

OHIO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

May 17, 2017

The Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (the "Commission") met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board meeting room on the first floor of the Ohio Department of Education Building, 25 S. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio, written notice of which had been given to all members of the Commission.

The following members attended: Thomas Needles, Chair; Jim Bennett, Vice Chair; John Wells, Secretary; Wanda Carter; Stephanie Green; John Martin; James Shindler; Susan Tate; and James Wilson. Also present were representatives of the institution appearing before the Commission; Ben Christensen of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; William Elliott of Blue Rose Capital Advisors; and Alexander G. Burlingame of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, Bond Counsel to the Commission.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Upon call of the roll, the Secretary declared that a quorum was present. He also stated that the notice of this meeting had been given to all media, organizations or other persons who requested that information in accordance, and in full compliance, with Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

The Chair noted that the minutes of the Commission meeting of March 15, 2017 were sent to each member prior to this meeting; those minutes are also included in the meeting books for each member. Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson that was seconded by Ms. Green, all Commission members present approved the minutes of that meeting.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

The Chair next called upon Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings, Vice President for Business Affairs, to speak to Commission members regarding Otterbein University's financing request. Ms. Vazquez-Skillings was joined by Ann Krieger, University Controller. Ms. Vazquez-Skillings thanked the Commission members, noting that the proposed refinancing of the University's 2008B Bonds is a follow-up to its refunding transaction in the fall of 2016. The Bonds to be refinanced were issued in 2008 to facilitate construction of a science building and an equine center. The proposed bonds will be issued as a private placement, will bear interest at a fixed rate and will be purchased by BMO Bank. Ms. Vazquez-Skillings then inquired of the Commission members as to whether they had any questions.

In response to questions from Ms. Tate and Mr. Wilson, Ms. Vazquez-Skillings noted that BMO stands for "Bank of Montreal." University investments previously held in the Common Fund may be moved to Goldman Sachs. The University maintains focus on affordability for its students. This, coupled with its Center for Student Success, is intended to improve student retention and aid students who have academic ability but limited financial means. Student residence facilities are filled to capacity and the University is considering construction of new a residence hall. The University also is analyzing the feasibility of a new campus center for which it would seek to obtain gift funds for the project.

In response to a question from Mr. Needles, Ms. Vazquez-Skillings confirmed that the University requires students to live in campus housing for three years. That requirement varies at other institutions and is often dependent on whether a University is situated in an urban or more rural setting. Students that reside within 30 miles of campus are permitted to opt-out of the housing requirement. The University does own land upon which additional student housing may be constructed. Depending on location, existing structures may need to be demolished. The University's equine center is located on a separate location, with related programs including equine science and psychology.

In response to questions from Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Carter, Ms. Vazquez-Skillings stated that the maintenance of existing plant facilities continues to be a priority for the University. Other challenges include maintaining programs and facilities at or exceeding levels provided by competing institutions. Maintaining the University's relevancy in an evolving higher education marketplace also is an area of continued emphasis. The University's foundation remains grounded in the local arts.

Mr. Burlingame stated that the bond documents have been prepared and are presented in substantially final form. The resolution under consideration approves the issuance of the bonds and related documents.

Mr. Wells moved and Ms. Tate seconded the motion that Resolution No. 2017-08 be adopted.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the roll and, pursuant to the roll call, the following votes were cast:

Aye: Bennett; Carter; Green; Martin; Needles; Shindler; Tate; Wells; Wilson


Nay: None

The Chair declared the motion passed and Resolution No. 2017-08 adopted.

Resolution No. 2017-08 is as follows:

OTHER BUSINESS CALL OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

It is now expected that the Commission will next meet on June 21, 2017 in Columbus, if necessary, or upon the call of the Chair. On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary