# Minutes Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors Meeting No. 630 March 27, 2025

### **Directors Present:**

(In Person) Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Chairperson of CHFA Board of Directors and

Commissioner of the Department of Housing

(Virtually) Jerrold Abrahams

Lisa Tepper Bates

Cindy Butts Wendy Clarke Philip DeFronzo

Heidi DeWyngaert, Vice Chairperson of CHFA Board of Directors and

Chairperson of the Mortgage Committee

Claudio Gualtieri, Undersecretary of Health and Human Services,

representing Jeffrey R. Beckham, Secretary, Office of Policy and

Management

Timothy Hodges

Catherine MacKinnon

Jorge Perez, State Banking Commissioner

Franklin Perry II

Matthew Pugliese, Deputy Commissioner, representing Daniel O'Keefe,

Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community

Development

Chelsea M. Ross

Sarah Sanders, Chairperson of the Finance/Audit Committee and Deputy

Treasurer, representing Erick Russell, State Treasurer

Gregory Ugalde

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno called the meeting of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to order at 10:00 AM. A roll call of Board members was conducted and a quorum was present.

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

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno requested that the Board members consider amending the meeting agenda to add an executive session regarding the Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director Performance Review.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hodges and seconded by Ms. DeWyngaert, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of amending the meeting agenda to add an executive session regarding the Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director Performance Review.

Nandini Natarajan, Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director, presented the CEO-Executive Director Report including the Authority's 2024 accomplishments.

Hazim Taib, Chief Financial Officer, presented the second amending resolution to the resolution adopted in February, 2022, which authorized the procurement of warehouse loan facilities to, among other things, assist the pooling of single family loans into mortgage backed securities.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ugalde and seconded by Mr. Hodges, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of adopting the following Second Amending Resolution:

# SECOND AMENDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, that certain Resolution to Enter Into Revolving Mortgage Loan Warehousing Facilities and Issue Revolving Mortgage Loan Warehousing Obligations was duly adopted by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the "Authority") at a regular meeting of the Authority duly called and held on February 24, 2022 (the "Resolution");

WHEREAS, that certain Amending Resolution to Resolution to Enter Into Revolving Mortgage Loan Warehousing Facilities and Issue Revolving Mortgage Loan Warehousing Obligations was duly adopted by the Authority at a regular meeting of the Authority duly called and held on October 26, 2023 (the "First Amending Resolution"; the First Amending Resolution and the Resolution collectively, the "Amended Resolution");

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the Amended Resolution to increase the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Mortgage Loan Warehousing Obligations (as defined in the Amended Resolution) that may be outstanding at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the Amended Resolution to extend the expiration date of the authorization therein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Authority that the Amended Resolution is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Section 3 of the Amended Resolution is hereby amended by replacing "\$150,000,000" with "\$225,000,000."
- 2. Section 8 of the Amended Resolution is hereby amended by replacing "October 30, 2026" with "April 28, 2028."

This Second Amending Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Pasquale Guliano, Managing Director of Multifamily, provided a summary of the Mortgage Committee's recommended resolution regarding financing of Willow Arms Redevelopment, located in Simsbury, Connecticut. Discussion followed.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Gualtieri and seconded by Mr. Ugalde, the Board members voted by roll call (during which roll call Ms. MacKinnon abstained from voting) and were in favor of adopting the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION REGARDING FINANCING OF WILLOW ARMS REDEVELOPMENT; SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT; CHFA TAX CREDIT NO. 24 – 911M

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on April 25, 2024 (the "Prior Resolution"), the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the "Authority") authorized a reservation of \$1,920,000 of low-income housing tax credits (the "Credits") for Willow Arms Redevelopment, an existing 81-unit development located in Simsbury, Connecticut (the "Development") 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, Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, Inc. (the "Developer") has applied to the Authority for construction and permanent mortgage financing for the Development; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to provide mortgage financing to Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, Inc. and/or a related entity otherwise acceptable to the Authority (the "Proposed Mortgagor"), as described in the attached Memorandum and Development Summary Materials from Tre'Von Perry, Underwriter 1, dated March 25, 2025 (the "Memorandum").

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

The Authority is authorized to provide a permanent loan in a principal Section 1. amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 (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 7.65% per annum and principal and interest repayment shall be based upon an amortization schedule of 40 years over a term of 35 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 shall 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 and may assess additional loan related fees solely to permit the payment of Authority costs and fees related to the mortgage financing. To the

extent other sources of funding are deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority, the Authority finds that 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.

- The Authority is authorized to provide an additional mortgage loan (the Section 2. "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) be repaid monthly, in arrears, interestonly throughout the entire term of the Additional Loan; (d) commencing with the 25<sup>th</sup> month of the Additional Loan term, be repaid by virtue of principal and/or interest repayment based upon an amortization schedule determined by the Authority and/or be repaid periodically (but not less frequently than annually) in an amount of not less than 25% of the Development's adjusted cash flow prior to the calculation of surplus cash, as determined by the Authority, provided, however, payment of the deferred developer fee, certain investor fees and/or obligations and certain subordinate financing obligations, all as approved by the Authority, shall have priority over any principal repayment of the Additional Loan; and (e) 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 availability of all necessary sources of funding (including, without limitation, sufficient allocation to the Authority from the state ceiling of private activity bonds) and the Authority's acceptance and approval in its sole discretion of the following:
  - (a) Affordability restrictions on the Development for a period of 50 years, as required under the Code and the QAP, such that: (i) 25 units shall be set aside for households at or below 30% of area median income, (ii) 22 units shall be set aside for households at or below 50% of area median income, (iii) 17 units shall be set aside for households above 30% of area median income and at or below 50% of area median income, and (v) 3 units shall be set aside for households at or below 80% of area median income and the Development shall be in full compliance with the Code and the QAP;
  - (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 (and State Bond Commission approval for such funding, if necessary), 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, housing subsidies benefitting the Development, payments and/or subsidies for the provision of supportive services, all required reserve and escrow funding, tenant relocation plan, and property management organization and plan; and
- (g) Satisfaction of all 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 QAP, the Prior Resolution, the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 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 Authority's Procedures, the QAP, the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder including, without limitation, any required release, subordination, modification and/or assumption of any existing Authority financing or Authority-administered financing or funding with respect to the Development, all as may be in the best interests 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 close the mortgage financing authorized herein on or before December 31, 2030 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.

(Willow Arms Redevelopment, Simsbury, Connecticut)

# ATTACHMENT A

1. The Chief Executive Officer - Executive Director 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 aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bonds, of the series designated (subject to paragraph 18 below) 2025 Series H (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 the 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 the 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) for 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 the Chief Financial Officer and staff of the Authority are hereby authorized to negotiate one or more interest rate swap agreements with counterparties that meet the requirements of the General Bond Resolution and are satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer in conjunction with the 2025 Series H bond sale (collectively, the "Swap"). The Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver all documents necessary to consummate the Swap in the best interest of the Authority, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the 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 the 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 \$2,000,000 Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bonds, 2025 Series H (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 the 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 the 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 the Chief Financial Officer, 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 the 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 or finance new single and/or multi-family mortgage loans (including mortgage-backed securities consisting of such loans) or reimburse the Authority for having made such mortgage loans, and/or refund current and future maturities of outstanding bonds and/or to refund prepayments. The Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the 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, including, but not limited to, those pooled into mortgage—backed securities, with proceeds of interim borrowings (including, but not limited to, taxable borrowings and lines of credit) or the Authority's own funds, which expenditures are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt to be incurred by the Authority in the maximum amount of \$2,000,000. With respect to the reimbursement of any such expenditures, this resolution is the Authority's declaration of intent to authorize such reimbursements and is intended to satisfy the technical requirements of Section 1.150-2(d)(1) of the Treasury Regulations. This reimbursement declaration shall cover expenditures financed by the debt authorized by this resolution or debt approved by later resolution.
- 16. The Chief Executive Officer Executive Director and/or the 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 and/or the Chief Financial Officer is unable to act in accordance with this resolution or otherwise, 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 the 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 book running senior manager, the co-senior bond underwriters and the comanaging underwriters designated by the Authority for participation in the Authority's bond issues are hereby required prior to participation in the 2025 Series H Bond issue to provide an update to the statutory provisions, affidavits and certifications, charitable contributions in the State of

Connecticut, investigations, administrative or other legal proceedings and/or settlements by or with governmental entities regulating the conduct of their business, submitted as part of their agreements with the Authority, to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno requested Board members consider a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Pugliese and seconded by Commissioner Perez, Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of approving the following consent agenda items.

- 2025 Series B Bond Issue (Multifamily)
- Financial Reports
- Production and Delinquency Reports
- Monthly Tracking Report
- Minutes from February 27, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno requested that the Board members consider convening an executive session regarding the Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director Performance Review.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Abrahams and seconded by Mr. Ugalde, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of convening an executive session regarding the Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director Performance Review. The executive session commenced at 10:26 AM and ended at 11:30 AM.

Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno requested that the Board members consider amending the meeting agenda to consider a resolution regarding special counsel engagement and to consider adopting the following resolution regarding special counsel engagement.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tepper Bates and seconded by Mr. Ugalde, the Board members voted by roll call and were unanimously in favor of amending the meeting agenda to consider a resolution regarding special counsel engagement and adopting the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the "Authority") is established as a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision pursuant to Chapter 134 of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "Act") for the purpose of alleviating the shortage of housing for low and moderate income families and persons in the State of Connecticut (the "State") and the Authority has adopted Procedures (the "Procedures") in connection with its responsibilities under the Act;

WHEREAS, the Authority from time to time requires the services of special legal counsel to represent its interests and provide professional advice in various matters including, but not limited to, personnel matters and related Authority operations;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and the Procedures and a request for proposal process, the Board of Directors of the Authority appointed various special counsel by resolution on November 21, 2024 (the "RFP"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority requires the advice of special counsel regarding certain human resources matters and related Authority operations and has determined to seek such advice from special counsel appointed in accordance with the RFP.

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

The Authority is hereby authorized to engage and appoint Robinson & Cole LLP for the provision of legal services to the Authority related to certain human resources matters and related Authority operations. Such appointment shall be in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

There being no further business to discuss, upon a motion made by Mr. Hodges and seconded by Mr. Ugalde, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:36 AM.