

STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Audit-Finance Committee Special Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2020

The Audit-Finance Committee of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority held a telephonic meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.¹

The telephonic meeting was called to order by Mr. Mark Varholak, Committee Chair, at 1:01 p.m. and, upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Peter W. Lisi, Board Chair
Mark Varholak, Committee Chair
Michael Angelini
Lawrence Davis
Darrell V. Hill

ALSO, PRESENT: Jeanette W. Weldon, Executive Director
Denise Aguilera, General Counsel
Debrah Galli, Manager, Administrative Services
Michael F. Morris, Managing Director
Cynthia D. Peoples-H, Managing Director
Kara Stuart, Administrative Services Assistant of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Varholak requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting of the Audit-Finance Committee. Mr. Lisi moved for approval of the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Hill.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>
Michael Angelini Lawrence Davis Darrell V. Hill Peter W. Lisi Mark Varholak	None	None

¹ All attendees participated in the meeting via conference telephone that permitted all parties to hear each other

APPROVAL OF ARBITRAGE REBATE INTERNAL AUDIT FIRM

Ms. Peoples reported that management published an RFP, in June 2020, for internal audit services for the Authority’s arbitrage rebate functions. Three (3) proposals were received in response to the RFP on July 1, 2020. Based on the responses, Ms. Peoples stated management recommends awarding the engagement to BLX Group LLC.

Ms. Peoples reported management reached out to the Committee to obtain feedback on the desire of the Committee to interview candidates, given management’s recommendation. The Committee agreed that a Committee interview was not necessary if management completed the following tasks:

1. Check of references
2. An internal interview

Ms. Peoples stated the response to the references were included in the memo in the board package. Ms. Peoples said she and Ms. Weldon interviewed BLX Group LLC and continue to support their recommendation that BLX Group LLC be awarded the engagement.

Mr. Varholak inquired as to what made BLX Group LLC stand out from the other two firms. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Lisi inquired about the estimated cost of the BLX Group LLC being significantly lower than the other two firms. Ms. Peoples stated there was an error on the memo and all three firms have a similar estimated cost.

Mr. Varholak requested a motion to approve the BLX Group LLC as the Arbitrage Rebate Internal Audit firm. Mr. Angelini moved for approval which was seconded by Mr. Lisi.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>
Michael Angelini Lawrence Davis Darrell V. Hill Peter W. Lisi Mark Varholak	None	None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 1:12 p.m., Mr. Lisi moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Angelini seconded the motion.

Upon a voice vote, the “Ayes,” “Nays” and “Abstentions” were as follows:

AYES

Michael Angelini
Lawrence Davis
Darrell V. Hill
Peter W. Lisi
Mark Varholak

NAYS

None

ABSTENTIONS

None

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette W. Weldon
Executive Director