

Minutes
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
Special Board of Directors Meeting No. 613
June 29, 2023

Directors Present: Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Chairperson of CHFA and Commissioner
(In Person) of the Department of Housing
Jerrold Abrahams
Cindy Butts
Philip DeFronzo
Heidi DeWyngaert, Vice Chairperson of CHFA and Chairperson of the
Mortgage Committee
Timothy Hodges
Catherine MacKinnon
Jorge Perez, State Banking Commissioner
Franklin Perry II
Sarah Sanders, Chairperson of Finance/Audit Committee and Deputy
Treasurer representing Erick Russell, State Treasurer
Gregory Ugalde

Directors Absent: Wendy Clarke
Alexandra Daum, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and
Community Development
Claudio Gualtieri, Undersecretary of Health and Human Services,
representing Jeffrey R. Beckham, Secretary, Office of Policy and
Management
Chelsea M. Ross
Lisa Tepper Bates

Ms. Mosquera-Bruno called the meeting of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to order at 10:05 a.m. A roll call of Board members was conducted and a quorum was present.

Ms. Mosquera-Bruno asked for public comments by virtue of the public call-in line and there were none.

Nandini Natarajan, CEO-Executive Director, reported on the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) system, specifically activities related to the Advisory Council. She summarized the role of the Advisory Council, which she chairs, and provided details of FHLB's Affordable Housing Program (AHP).

Pasquale Guliano, Managing Director, Multifamily, provided a summary of the Mortgage Committee's recommended resolution regarding financing for Crescent Crossings Phase 1C, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Discussion ensued regarding the average median income in Bridgeport and the source of funding related to the services provided to the supportive housing units.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ugalde, seconded by Ms. Butts, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of adopting the following

resolution regarding Crescent Crossings Phase 1C, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut:

RESOLUTION REGARDING FINANCING FOR
CRESCENT CROSSINGS, PHASE 1C,
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT; CHFA TAX CREDIT NO. CT-22-903

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on April 28, 2022 (the “Prior Resolution”), the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the “Authority”) authorized a reservation of \$1,860,029 of low-income housing tax credits (the “Credits”) for Crescent Crossings, Phase 1C, a proposed 85-unit development to be located in Bridgeport, Connecticut (the “Development”), and the Credits were conditionally allocated to the Development on December 12, 2022 in accordance with the low-income housing tax credit program requirements set forth in the Authority’s Qualified Allocation Plan (the “QAP”), Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Regulations”);

WHEREAS, Connecticut Community Renewal Associates, LLC (the “Developer”) has applied to the Authority for permanent mortgage financing and subordinate construction-to-permanent mortgage financing for the Development; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to provide mortgage financing to Crescent Crossings 1C, LLC and/or a related entity otherwise acceptable to the Authority (the “Proposed Mortgagor”), as described in the attached memorandum and Development summary materials from Steven Norris, Multifamily Development Officer IV, dated June 27, 2023 (the “Memorandum”).

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, as follows:

Section 1. The Authority is authorized to provide a permanent loan in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,800,000 (the “Permanent Loan”). The Permanent Loan shall be secured by a first-priority mortgage lien on the Development. The Permanent Loan shall accrue interest on amounts advanced at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum and principal and interest repayment shall be based upon an amortization schedule of 40 years over a term of 40 years, after which all outstanding Permanent Loan principal and interest shall be due, *provided, however*, the Permanent Loan may be prepaid in full: (a) on or after 15 years of the Permanent Loan term by virtue of refinance with a mortgage loan from the Authority and subject to the satisfaction of all applicable Authority requirements, including the payment of a housing program maintenance fee equal to 1% of the outstanding principal balance, or (b) on or after 20 years of the Permanent Loan term and subject to the satisfaction of all applicable Authority requirements, including the payment of a housing program maintenance fee equal to 1% of the outstanding principal balance. The Authority will fund the permanent loan with taxable bond proceeds, including the issuance of bonds as described in Attachment A, attached hereto, or from such other sources of funding, and upon such terms and conditions, as are deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority. The Authority may adjust the interest rate limitation set forth herein solely to permit payment of Authority costs and fees related to the mortgage financing. The Authority finds that permanent mortgage loan financing is not readily available from another source and that it is appropriate and in the public interest for the Authority to provide such financing from the proceeds of taxable bonds. With respect to any such

expenditure, this Resolution is intended to satisfy the technical requirements of Section 1.150-2(d)(1) of the United States Treasury Regulations.

Section 2. The Authority is authorized to provide an additional mortgage loan (the “Additional Loan”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. The Additional Loan shall: (a) be secured by a first or second priority mortgage on the Development; (b) accrue interest on all amounts advanced at a rate not to exceed 1% per annum; (c) commencing with the 25th month of the Additional Loan term, be repaid periodically (but not less frequently than annually) in an amount of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Development’s adjusted cash flow prior to the calculation of surplus cash, as determined by the Authority, *provided, however*, full payment of the deferred developer fee amount approved by the Authority shall have priority over any repayment of the Additional Loan; and (d) have a term of up to 42 years, after which all outstanding loan principal and interest shall be due, *provided, however*, prepayment of the Additional Loan will be permitted. The Authority will fund the Additional Loan with affordable housing fund proceeds which may include capital magnet fund grant proceeds, investment trust account proceeds, opportunity fund proceeds, or such other sources of funding, and upon such terms and conditions, as are deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

Section 3. The Authority’s commitment to provide mortgage financing for the Development shall be conditioned upon the Authority’s acceptance and approval in its sole discretion of the following:

- (a) Affordability restrictions on the Development for a period of 40 years, such that 17 units shall be set aside for households at or below 30% of area median income, 34 units shall be set aside for households at or below 50% of area median income, and 11 units shall be set aside for households at or below 60% of area median income;
- (b) An independent appraisal and a market acceptance analysis for the Development;
- (c) All required governmental approvals, tax abatement agreements, hazardous waste testing at the Development, and hazardous waste removal and disposal (if applicable);
- (d) Final construction costs and plans and specifications;
- (e) Commitments for all sources of funds, as further described in the Memorandum, or in such other amounts and/or from such other comparable sources as are acceptable to the Authority, such that the total of the sources and uses of funds for completion of the Development are in balance;
- (f) Proposed operating income and expenses, Section 8 housing subsidies benefitting the Development, payments to provide supportive services to chronically homeless persons or at risk of becoming homeless, and property management organization and plan;
- (g) Satisfaction of all Authority permanent loan closing conditions including, without limitation, completion of Development construction in accordance with approved

plans and specifications, satisfactory Development operation and occupancy, and satisfaction of all Development tax credit, financial and cost certification obligations and all required reserve and escrow funding; and

(h) Compliance by the Proposed Mortgagor with all applicable law, the Authority's Procedures, the provisions of the Memorandum, and all applicable Authority policies, *provided, however*, if there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this Resolution and the Authority's policies, the terms of this Resolution shall control.

Section 4. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director is hereby authorized to modify or supplement the terms and conditions hereof and to take all other actions consistent with this Resolution, the Procedures, the QAP, the Code and the Regulations, as may be in the best interest of the Authority and necessary for the development of quality affordable housing.

Section 5. Failure to provide any of the above-referenced requirements in a form acceptable to the Authority and to sign the Permanent Loan commitment locking the Permanent Loan interest rate authorized herein on or before March 31, 2024 and close the mortgage financing authorized herein on or before the last business day of the thirtieth (30th) month following the Proposed Mortgagor's acceptance of the Authority's Permanent Loan commitment, shall render this Resolution void and of no further effect, *provided, however*, upon good cause shown and upon payment by the Proposed Mortgagor of any extension or other fees as may be required by the Authority, the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director may extend the time for compliance hereunder, but in no event later than September 30, 2026.

(Crescent Crossings, Phase 1C, Bridgeport, Connecticut)

ATTACHMENT A

1. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Authority and staff are hereby authorized to continue the Authority's Housing Mortgage Finance Program by way of one or more bond sales.

2. The timing of such bond sales shall be determined in coordination with the State Treasurer's Office.

3. The bond sales shall be in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bonds, of the series designated (subject to paragraph 18 below) 2023 Series L (the "Bonds"), which shall be issued in one or more series and subseries as federally taxable bonds and/or as federally tax-exempt bonds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or other applicable federal tax law.

4. The Bonds shall be sold on a negotiated basis.

5. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to set the date or dates for receipt of the respective offers from the underwriter(s) or other purchaser(s) (the "Respective Purchasers") to purchase the Bonds.

6. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute and cause to be delivered appropriate documentation, including, without limitation, one or more Preliminary Official Statements and Underwriting Commitments, to adopt the expectations, beliefs, assumptions and representations expressed and made on behalf of the Authority in the Official Statement(s) of the Bonds (the "Official Statement(s)") and to execute and deliver the Official Statement(s).

7. The Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized both (a) to receive the related offer presented by the Respective Purchasers and (b) to make a formal award of the related portion of the Bonds to the Respective Purchasers and execute one or more Contracts of Purchase, provided the Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer may make such award only if the highest interest rate of any maturity of tax-exempt or taxable fixed-rate Bonds does not exceed by more than 50 basis points the highest interest rate of any maturity of tax-exempt or taxable fixed-rate bonds, respectively, sold in a comparable housing bond pricing included in pricing information provided by the book-running senior manager in connection with the award. Variable-rate Bonds shall bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the below-defined Series Resolution.

8. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer and staff of the Authority are hereby authorized to negotiate one or more interest rate swap agreements with counterparties that meets the requirements of the General Bond Resolution and is satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer in conjunction with the 2023 Series L bond sale (collectively, the "Swap"). The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver all documents necessary to consummate the Swap, provided the Swap results in a net interest rate savings to the Authority of not less than 20 basis points of the Swap portion or in the best interest of the Authority, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes, additions, deletions, modifications and amendments to the Swap and other related documents as may be necessary or desirable and in the best interests of the Authority, and not inconsistent with this authorization. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to approve changes, additions, deletions, modifications, novations and amendments to interest rate swap agreements previously executed by the Authority and intended to be allocated to the Bonds, in each case as may be necessary or desirable and in the best interests of the Authority, and not inconsistent with this authorization.

9. The Authority hereby adopts the Series Resolution Authorizing the issuance of not more than \$7,500,000 Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bonds, 2023 Series L (the "Series Resolution") and hereby authorizes all necessary transfers from the Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 513(8) of the General Bond Resolution on December 1 to the Section 506 account for the purpose of redeeming bonds and the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to take whatever other action is necessary to carry out such sale including, without limitation, determining the amount of fixed rate, variable or convertible option bonds and to make such changes, additions, deletions, modifications and amendments to the Series Resolution as may be necessary or desirable and in the best interest of the Authority and not inconsistent with the authorization contemplated at this meeting.

10. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to have the Bonds prepared and to execute and authorize the delivery of the Bonds to the Respective Purchasers upon receipt of the purchase price thereof plus accrued interest, if any, and to pay to any underwriter the underwriters' fee and/or discount and expenses and to do and perform all acts and things and execute any and all documents in the name of the Authority, necessary, useful or convenient to the issuance and sale of the Bonds by the Authority. The Bonds shall bear such rates and maturities, and sinking fund installments shall be made as set forth in the Official Statement(s) and the Series Resolution.

11. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson of the Finance/Audit Committee, or the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director of the Authority and/or her designee, and the official seal of the Authority or a facsimile thereof shall be affixed, impressed or imprinted on the Bonds and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director or another duly Authorized Officer of the Authority.

12. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish the interest rate on mortgage loans financed with the proceeds of the Bonds ("Proceeds"), provided that such interest rate shall not exceed that which is permitted or authorized under the Code.

13. The Proceeds are to be used to make new single and/or multi-family mortgages and/or refund current and future maturities of outstanding bonds and/or to refund prepayments. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to determine which multifamily projects are to be funded from proceeds of the Bonds.

14. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is hereby authorized to act as Paying Agent and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is hereby authorized to act, if required, as Tender Agent.

15. The Authority may make or finance, on an interim basis, certain mortgage loans, which costs are reasonably expected to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Authority in the maximum amount of \$7,500,000 and with respect to any such expenditures, this resolution is intended to satisfy the technical requirements of Section 1.150-2(d)(1) of the Treasury Regulations.

16. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a certification as to the Authority's reasonable expectations regarding the amount and use of the Proceeds as described in Section 1.148-2(b)(2) of the Treasury regulations relating to Section 148 of the Code on the date such certificate is issued.

17. In the event the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director is unable to act in accordance with this resolution or otherwise, then the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary functions to consummate the sale of the Bonds. In the event his designee is unable to act in accordance with this resolution or otherwise, then a committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board of Directors, at least one of whom shall not be a state employee, is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary functions to consummate the sale of the Bonds (the

“Sale Committee”). If neither the Chairperson nor the Vice Chairperson of the Authority is able to attend, then the Chairperson of the Finance/Audit Committee shall be the Chairperson of the Sale Committee, and if he/she is unable to attend, then the Chairperson of the Mortgage Committee shall be the Chairperson of the Sale Committee, and if neither of them is able to attend, the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Authority shall designate a Chairperson of the Sale Committee.

18. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to change the series designation of the Bonds and/or any other of the Authority’s bonds and to change the selected bond underwriting firms as necessary and in the best interest of the Authority.

19. The Bonds may be sold as one or more series and bond underwriting firms to act as the book running senior or co-senior managers, co-managers and/or selling group members for the Bonds may be determined by the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer for each series of Bonds from among the appointed Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bond Underwriters.

20. The senior manager, the co-senior bond underwriters and the co-managing underwriters designated by the Authority for participation in the Authority’s bond issues are hereby required prior to participation in the 2023 Series L Bond issue to provide an update to the statutory provisions, affidavits and certifications submitted as part of their agreements with the Authority.

21. Failure to provide the above required information in such form and content as determined by the Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer necessary to satisfy the requirements of this resolution shall render the senior manager, co-senior bond underwriters or co-managing underwriters ineligible to participate in the designated bond issue.

Mr. Guliano provided a summary of the Mortgage Committee’s recommended resolution regarding Oxoboxo Lofts, located in Montville, Connecticut. Discussion ensued regarding details of the environmental issues and other construction related delays impacting the completion of this project.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Butts, and seconded, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of adopting the following resolution regarding Oxoboxo Lofts, located in Montville, Connecticut:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING RESERVATION OF LOW-INCOME
HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR OXOBOXO LOFTS,
MONTVILLE, CONNECTICUT; CHFA TAX CREDIT NO. CT-19-210**

WHEREAS, Oxoboxo Commons, LLC, the applicant-developer (the “Applicant”) of a proposed 72-unit housing development known as Oxoboxo Lofts, located in Montville, Connecticut (the “Development”) applied for tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Regulations”) and the procedures (the “Procedures”) adopted by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the

“Authority”), including the 2017 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan, all for the allocation of low-income housing tax credits in the State of Connecticut (the “State”);

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2018, the Authority approved a reservation of approximately \$1,425,011 of low-income housing tax credits for the Development and on December 20, 2018, conditionally allocated \$1,425,011 of low-income housing tax credits to Ox Owner, LLC (the “Owner”) and the Development from the State housing credit ceiling (the “Credits”);

WHEREAS, due to delayed environmental approvals, unanticipated project cost increases and COVID-19-related interruptions, the allocation of the Credits was extended by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Owner is unable to complete all of the requirements necessary to qualify for the certification of the Credits on the current development schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Authority further desires to re-allocate the Credits to permit the Development to satisfy all of the requirements necessary to qualify for the certification of low-income housing tax credits from the 2023 State housing credit ceiling, all as described in the attached Memorandum from Colette Slover, HTCC Program Manager, dated June 27, 2023 (the “Memorandum”).

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, as follows:

Section 1. The Authority hereby reserves up to \$1,425,011 of low-income housing tax credits from the 2023 State housing credit ceiling for the Development, conditioned upon the Owner’s return of the Credits.

Section 2. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to issue a certification of tax credit reservation and the allocation of low-income housing tax credits from the 2023 State housing credit ceiling in an amount not to exceed \$1,425,011 for the Development, upon her determination that the Owner has complied with all requirements to qualify for such allocation.

Section 3. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director is hereby authorized to modify or supplement the terms and conditions hereof and to take all other actions consistent with this Resolution, the Procedures, the Code and the Regulations, as may be in the best interest of the Authority and necessary for the development of quality affordable housing.

Ms. Mosquera-Bruno asked Board members for a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Abrahams, seconded by Ms. DeWyngaert, the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved by unanimous consent:

- Financial Reports
- Production and Delinquency Reports

Adopted: July 27, 2023

- Monthly Tracking Report
- Homeownership Report
- Multifamily Activities
- Minutes from May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.