

Minutes of the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority meeting held on March 23, 2017, on the fourth floor of Building #4, Station Plaza, 22 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ.

*The following **Authority Members** were in attendance:*

Dr. Munr Kazmir, Vice Chair (Chairing); Jim Foley, Designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Health; Maryann Kralik, Designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance; Jessica Feehan, Designee of the Commissioner of Human Services; and, via telephone, Suzette Rodriguez, Public Member.

*The following **Authority staff members** were in attendance:*

Mark Hopkins, Ron Marmelstein, Frank Troy, Bill McLaughlin, Carole Conover, Edwin Fuentes, Marji McAvoy, Ellen Lieber, Taryn Rommell, Jessica Lucas, Debra Coons, Neetu “Nikki” Thukral, Michael Solidum, Bernie Miller and Chris Kniesler.

*The following **representatives from the State and/or the public** were in attendance:*

Cliff Rones, Attorney General’s Office; Labinot Berlajolli, Governor’s Authority’s Unit; Bob Palermo, Vice President of Finance, Hackensack Meridian Health; John Kelly of Wilentz Goldman and Spitzer; Tom Baldosaro, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Dave Murray, Vice President of Finance, Inspira Health Network; Phil DelVecchio, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Kay Fern, Evergreen Financial Services;

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kazmir called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and announced that this was a regular Meeting of the Authority, held in accordance with the schedule adopted at the May 26, 2016 Authority meeting. Complying with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Authority's By-laws, notice of this meeting was delivered to all newspapers with mailboxes at the Statehouse, including The Star-Ledger and the Courier Post, enough in advance to permit the publication of an announcement at least 48 hours before the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **February 23, 2017 Authority Meeting**

Minutes for the February 23, 2017 Authority meeting were distributed for review and approval prior to the meeting. Dr. Kazmir asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Rodriguez made the motion. Ms. Feehan seconded. Dr. Kazmir asked if there were any questions on the motion. There were no questions. He then called for a vote. All Members voted in the affirmative and the minutes were approved.

2. TEFRA AND CONTINGENT BOND SALE

Hackensack Meridian Health

Dr. Kazmir announced that the following portion of the meeting was a public hearing in connection with the Hackensack Meridian Health transaction. He stated that this hearing is taking place in accordance with the public notice and approval requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Dr. Kazmir asked Edwin Fuentes to bring the Members up to date on the details of the transaction.

Mr. Fuentes informed the Members that they are being asked to approve a contingent sale of bonds on behalf of Hackensack Meridian Health, Inc. (“Hackensack Meridian”). He then introduced Robert Palermo, Vice President of Finance of Hackensack Meridian Health, Inc.

Mr. Fuentes told the Members that Hackensack Meridian Health Inc. is a not for profit healthcare organization located in New Jersey. It was formed in July of 2016 by the merger of Hackensack University Health Network and Meridian Health System, Inc. Hackensack Meridian provides inpatient, outpatient and emergency care services for a number of communities throughout the State of New Jersey.

According to Mr. Fuentes, the proposed transaction will be in a maximum amount of \$1.5 billion of publicly issued tax-exempt bonds; will be structured as a fixed rate financing; and will be sold on the basis of Hackensack Meridian’s credit rating, expected to be affirmed at “A+” by Standard and Poor’s. The proceeds of the transaction will be used to: refund, refinance and/or legally defease several series of outstanding bonds previously issued by the Authority and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the benefit of Hackensack University Medical Center, Meridian Hospitals Corporation and several of their respective affiliates in order to place them under a new Master Trust Indenture; repay and refinance a taxable loan which was used by Hackensack Meridian to previously refund and defease a portion of the Authority’s Hackensack Series 2010B Bonds and its Palisades Series 2013 Bonds; repay and refinance the remaining outstanding balance of a Capital Asset Program loan made by the Authority to Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation at Ocean Grove, Inc. in 2007; reimburse Hackensack Meridian for the costs of planning, development, acquisition, construction, equipping, and furnishing of the Hope Tower, a new ten story building located in Neptune, NJ, on the campus of Jersey Shore University Medical Center, an affiliate of Hackensack Meridian; and to pay the related costs of issuance of the Series 2017A Bonds.

Hackensack Meridian will simultaneously issue a taxable Series of Bonds under their new Master Trust Indenture. Also, Hackensack Meridian has conducted negotiations with the credit providers and/or direct purchasers on certain outstanding bonds as to whether the bank is willing to accept a new note issued under the new Master Trust Indenture. Any bonds where a substitute note is not accepted will become part of the tax-exempt refunding.

Mr. Fuentes concluded by saying that John Kelly of Wilentz Goldman and Spitzer, Bond Counsel, would present the Bond Resolution for this transaction. Following his presentation, he Mr. Kelly, or Mr. Palermo would address any issues or questions the Members may have.

BOND RESOLUTION

John Kelly of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, stated that the Bond Resolution authorizes the issuance of the tax-exempt Series 2017A Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$1,500,000,000 which will bear interest at a fixed rate to maturity at a true interest cost not to exceed 6.00% per annum. The Series 2017A Bonds will have a final maturity date of no later than July 1, 2057 and be subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth therein, provided, that the redemption price cannot be greater than 105%. The Series 2017A Bonds will be issued for the purposes of: 1) refunding, refinancing and/or legally defease all or a portion of the several series of outstanding bonds previously issued by the Authority and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the benefit of both Hackensack University Medical Center and Meridian Hospitals Corporation and several of their respective affiliates listed on Exhibit A to the Bond Resolution; 2) repaying and refinancing a taxable loan, the proceeds of which were previously used by Hackensack Meridian to refund and defease a portion of the Authority's Series 2010B Bonds issued for the benefit of Hackensack University Medical Center and its Series 2013 Bonds issued for the benefit of Palisades Medical Center, an affiliate of Hackensack Meridian; 3) repaying and refinancing the remaining outstanding balance of a Capital Asset Program loan made by the Authority to Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation at Ocean Grove, Inc., an affiliate of Hackensack Meridian, in 2007; 4) reimbursing Hackensack Meridian for the costs of planning, development, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Hope Tower project; and 5) paying the related costs of issuance of the Series 2017A Bonds.

The Series 2017A Bonds will be issued by the Authority under and pursuant to a Trust Agreement by and between the Authority and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Bond Trustee. The Series 2017A Bonds will be secured by payments to be made by Hackensack Meridian under its Loan Agreement with the Authority, as evidenced and secured by a Series 2017A Promissory Note of Hackensack Meridian, and amounts on deposit in certain funds held by the Bond Trustee. The Series 2017A Promissory Note will be issued under a new Master Trust Indenture by and between Hackensack Meridian and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Master Trustee. The Series 2017A Promissory Note will be secured by a gross revenue pledge of the Combined Group under the MTI, Hackensack Meridian Health Inc. and their designated affiliates, which includes the parent corporations of the two legacy systems, Hackensack University Medical Center and Meridian Hospitals Corporation, Palisades Medical Center, Inc., and Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Additionally, the Bond Resolution approves the form of, and authorizes the execution of, the Series 2017A Bonds, the Loan Agreement, the Trust Agreement, a Preliminary Official Statement and final Official Statement relating to the Series 2017A Bonds. Further, the Bond Resolution appoints The Bank of New York Mellon, as Bond Trustee, Bond Registrar and

Paying Agent for the 2017A Bonds. The Bond Resolution also approves the form of and authorizes the execution of the Bond Purchase Contract with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., the Senior Managing Underwriter, on behalf of itself and the other underwriters of the Series 2017A Bonds, at an underwriting discount (including counsel fees) not in excess of \$5.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of the Series 2017A Bonds. In addition, the Bond Resolution also authorizes the Authorized Officers to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Contract, the Trust Agreement and the Loan Agreement, the completion of the refunding and redemption of the refunded bonds, the refinancing and repayment of the taxable loan and the Capital Asset Program loan, the financing of the Hope Tower project and the issuance and sale of the Series 2017A Bonds.

Dr. Kazmir asked if the Members had any questions on the presentations. There were no questions.

Executive Director Mark Hopkins pointed out to the members that the bond summary indicates issuing \$680 million of bonds, but that figure may be much higher. According to Mr. Hopkins, the Authority is providing Hackensack Meridian with flexibility. Currently, Hackensack Meridian plans to issue some taxable bonds not through the Authority. However, with the current volatile market conditions, they may find it more advantageous to issue the bonds with the Authority, if they qualify as tax-exempt. In addition, Hackensack Meridian has several outstanding bond series with the Authority that are direct placements. Depending upon the market and negotiations with the holders of those bonds, they may choose to have those series rolled up into this transaction. That is why for the purposes of the TEFRA, the amount is stated as not to exceed \$1.5 billion. It gives Hackensack Meridian more options

Second, Mr. Hopkins noted that the loan agreement permits Hackensack Meridian Health to have a captive insurance company that is funded with capital sufficient for approval by the domicile in which it was created. The Authority allowed this structure for the recent RWJBarnabas financing. Previously, the Authority required captive insurance companies to be funded to the 75th percentile confidence level.

Dr. Kazmir asked for a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the contingent bond sale on behalf of Hackensack Meridian Health. Mr. Foley offered the motion. Ms. Feehan seconded the motion. Dr. Kazmir asked if the Members or public had any questions or comments on the motion. There were no questions. He then called for a vote. All Members voted in the affirmative and the resolution was approved.

AB RESOLUTION NO. QQ-66

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby approves the Resolution entitled “A BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS, HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH OBLIGATED GROUP, ISSUE SERIES 2017A.”

(attached)

Dr. Kazmir congratulated Hackensack Meridian Health and asked if the representatives had anything to add.

Mr. Palermo thanked the Board, the Authority staff and the working group for their diligence on this project. He said that Hackensack Meridian, whose coverage area now includes 8 counties, will put the funds to good use on behalf of the public.

Dr. Kazmir then closed the public hearing in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended regarding the proposed financings on behalf of Atlantic Health System.

3. INFORMATAL PRESENTATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-MANAGER Inspira Health Network

Dr. Kazmir asked Edwin Fuentes to present the Members with the details of the Inspira Health Network transaction. He reminded the Members that this was an informational presentation only and that no action was required by the Members.

Mr. Fuentes began by introducing Tom Baldosaro, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Dave Murray, Vice President of Finance from Inspira Health Network. Mr. Fuentes advised the Members that his presentation will serve as an informational update for the proposed tax-exempt financing for Inspira Health Network (“Inspira”).

Mr. Fuentes reported that Inspira Health Network is a 501(c) (3) not for profit organization formed in 2012 by the merger of South Jersey Health System and Underwood Memorial Health System. Inspira has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Authority to undertake a tax-exempt negotiated sale of approximately \$325 million, issued as two Series of Bonds: Series A being a fixed rate public offering of approximately \$285 million, and Series B being a variable rate private placement of approximately \$40 million, which the Members approved the forms of at last month’s meeting. Proceeds of the transaction will be used by Inspira to finance and/or

reimburse itself for: a new acute care hospital located in Mullica Hill, NJ, to serve as a replacement for Inspira's existing Woodbury facility; establishing a Radiation Oncology program at their Woodbury location; the expansion of the Emergency Department at Inspira's Vineland location; the renovation and refurbishing of their Satellite Emergency Department at their Bridgeton location; fund a debt service reserve fund, if required; fund a capitalized interest account, if required; and pay the related costs of issuance.

Mr. Fuentes reminded the Members that Authority issued bonds on behalf of Inspira in 2016 in the amount of \$177,765,000. The proceeds of the issuance were used to refund all of Inspira's outstanding debt with the Authority at that time.

Mr. Fuentes then introduced Mr. Baldosaro to give a presentation on the new money project.

Mr. Fuentes reminded the Members that no action was required at this time. He said that, after the conclusion of Mr. Baldosaro's presentation, he, Mr. Baldosaro, or Mr. Murray would answer any questions the Members might have.

Mr. Baldosaro began by thanking the Members for their consideration.

Mr. Baldosaro said that Inspira was funding two (2) projects with the bond proceeds. First is the construction of a replacement hospital for Inspira Medical Center, Woodbury on a 100 acre parcel they purchased from Rowan University. A 204-bed hospital will be built on 50 acres of the tract and cost \$349 million. The new hospital will sit at the intersection of two (2) major highways and is more accessible than the current location. In addition, the required expansion is not possible on the Woodbury site. Construction will begin as soon as they receive DEP approval. The new hospital is scheduled to open in September of 2019. The second project addresses the growing need for emergency services at Inspira Medical Center, Vineland. Vineland has experienced a significant growth, including a 16% increase in emergency department cases since 2013. The \$34.5 million project will allow Inspira to construct a second floor on the current facility as well as add a third floor "shell" to enable future expansion. According to Mr. Baldosaro, these projects will greatly help Inspira address the current and future needs of their 1200 square-mile coverage area.

Dr. Kazmir thanked Mr. Fuentes for his report and Mr. Baldosaro for his presentation. He then asked if the Members had any questions. There were no questions.

Dr. Kazmir then asked Bill McLaughlin to provide the Members with Staff's recommendation for an additional co-manager for the Inspira transaction.

Mr. McLaughlin reminded the Members that, at the February 23, 2017, Authority meeting, the Members were advised of Inspira Health Network's selection of J.P. Morgan Securities to serve as their senior managing underwriter with Morgan Stanley serving as co-senior managing underwriter. In addition, Members approved the assignment of Wells Fargo Securities, Loop Capital Markets and M&T Securities as co-managing underwriters.

Mr. McLaughlin told the Members that Inspira Health Network has requested the assignment of one additional co-managing underwriter. Inspira and its advisors believe that the assignment of TD Securities as a co-managing underwriter would both enhance the placement of the fixed rate public series and provide for an additional firm competing for the variable rate series.

Mr. McLaughlin said that, given the expected \$285 million par amount for the fixed rate public series, staff supports the Borrower's recommendation to appoint TD Securities to the transaction as a co-managing underwriter. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the firm has been qualified by this Authority to serve in the role of co-managing underwriter, has demonstrated the ability to distribute New Jersey securities and has sufficient capital to participate in the transaction.

Mr. McLaughlin offered to answer any questions from the Members. There were no questions.

Dr. Kazmir thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his presentation.

Dr. Kazmir asked for a motion to approve the appointment of TD Securities as a co-manager for the Inspira Health Network transaction. Ms. Feehan offered the motion. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. Dr. Kazmir asked if the Members had any questions on the motion. There were no questions. He then called for a vote. All Members voted in the affirmative and the resolution was approved.

AB RESOLUTION NO. QQ-67

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby approves the appointment of TD Securities as a co-manager for the Inspira Health Network transaction.

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Dr. Kazmir referenced a summary of Authority expenses and invoices provided to the Members. Dr. Kazmir asked for a motion to approve the bills and to authorize their payment. Mr. Foley offered the motion. Ms. Feehan seconded the motion. Dr. Kazmir asked if the Members had any questions on the motion. There were no questions. He then called for a vote. All Members voted in the affirmative and the resolution was approved.

AB RESOLUTION NO. QQ-68

WHEREAS, the Members of the Authority have reviewed the memoranda dated March 15, 2017 summarizing expenses incurred by the Authority in connection with Trustee/Escrow Agent/Paying Agent fees and general operating expenses in the amounts of \$8,500.00 and \$20,287.81 respectively, and have found such expenses to be appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Authority hereby approve all expenses as submitted, and authorize the execution of checks representing the payment thereof.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Kazmir thanked Staff for the Project Development Summary, Cash Flow Statement and Legislative Advisory reports.

Dr. Kazmir asked Executive Director Hopkins to present his Executive Director's report.

Mr. Hopkins presented the following to the Members:

1. Authority Members and Senior Staff are reminded that they are required to file Financial Disclosure Statements with the State Ethics Commission by no later than May 15, 2017. Filings must be made electronically through the State Ethics Commission website. Late filers will be subject to a fine of up to \$50 per day. Authority Members are required to file the somewhat less onerous disclosure for Public Officers (not Public Employees). If you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to call me or Robin Piotrowski, the Authority's Ethics Liaison Officer.
2. Hospital & Other News
 - a. Commissioner Bennett approved the Certificate of Need application for Inspira Health Network's plan to construct a new hospital in Mullica Hill, which is slated to replace Inspira's existing hospital in Woodbury. The construction is expected to start as early as the second quarter of this year and be completed by 2019.
 - b. Hackensack Meridian Health has approved a \$25 million capital fund to enable it to directly participate in health care innovation and incubators. It is working with the New Jersey Innovation Institution and creating an innovation center with incubator space on the planned campus of the Seton Hall-Hackensack Meridian medical school. The investment has also spurred the interests of several venture capital firms and life science partners. The primary sources of funding will come

from other partners but Hackensack Meridian Health expects to benefit from both a financial return on its investments and from products and services launched by firms it supports.

- c. The Supreme Court case over whether several hospital pension plans, including St. Peter's University Hospital's, qualify as "church plans," is scheduled to be heard on Monday, March 27th. Most pension plans are covered by ERISA, which requires certain minimum funding and reporting. However, if the plan is classified as a "church plan" it is exempt from the ERISA requirements. The lower courts, in the cases being considered by the Supreme Court, ruled that for a pension plan to qualify as a "church plan" it must be set up by the church itself, not a subsidiary thereof. The outcome is also expected to impact St. Joseph's Health System, which also operates a pension plan as a "church plan."
- d. Congress has introduced legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act known as the American Health Care Act ("AHCA"). A vote in the House is scheduled for today. Highlights of the AHCA are that it: would end the Medicaid Expansion in 2020, eliminate the individual mandate to purchase health insurance, repeal the tax credit to small employers who provide health insurance, reduce Medicaid funding by \$880 billion over the next ten years, repeal subsidies for low income individuals to purchase health insurance over health care exchanges and replace them with refundable tax credits which would result in much higher premiums for individuals 50 to 64. Additionally, the AHCA proposes to offer Medicaid funds based as block grants or per capita, which is expected to significantly reduce the federal match to the states over time. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the AHCA will cause 14 million Americans to lose health insurance by 2018 and a total of 24 million by 2020. It also estimated that the AHCA would reduce federal spending by \$337 billion over the next ten years. The American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association and the American Association of Retired Persons have voiced their opposition to the AHCA. New Jersey Policy Perspective released an analysis of the AHCA this month estimating that 476,000 fewer New Jerseyans would have insurance by 2020, with losses in every Congressional district, and the State would be responsible for an additional \$8.8 billion in Medicaid expenses if it were to retain the current level of Medicaid eligibility under expansion. NJ Spotlight is holding a roundtable to discuss the AHCA tomorrow. Frank Troy and Mr. Hopkins plan to attend.
- e. The New Jersey Hospital Association, using \$10.3 million in funds made available under the Affordable Care Act to educate and train medical personnel to prevent adverse events, estimates that more than 77,000 patients were spared from falls, infections and other hospital acquired conditions. The resulting savings is estimated to be \$641 million.

- f. U.S. News & World Report ranked New Jersey the 8th best state in the nation for health care. Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Iowa, Vermont and Rhode Island were first through seventh respectively. Washington and California rounded out the top ten. New Jersey ranked as the second best state in the subcategory of public health.
- g. Healthgrades ranked all New Jersey hospitals by patient ratings in a number of clinical areas. Morristown Medical Center was rated highest in the State, followed by The Valley Hospital, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Inspira Medical Center Elmer and Hackensack University Medical Center, as second through fifth respectively.
- h. Earlier this month the Department of Health released its proposed share of Charity Care and Graduate Medical Education funding for State fiscal year 2018. Charity Care has dropped from \$302 million in 2017 to \$252 million in the coming budget. Once funded at over \$600 million, Charity Care has dropped significantly since 2013 as a result of the Affordable Care Act, primarily due to less need as more residents are eligible for Medicaid under the expansion. The State is, however, increasing Graduate Medical Education funding to \$218 million from \$188 million last year, which benefits teaching hospitals. Additional articles are also included on Charity Care and Graduate Medical Education funding.
- i. The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute and the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling released data showing that 8% of New Jersey residents always receive medical care from an emergency room and 56% receive medical care sometimes from an emergency room. It had been thought that with more people being insured under the Affordable Care Act, more patients would seek primary care from primary care doctors. Emergency rooms are much less cost effective for primary treatment. However, the data shows that the previous pattern of seeking care at the emergency room is slow to change.
- j. The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute convened over a dozen meetings with diverse groups of health care stakeholders over the last year to consider reforms to improve Medicaid in the State. The work, which was funded by the Nicholson Foundation, was released the first week of March as “the Medicaid 2.0 Blueprint” with 24 specific recommendations to make Medicaid in New Jersey more efficient, better integrated and more responsive to patient needs. It estimates its reforms could save the State over \$450 million of the \$15 billion annual Medicaid expense.
- k. The Energy Resilience Bank, part of the Economic Development Authority utilizing federal funds granted to the State for Superstorm Sandy Recovery, has announced several financings for combined heat and power at New Jersey hospitals. The financings include grants and low interest loans (some of which may be forgiven) to construct resilient energy sources for critical infrastructure.

Final funding approval has been granted to St. Peter's University Hospital and preliminary funding approval has been granted to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Hunterdon Medical Center.

- l. The New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority announced the passing of its founding Executive Director, Edward Bambach. Mr. Bambach served at the EFA for 26 years and oversaw 200 financings totaling over \$1.7 billion. The EFA also announced that it issued a record amount of bonds in 2016, with \$1.35 billion in bonds over 12 financings.
- m. PinnacleHealth, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has announced its intention to affiliate with UPMC of Pittsburgh. Pinnacle is also acquiring four area hospitals from Community Health Systems. Pinnacle was originally planning to merge with Penn State Hershey Medical Center until the deal was quashed by objections from the Federal Trade Commission which were upheld by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.
- n. A study of the quality of customer service at health plans was published in Health Affairs. It concludes that Medicare Advantage plans offered by hospitals or health systems tended to provide better customer service than other health plans.
- o. A study done by researchers at Harvard Medical School that appeared in the JAMA Internal Medicine found that more spending on tests and treatment may not result in better patient outcomes.
- p. Other articles about national health care issues include: (i) Seema Verma has been confirmed as the administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; (ii) Fitch Ratings believes its negative sector outlook for the nonprofit hospital sector was confirmed by the subsequent Congressional Budget Office's "scoring" of the American Health Care Act; and (iii) how repeal and replacement will effect nonprofit hospitals efforts to deal with broader community-based health issues absent the incentives provided by the Affordable Care Act.
- q. In regulatory news, articles are being provided on: (i) the SEC seeking two additional event disclosures under Rule 15c2-12 for municipal bond issuers and obligors for: (a) non-publicly issued debt (such as private placements, direct placements and bank loans) and (b) defaults on non-publicly issued debt, reactions from stakeholders are also included; (ii) an argument countering the Joint Committee on Taxation's finding that tax-exempt financing is inefficient; (iii) an opinion piece in The Hill making the case for tax-exempt bonds in the 21st century; and (iv) an extensive and interesting article about the evolution of the tax-exempt bond market over the last twenty years.

- r. Finally, on March 15th, the Federal Open Market Committee announced it raised the fed funds target by 25 basis points to between 0.75% and 1.00%. It also indicated there were likely to be two more such rate hikes this year.

As there was no further business, following a motion by Mr. Foley and a second by Ms. Feehan, the Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
IS A TRUE COPY OF MINUTES OF THE NEW
JERSEY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
MARCH 23, 2017.

Carole A. Conover, Assistant Secretary