills shall be used exclusively for upgrading and maintaining technology programs; (3) 4.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to public elementary and secondary schools by providing monies to construct, improve, maintain and operate the public school buildings and facilities.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

4. L22-271 - Caddo Parish, Fire District No. 6

(1) 10.16 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, fire protection, all emergency service, maintenance and operational expenses; (2) \$75 service charge, 10 years, 2024-2033, fire protection and all emergency service.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

5. L22-279 - DeSoto Parish, Fire Protection District 2

11.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, (1) acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities, including equipment and (2) paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

6. L22-281 - DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Sales Tax District No. 1

¼% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning July 1, 2023, (1) acquiring, administering, constructing, improving, maintaining, operating, providing and/or supporting an animal shelter, (2) providing mosquito control and abatement, (3) providing funds for acquiring, administering constructing, improving, maintaining, supporting and operating authorized activities, services, programs and/or facilities of/for non-profit organizations, including, but not limited to, the Council on Aging and organizations for animal control, (4) constructing, improving, maintaining, operating and supporting the buildings and facilities of the Parish and (5) supporting the DeSoto Parish general fund, including payment of indebtedness.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

7. L22-270 - East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Consolidated School District No. 1

(1) 6.5 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, giving additional support for current operations of the public elementary and secondary schools; (2) 7.19 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, giving additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for maintaining and improving salaries and benefits for public school employees; (3) 2.78 mills tax, 10 years, 2025- 2034, maintaining the reduced pupil-teacher ratio by the employment of additional teachers; (4) 1.86 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, maintaining and improving employee salaries and benefits.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

8. L22-275 - Grant Parish, Hospital Service District, Ward 7

4.31 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, maintenance and the general expenditures needed in the everyday operation and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in operation.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

9. L22-272 - Jefferson Davis Parish, Fire Protection District No. 3

3.59 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, **(1)** constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment and **(2)** paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

10. L22-269 - Jefferson Davis Parish, Gravity Drainage District No. 9

9.21 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, improving, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

11. L22-285 - Lafourche Parish Council

(1) 3.64 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, operating and/or supporting public facilities, works and/or improvements, including equipment, furnishings and supplies, **(a)** 73% for public health, including public health units, buildings, services and activities and senior citizen programs and services, and public buildings other than library facilities provided that at least one half of the percentage shall be budgeted for public health purposes and **(b)** 27% for library facilities; **(2)** 8.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating drainage works and roads, including the acquisition, operation and maintenance of vehicles, machinery and equipment and the costs of salaries related thereto.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

12. L22-286 - Lafourche Parish Council, Road Sales Tax District

0.50% sales tax, 20 years, beginning October 1, 2023, **(1)** constructing, improving, and/or maintaining public roads, bridges and drainage works and **(2)** funding into bonds, including refinancing outstanding debt of underlying districts.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

13. L22-287 - Lafourche Parish Council, Sales Tax District No. 4

0.30% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning October 1, 2023, **(1)** constructing, acquiring, maintaining, and operating solid waste collection and disposal facilities, **(2)** closing garbage dumps and **(3)** funding into bonds.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

14. L22-274 - Lafourche Parish School Board

(1) Consolidated School District No. 1 - 4.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, additional support, in particular to fund **(a)** salaries and benefits and **(b)** the comprehensive safety and security program, including creating single-point entry at schools, additional security cameras, alarm systems, capital improvements, School Resource Officers and staff to address bullying/cyberbullying and student/related services; **(2) School Board** - 0.40% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning July 1, 2023, salaries and benefits.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

15. L22-284 - Livingston Parish, Public Schools Educational Facilities Improvement District

1% sales tax, 20 years, beginning July 1, 2023, additional funding for salaries and benefits of school system employees, including an initial increase to the Board's salary schedule to be effective July 1, 2023 upon approval of this proposition.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

16. L22-278 - Livingston Parish, Town of Killian

1% sales tax, 15 years, beginning July 1, 2023, **(1)** 25% to public safety and disaster management, **(2)** 25% to roads and drainage infrastructure, **(3)** 10% to beautification and **(4)** 40% to the General Fund.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

17. L22-276 - Natchitoches Parish, Fire Protection District No. 7

10.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating facilities and equipment for fire protection and emergency medical services.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

18. L22-291 - Ouachita Parish Police Jury

1.75 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, **(1)** operating, maintaining, sustaining and erecting Ouachita Parish Health Units, **(2)** constructing, equipping and operating a new Animal Shelter and **(3)** rabies and animal control; said tax will be reduced to 1.25 mills for the remainder of the term of the tax upon the repayment of bonds issued for the construction of the new animal shelter.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

19. L22-280 - Pointe Coupee Parish, Fire Protection District No. 4

11.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2023-2032, **(1)** acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and improvements, **(2)** purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and emergency rescue equipment, **(3)** paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and **(4)** funding salaries and benefits of full time firefighters.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

20. L22-294 - St. Mary Parish Council

Amend Section 3-04 of the Home Rule Charter relative to compensation of the parish president.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

21. L22-283 - St. Tammany Parish, Fire Protection District No. 13

9.74 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including paying the costs of personnel and obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

22. L22-266 - Tangipahoa Parish, Village of Tangipahoa

10.0 mills tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning 2023, providing fire protection.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

23. L22-267 - Vermillion Parish, Gravity Drainage District No. 2, Ward 7

19.26 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating drainage works.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

24. L22-273 - Webster Parish Police Jury

12.39 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, acquiring, constructing, improving, furnishing, equipping, operating and/or maintaining public libraries.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

25. L22-277 - West Feliciana Parish, Communications District

2.0 mills tax, 5 years, 2024-2028, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating an enhanced 911 telephone system, including the payment of necessary dispatch personnel.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

26. L22-268 - Winn Parish Police Jury

1% sales tax, 10 years, beginning March 1, 2024, **(1)** 60% to the Parish for first, **(a)** constructing, acquiring, maintaining, improving and operating a solid waste collection and disposal system and **(b)** balance of proceeds for maintaining and supporting the Courthouse and providing other Parish services and **(2)** 40% to the City of Winnfield for **(a)** providing solid waste collection and disposal, including the operation, maintenance and improvement of its Waste Compaction Station, and **(b)** for providing other municipal services.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Governmental Units - Elections (April 29, 2023)

27. L22-292 - West Carroll Parish, Village of Forest

1.9% sales tax, 2 years, beginning October 1, 2023, any lawful purpose including but not limited to economic development.

WITHDRAWN AT MEETING

Local Political Subdivisions - Loans

28. L22-293 - Morehouse Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1

Not exceeding \$250,000 Premium Finance Agreement, not exceeding 3.5%, not exceeding 1 year, paying insurance premiums.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 29 through 31.

29. L22-289 - Catahoula Parish, Village of Harrisonburg (LDH Program)

Not exceeding \$440,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 2.45%, not exceeding 10 years, constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, renovations and replacements to the waterworks system, including equipment, fixtures and accessories therefor, both personal and real, a work of public improvement.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

30. L22-298 - East Baton Rouge Parish, Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge, Harveston Economic Development District

Not exceeding \$155,000,000 Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 10%, not exceeding 40 years, (1) development and construction of a pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development and related infrastructure in one or more phases, (2) funding a reserve fund, if required, and (3) capitalized interest, if required.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

31. L22-288 - Lafayette Parish Assessment District

Not exceeding \$700,000 Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 10 years, acquiring, constructing, and improving buildings and facilities for the office of the assessor, including purchasing any furnishings, fixtures and equipment incidental or necessary in connection therewith.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

State Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 32 through 35.

32. S22-045 - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Bayou D'arbonne Retirement Village Project)

Not exceeding \$10,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 40 years, acquiring, constructing and equipping a 76-unit multifamily housing development in West Monroe.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

33. S22-046 - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Cypress Court Project)

Not exceeding \$7,500,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 40 years, acquisition, construction and equipping of a 55-unit multifamily housing development in Ponchatoula.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

34. S22-047 - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Federal City - Building 10 Project)

Not exceeding \$8,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 40 years, acquiring, constructing and equipping a 70-unit multifamily housing development in New Orleans.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

35. S22-049 - Louisiana Housing Corporation (Cypress at Ardendale Phase I Project)

Not exceeding \$42,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 40 years, acquisition, construction and equipping of a 170-unit multifamily housing development in Baton Rouge.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Political Subdivisions - Bonds

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 36 and 37.

36. S22-048 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission Project)

Not exceeding \$49,000,000 Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 7%, not exceeding 30 years, **(1)** purchasing the necessary right-of way for constructing and installing a water main, valve, hydrants and other appurtenances to connect the southern edge of the Bossier City Water System to the Port's campus to service residential customers along the route, in addition to future industrial tenants of the Port, **(2)** installing sewer force main piping under the Red River and other improvements as necessary, **(3)** constructing and equipping an approximate 40,000 square foot warehouse facility and **(4)** funding a debt service reserve fund, if necessary.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

37. S22-050 - New Orleans Aviation Board (North Terminal Project)

Not exceeding \$35,000,000 General Airport Revenue Bonds, not exceeding 10%, not exceeding 21 years, construction and equipping of a board room, military lounge and baggage handling system enhancements.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Public Trust - Final Approval

38. S22-051 - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Origin US Megasite I Project)

Not exceeding \$1,500,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), not exceeding 12% tax-exempt or 14% taxable fixed or variable rates, not exceeding 40 years, **(1)** acquiring, constructing and equipping facilities used in connection with producing carbon-negative materials used to make polyethylene terephthalate ("PET") plastic, hydrothermal carbon and related products to be located in Geismar, **(2)** funding a reserve fund and **(3)** paying capitalized interest.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Ratifications and or Amendments to Prior Approvals

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 39 and 40.

39. L19-041A - Caddo Parish School Board, Parishwide School District

Amendment of a prior approval granted on February 21, 2019, to reflect change in cost of issuance.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

40. L20-173B - Madison Parish, Hospital Service District

Amendment of prior approvals granted on May 21, 2020 and April 15, 2021, to extend the term of the Bond Anticipation Notes dated December 30, 2020, for an additional six months and associated cost of issuance.

Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Costs of Issuance Reporting

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 41 through 45.

- 41. L18-431A - Bossier Parish, Town of Haughton**
Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.
- 42. L21-127C - Allen Parish, Hospital Service District No. 3**
Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.
- 43. L22-068A - Orleans Parish School Board**
Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.
- 44. L22-252A - Ouachita Parish, Walnut Street Economic Development District of the City of Monroe**
Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.
- 45. S21-007B - Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. - Student Housing Project)**
Reporting on changes in costs of issuance.

State of Louisiana

46. S22-053 - State of Louisiana (Gas & Fuels Tax Bonds)

Consideration of a preliminary resolution for **(1)** not exceeding \$303,125,000 State of Louisiana Gasoline and Fuels Tax Second Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, subseries or classes, or the conversion of the interest rate on certain State of Louisiana Gasoline and Fuels Tax Second Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds; **(2)** authorizing the execution of one or more bond purchase agreements, direct placement agreements and/or remarketing agreements; **(2)** authorizing the amendment, novation, termination, conversion and/or extension of the terms of one or more swap agreements; and **(4)** providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Mr. Wendell Gaertner, Municipal Advisor, Public Resources Advisory Group. After further discussion, Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval to adopt the preliminary resolution, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the resolution was adopted.

47. Disclosure Counsel

Authorization to issue a solicitation for offers to obtain Disclosure Counsel to provide advice to the State on disclosure obligations and authorization of the review, evaluation and grading of the responses by the evaluation team.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval of Item 47, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Other Business

48. L22-299 - Terrebonne Parish Council

Not exceeding \$5,000,000 Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes (Community Disaster Loan Program), paying existing essential functions of operations or expanding such functions to meet disaster-related needs.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House moved approval contingent upon submission and verification of all required documentation, seconded by Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

49. Monthly Reports

Ms. Folse provided information relative to the monthly reports.

Ms. Folse mentioned the Community Drinking Water Infrastructure Sustainability Act requirements that would begin January 1, 2023.

Treasurer Schroder provided an update on the Virtual Meeting rules.

Treasurer Schroder invited everyone to a reception on the 3rd floor.

50. Adjourn

On the motion of the Chairman and without any objection, the meeting was adjourned.

(A verbatim transcript in specific order items were considered is available with the Bond Commission.)
