

November 8, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: Utah State University – Series 2017 Refunding Bond Issue

Issue

As required by Regent Policy R590, *Issuance of Revenue Boards for Colleges and Universities* Utah State University (USU) requests authorization to issue Series 2017 Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund bonds previously issued in 2013.

Background

The USU 2013B Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds were issued in August 2013 for just over \$43.3 million and contain a call provision to repurchase and retire outstanding principal payments on June 1, 2023. Utah State University requests authorization to advance refund \$36.7 million of the remaining callable principal while interest rates remain favorable.

The relevant parameters of the requested issue are:

- Principal amount not to exceed \$43,000,000
- Interest rate not to exceed 5%
- Discount from par not to exceed 2%
- Final maturity not to exceed 27 years from the date of issue

Additional information about the issue may be found in the attached materials:

- A copy of the request letter from the University
- A financing summary from the financial advisor
- A draft of the Approving Resolution

Representatives from the University and their financial advisor will be in attendance at the meeting to provide additional information and answer questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends approval of the proposed Authorizing Resolution to refund Utah State University's Series 2013B Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds as proposed.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

DLB/KLH/RPA
Attachments



November 8, 2017

Commissioner David L. Buhler
Utah State Board of Regents
Board of Regents Building The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

Utah State University requests that the Board of Regents approve refunding of the Utah State University Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B.

The current Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B are eligible for a one-time advanced refunding. Based on current interest rates, analysis shows that it would be advantageous for USU to refund the eligible Series 2013B bonds. Currently, the NPV savings from this proposed refunding is approximately 6% or \$2.3 million.

Gilmore & Bell has been appointed to serve as bond and disclosure counsel.

We appreciate your support in this endeavor and ask that you present this item for Regents approval.

Sincerely,

David T. Cowley
Vice President for
Business and Finance

C: Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Facilities
Rich Amon, Assistant Commissioner for Business & Facilities
Noelle Cockett, President
Dan Christensen, Controller
Dwight Davis, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance
Brian Baker, Zions Bank Public Finance

Utah State University
Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017
Preliminary Summary Sheet

Proposed Issue: Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds

Total Approximate Issue Size: \$38,230,000

Use of Funds: To refinance the callable maturities (\$36,770,000) of the University's existing Series 2013B Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds for economic savings; and pay associated costs of issuance. The 2013B bonds were issued to fund the Aggie Recreation Center and the Wayne Estes Center.

Detail of Proposed Series 2017 Bonds:

Principal Amount: Not to exceed \$43,000,000

Interest Rate: Not to exceed 5.0%

Maturity Date: Not to exceed 27 years

Aggregate Discount: Not to exceed 2%

Underwriter's Discount: Not to exceed 2%

Bond Rating: AA from S&P

Source of Repayment: Student Building Fee Revenues

Timetable Considerations: Regent approval will be sought at the November 17 meeting. The University is proceeding with plans to sell bonds soon after Regent approval is received, with a tentative sale date planned for December 14. The University anticipates selling bonds by competitive sale, and the underwriter will be whichever provides the lowest borrowing cost (and thus highest savings) to the University. The anticipated closing date is December 28, 2017.

APPROVING RESOLUTION
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT BUILDING FEE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS

Logan, Utah

November 17, 2017

The State Board of Regents of the State of Utah (the “Board”) met in regular session (including by electronic means) at Utah State University in Logan, Utah on November 17, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Daniel W. Campbell	Chair
Harris H. Simmons	Vice Chair
Jessellie B. Anderson	Member
Nina Barnes	Member
Wilford W. Clyde	Member
Marlin K. Jensen	Member
Ronald W. Jibson	Member
Patricia Jones	Member
Steven J. Lund	Member
Robert S. Marquardt	Member
Christina Ortega	Member
Robert W. Prince	Member
Mark R. Stoddard	Member
Teresa L. Theurer	Member
Alex Trujillo	Student Regent
Joyce P. Valdez	Member
Thomas Wright	Member

Absent:

Also Present:

David L. Buhler	Commissioner of Higher Education
Loreen Olney	Secretary

* Non-voting member from State Board of Education

After the meeting had been duly convened and called to order by the Chair, the roll had been called with the above result and after other matters not pertinent to this Resolution had been discussed, the Chair announced that one of the purposes of the meeting was the consideration of various matters with respect to the issuance and sale of the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah Utah State University Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds.

The following resolution was introduced in written form and after full discussion, pursuant to motion made by Regent _____ and seconded by Regent _____, was adopted by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:

The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE OF UTAH AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ITS UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BUILDING FEE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION; AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah (the “Board”) is established and exists under and pursuant to Section 53B-1-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended (the “Utah Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 53B, Chapter 1, Utah Code, the Board is authorized to act as the governing authority of Utah State University (the “University”) for the purpose of exercising the powers contained in Title 53B, Chapter 21, Utah Code, Title 11, Chapter 17, Utah Code, and Title 11, Chapter 27, Utah Code (collectively, the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a General Indenture of Trust dated as of January 15, 1993, between the Board and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor trustee (the “Trustee”), as heretofore amended and supplemented (the “General Indenture”), the Board has issued, for and on behalf of the University, various series of its Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds to finance projects and to refund bonds of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to (i) authorize the issuance of additional bonds for the purpose of refunding a portion of the University’s Student Building Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B (the “Refunded Bonds”), (ii) fund a debt service reserve and (iii) pay costs of issuance related thereto; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the purposes set forth in the preceding recitals, the Board desires to authorize and approve the issuance and sale of its Utah State University Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds (with such additional or other title and/or series designation(s) as may be determined by the officers of the Board) in one or more series and to be issued from time to time (the “Bonds”) in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$43,000,000 pursuant to the General Indenture and a Supplemental Indenture of Trust between the Board and the Trustee (the “Supplemental Indenture” and collectively with the General Indenture, the “Indenture”); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall be payable solely from the University’s revenues and other moneys pledged therefor in the Indenture and shall not constitute nor give rise to a

general obligation or liability of the Board, the University or the State of Utah or constitute a charge against their general credit; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Board at this meeting a form of a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), including a form of an Official Notice of Bond Sale (the "Official Notice of Bond Sale"), in the event the Bonds are publicly sold, a form of Supplemental Indenture and a form of a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), in the case where the Bonds are sold at a negotiated sale or private placement, to be entered into among the Board, the University and the underwriters or purchasers for the Bonds (the "Purchaser"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to grant to the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Board and/or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board, the authority to approve the method of sale, interest rates, principal amount, terms, maturities, redemption features, and purchase prices at which the Bonds shall be sold and any changes with respect thereto from those terms which were before the Board at the time of adoption of this Resolution; provided such terms do not exceed the parameters set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All terms defined in the foregoing recitals hereto shall have the same meanings when used herein.

Section 2. All actions heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution) by the Board and the University and the officers of the Board or the University directed toward the issuance of the Bonds are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes, approves and directs the use and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement presented to the Board at this meeting in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, in the event the Bonds are publicly sold. The Chair, Vice Chair and/or Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board and the University the final Official Statement in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the form of the Preliminary Official Statement presented to this meeting with any such alterations, changes or additions as may be necessary to finalize the Official Statement. The preparation, use and distribution of the Official Statement is also hereby authorized. The Board and the University may elect to privately place the Bonds with or without the use of an Official Statement.

Section 4. The Supplemental Indenture in substantially the form presented to this meeting is in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed. The Chair, Vice Chair and/or Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and Secretary of the Board and the

President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Supplemental Indenture in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the form of such document presented to this meeting for and on behalf of the Board and the University with such alterations, changes or additions as may be authorized by Section 8 hereof.

Section 5. For the purpose of providing funds to be used for (i) refunding the Refunded Bonds, (ii) funding a reserve fund and (iii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds, the Board hereby authorizes the issuance of the Bonds, from time to time and in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$43,000,000. The Bonds shall mature on such date or dates, be subject to redemption, and bear interest at the rates as shall be approved by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, all within the parameters set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The issuance of the Bonds shall be subject to the final advice of Bond Counsel and to the approval of the office of the Attorney General of the State of Utah. The Bonds authorized herein may be issued at any time and from time to time, prior to November 17, 2019 with the option of the Board to extend this authorization in the future.

Section 6. The form, terms and provisions of the Bonds and the provisions for the signatures, authentication, payment, registration, transfer, exchange, interest rates, redemption and number shall be as set forth in the Indenture. The Chair, Vice Chair and/or Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the Secretary of the Board and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to execute and seal by manual or facsimile signature the Bonds and to deliver the Bonds to the Trustee for authentication. All terms and provisions of the Indenture and the Bonds are hereby incorporated in this Resolution. The appropriate officials of the Board and the University are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Trustee the written order of the Board for authentication and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

Section 7. In the case where the Bonds are sold at a competitive sale pursuant to an Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board and/or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Certificate of Award (the "Certificate of Award") in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the form of the Certificate of Award presented at this meeting for and on behalf of the Board with final terms as may be established for the Bonds within the parameters set forth herein. In the case where the Bonds are sold at a negotiated sale or private placement, the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the form presented to this meeting is hereby authorized, approved and confirmed. The Chair or Vice Chair of the Board and/or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the form of the Bond Purchase Agreement presented at this meeting for and on behalf of the Board with final terms as may be established for the Bonds within the parameters set forth herein and with such alterations,

changes or additions as may be necessary or as may be authorized by Section 8 hereof. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board and/or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to specify and agree as to the final principal amounts, terms, discounts, maturities, interest rates, redemption features and purchase price with respect to the Bonds for and on behalf of the Board and the University and any changes thereto from those terms which were before the Board at the time of adoption of this Resolution, provided such terms are within the parameters set by this Resolution, with such approval to be conclusively established by the execution of the Certificate of Award or the Bond Purchase Agreement, as applicable, and the Supplemental Indenture. In the event that the foregoing officers determine that the Bonds should be privately placed, the Bond Purchase Agreement and Supplemental Indenture may be modified to conform to the agreement with such Purchasers, including agreement to pay breakage fees, default rates, taxable rates and other similar provisions customary in such placements, provided that such obligations are limited to the sources provided under the Indenture.

Section 8. The appropriate officials of the Board and the University, including without limitation the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board and/or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are authorized to make any alterations, changes or additions to the Indenture, the Bonds, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Certificate of Award, the Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, or any other document herein authorized and approved which may be necessary to correct errors or omissions therein, to complete the same, to remove ambiguities therefrom, to conform the same to other provisions of said instruments, to the provisions of this Resolution or any resolution adopted by the Board or the provisions of the laws of the State of Utah or the United States or to permit the private placement or public sale of the Bonds, to conform such documents to the terms established for the Bonds and to update such documents with current information and practices.

Section 9. The appropriate officials of the Board and the University, including without limitation the Chair, Vice Chair, the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Commissioner of Higher Education and Secretary of the Board and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Board and the University any or all additional certificates, documents (including an escrow agreement for refunding the Refunded Bonds) and other papers and to perform all other acts they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the matters authorized in this Resolution and the documents authorized and approved herein.

Section 10. The appropriate officers of the Board and the University, including without limitation the Chair, Vice Chair, the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Commissioner of Higher Education and Secretary of the Board and the President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance of the University are hereby authorized to take all action necessary or reasonably required by the Indenture, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the Official Notice of Bond Sale, or the Bond Purchase

Agreement to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions as contemplated thereby and are authorized to take all action necessary in conformity with the Act.

Section 11. Upon their issuance, the Bonds will constitute special limited obligations of the Board payable solely from and to the extent of the sources set forth in the Indenture. No provision of this Resolution, the Bonds, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Official Statement, the Indenture or any other instrument executed in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, shall be construed as creating a general obligation of the Board or the University, or of creating a general obligation of the State of Utah or any political subdivision thereof, nor as incurring or creating a charge upon the general credit of the Board, the University, the State of Utah or any political subdivision thereof.

Section 12. In accordance with the provisions of the Section 11-27-4, Utah Code, the Board shall cause the following "Notice of Bonds to be Issued" to be (i) published one (1) time in the Deseret News, a newspaper of general circulation in the State of Utah, (ii) posted on the Utah Public Notice Website (<http://pmn.utah.gov>) and (iii) posted on the Utah Legal Notices website (www.utahlegals.com) created under Section 45-1-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, and shall cause a copy of this Resolution and the Indenture to be kept on file in the Board's office in Salt Lake City, Utah, for public examination during the regular business hours of the Board until at least thirty (30) days from and after the date of publication thereof. The "Notice of Bonds to be Issued" shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of the Utah Refunding Bond Act, Title 11, Chapter 27, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, that on November 17, 2017, the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah (the "Board") adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") in which it authorized the issuance of the Board's Utah State University Student Building Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds (with such other or further designation as the officers of the Board may determine) (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000), to bear interest at a rate or rates of not to exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum, to mature not later than twenty-seven (27) years from the date thereof and to be sold at a price or prices not less than 98% of the total principal amount thereof, for the purpose of refunding a portion of the Board's outstanding revenue bonds issued to finance facilities and improvements for Utah State University (the "University"), funding reserves and paying costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are to be issued and sold by the Board pursuant to the Resolution, including as part of said Resolution a form of a General Indenture of Trust previously executed by the Board and the University and a Supplemental Indenture of Trust (collectively, the "Indenture").

The Bonds are secured by a pledge of certain student building fees of the University and certain funds held under the Indenture.

A copy of the Resolution and the Indenture are on file in the office of the Board at 60 South 400 West, 5th Floor, Salt Lake City, Utah, where they may be examined during regular business hours of the Board from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a period of at least thirty (30) days from and after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a period of thirty (30) days from and after the date of the publication of this notice is provided by law during which any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of the Resolution, the Indenture (but only as it relates to the Bonds), or the Bonds, or any provision made for the security and payment of the Bonds, and that after such time, no one shall have any cause of action to contest the regularity, formality or legality thereof for any cause whatsoever.

DATED this 17th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Loreen Olney

Secretary

Section 13. After the Bonds are delivered by the Trustee to or for the account of the Purchaser and upon receipt of payment therefor, this Resolution shall be and remain irrevocable until the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are deemed to have been fully discharged in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Indenture.

Section 14. If any provisions of this Resolution should be held invalid, the invalidity of such provisions shall not affect the validity of any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 15. All resolutions of the Board or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance or part thereof.

Section 16. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
STATE OF UTAH THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
STATE OF UTAH

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

After the conduct of other business not pertinent to the above, the meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

STATE OF UTAH)
 : ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

I, Loreen Olney, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an excerpt of the minutes of a meeting of said Board held on November 17, 2017 and of a resolution adopted at said meeting, as said minutes and resolution are officially of record in my possession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said Board this 17th day of November, 2017.

Secretary

(SEAL)

STATE OF UTAH)
 : ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

I, Loreen Olney, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah, do hereby certify, according to the records of said State Board of Regents in my official possession, and upon my own knowledge and belief, that:

(a) in accordance with the requirements of Section 52-4-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, public notice was given of the agenda, date, time and place of the November 17, 2017 public meeting held by the Members of the State Board of Regents by causing a Notice of Public Meeting, in the form attached hereto as Schedule 1 to be: (i) posted at the principal office of the State Board of Regents at 60 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, at least 24 hours prior to the convening of such meeting, said Notice of Public Meeting having continuously remained so posted and available for public inspection during the regular office hours of the State Board of Regents until the convening of the meeting; (ii) published on the Utah Public Notice Website (<http://pmn.utah.gov>), at least 24 hours prior to the convening of such meeting; and (iii) provided at least 24 hours prior to the convening of such meeting, to the Deseret News and The Salt Lake Tribune, newspapers of general circulation within the geographic jurisdiction of the State Board of Regents, pursuant to their subscription to the Utah Public Notice Website (<http://pmn.utah.gov>), and to each local media correspondent, newspaper, radio station or television station which has requested notification of meetings of the State Board of Regents;

(b) in accordance with the requirements of Section 52-4-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, public notice of the 2017-2018 Annual Meeting Schedule of the State Board of Regents was given, specifying the date, time and place of the regular meetings of the State Board of Regents scheduled to be held during said years, by causing a Notice of Annual Meeting Schedule for the State Board of Regents, in the form attached hereto as Schedule 2, to be (i) posted at the principal office of the State Board of Regents at 60 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, Utah on _____; (ii) published on the Utah Public Notice Website (<http://pmn.utah.gov>) during the current calendar year, and (iii) provided to a newspaper of general circulation within the geographic jurisdiction of the State Board of Regents pursuant to its subscription to the Utah Public Notice Website (<http://pmn.utah.gov>); and

(c) the State Board of Regents has adopted written procedures governing the holding of electronic meetings in accordance with Section 52-4-207 Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended (a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule 3). In accordance with said Section and the aforementioned procedures, notice was given to each member of the State Board of Regents and to members of the public at least 24 hours before the meeting to allow members of the State Board of Regents and the public to participate in the meeting, including a description of

how they could be connected to the meeting. The State Board of Regents held the meeting (the anchor location) in the building where it normally meets and provided space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public could attend and participate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of the State Board of Regents of the State of Utah, this 17th day of November, 2017.

(SEAL)

Secretary

SCHEDULE 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

(See Transcript Document No. ____)

SCHEDULE 2

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

(See Transcript Document No. ____)

SCHEDULE 3

ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY

EXHIBIT A

PARAMETERS OF THE BONDS

Principal amount not to exceed	\$43,000,000
Interest rate not to exceed	5.0%
Discount from par not to exceed	2.0%
Final maturity not to exceed	Twenty-seven (27) years from the date thereof
May be non-callable or callable at the option of University as determined at the time of sale	