# **City of Albany Industrial Development Agency**

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To: Elizabeth Staubach Lee Eck Darius Shahinfar Christopher Betts Joseph Better Anthony Gaddy John Maxwell CC: Ashley Mohl Robert Magee Christopher Canada Maria Lynch Andrew Corcione Cassidy Roberts Andrew Biggane Olivia Sewak Date: January 10, 2025

# IDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency will be held on <u>Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:15 pm</u> at 21 Lodge St. Albany, NY 12207

# AGENDA

# Roll Call, Reading & Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of December 19, 2024

# **Report of Chief Financial Officer**

A. Financial Report

## **Unfinished Business**

- A. 563 New Scotland Ave, LLC
  - i. Resolution Approving Additional MRTE
- B. Northgate Landing, LLC (500 No. Blvd)i. Resolution Approving Extension of Approving Resolution

### **New Business**

A. Administrative Enhancements

- i. Resolution Approving Revisions to the Policy Manual
- B. Annual Housekeeping Resolution 2025
- C. Presentation of Annual Investment Report
- D. Property Acquisition and Disposition Report

### **Other Business**

- A. Agency Update
- B. Compliance Update

# Adjournment

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### MINUTES OF THE IDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Attending:	Elizabeth Staubach, Darius Shahinfar, Anthony Gaddy, John Maxwell and Lee Eck
Absent:	Joseph Better, and Christopher Betts
Also Present:	Ashley Mohl, Andrew Biggane, Andrew Corcione, Maria Lynch, Cassidy Roberts, Olivia Sewak, Michael Bohne, and A. Joseph Scott, Esq.
Public Present:	Debra Lambek, Michelle Kennedy, and David Craft

Chair Elizabeth Staubach called the Regular Board Meeting of the IDA to order at 12:15 p.m.

### Roll Call, Reading and Approval of Minutes of the November 21, Board Meeting

A roll call of the Board members present was held. Chair Staubach reported that all members were present with the exception of Joseph Better and Christopher Betts. Since the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to Board members in advance for review, Chair Staubach made a proposal to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 21, 2024. A motion was made by Lee Eck and seconded by Anthony Gaddy to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was passed with all present members voting aye.

### **Report of Chief Financial Officer**

Staff provided the Board with a report on the Agency's monthly cash position for November 2024, which had been distributed to the board prior to the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

### 563 New Scotland Ave, LLC

Staff reviewed the *563 New Scotland Ave, LLC* project with the committee. Staff noted the project had been discussed in detail at the December Finance Committee meeting. The Project involves the construction of 188 residential market rate apartment units in four (4) buildings on 3.31 acres of land totaling +/- 300,000 SF. With parking for +/- 255 cars and approx. 15,000 SF of ground floor retail/commercial space and the demolition of seven (7) existing underutilized structures. The project was approved for real property, sales, and mortgage recording tax exemptions in January of 2020 and closed with the Agency in September 2021. Phase I of the project is nearing completion, and the Company is preparing to advance to Phase II. The Company has secured a financing commitment of \$28,500,000 for Phase II ("Phase II Loan") and is now requesting an additional mortgage recording tax exemption for this phase. The original application included a mortgage recording tax exemption of \$33,813,000 for both phases. Phase I utilized \$265,090 of this exemption, leaving a remaining balance of \$73,040 for Phase II. However, the Phase II Loan requires a mortgage recording tax exemption of \$285,000. Accordingly, the Company is requesting an additional exemption of \$281,960. Additionally, the Company is seeking an extension of the Phase II project completion date from July 31, 2025,

to August 31, 2026. Staff noted that because the request for additional Agency assistance exceeds \$100,000 a public hearing would be required.

Darius Shahinfar made a motion to approve the 563 New Scotland Ave, LLC Public Hearing Resolution, which was seconded by Anthony Gaddy. A vote being taken, the motion was passed with all present members voting aye.

Project representative Debra J. Lambek exited the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

## **New Business**

# Holland Ave OZ, LLC (25 Holland Ave)

Staff reviewed with the Board the *Holland Ave OZ, LLC* project and the request for a *Resolution Authorizing a 3rd Modification to the Basic Documents*. Staff noted the project had been discussed in detail at the November Board Meeting. The project, a 60-unit rental apartment building, was completed and opened in August 2024. The project requires additional parking to accommodate the existing and future needs of the residents. The neighboring lot at 17 Holland Ave is under common ownership. The Company plans to consolidate the two lots at 25 Holland Ave and 17 Holland Ave to facilitate the additional parking subject to City Planning Board approval. Consolidation of the lots requires a modification to the description of the real-estate in the Basic Documents. No tax abatement is requested in relation to the proposed parking lot at 17 Holland Ave. Although the 17 Holland Ave lot to be consolidated and become part of the Project Facility at 25 Holland Ave would appear as exempt on the tax roll, the PILOT owed for the 17 Holland Ave lot would be the same as the taxes owed if the 17 Holland Ave lot were not exempt. Representatives for the Project Michelle Kennedy and David Craft were on hand to discuss the project and answer questions from the Board.

A motion to approve the *Resolution Authorizing a 3rd Modification to the Basic Documents* was made by Anthony Gaddy and seconded by John Maxwell. A vote being taken, the motion passed with all other present members voting aye.

Project representatives Michelle Kennedy and David Craft left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

### Resolutions for Professional Services Agreements 2025

Legal Services – General Counsel

The Board reviewed the 2025 Professional Services Agreement for General Counsel Services for the Agency. No changes were proposed to the agreement from the previous year.

### Legal Services – Bond/Special Counsel

The Board reviewed the 2025 Professional Services Agreement for Bond/Special Counsel services for the Agency. Staff noted that the 2025 fee structure for Hodgson Russ has remained substantially unchanged from the previous year (\$20k). The Board discussed Counsel's previous excellent service, and the benefits of continuing longstanding relationships with professional service providers.

# **Professional Services**

The Board reviewed the 2025 Professional Services Agreement between Capitalize Albany Corporation, the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency, and the Capital Resource Corporation, in which Capitalize Albany Corporation provides professional economic development management and administrative support services to the City of Albany IDA and CRC. Staff noted that the agreement was previously discussed at the December Finance Committee Meeting, where it received a positive recommendation from the Committee to the Board. The Agreement has remained the same as the prior year (\$632k) and it is best practice to review it each year to ensure the amount aligns with the services provided.

### Contract for Services – Economic Development

The Board reviewed the Contract for Services for economic development between the City of Albany IDA and Capitalize Albany Corporation, which had been previously discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and received a positive recommendation. No changes were proposed to the agreement from the previous year.

### Contract for Services – CRC

The Board reviewed the Contract for Services between the City of Albany IDA and the Capital Resource Corporation which provides for the CRC to reimburse the IDA for a portion of the expenses under the Professional Services agreement, which had been previously discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and received a positive recommendation. No changes were proposed to the agreement from the previous year.

Chair Elizabeth Staubach called for a motion to approve the *Resolutions for Professional Services Agreements 2025, including Legal Services for General and Bond/Special Counsel* was made by Darius Shahinfar and seconded by Lee Eck. Anthony Gaddy abstained from the discussion and vote because he serves on the Capitalize Albany Board. A vote being taken, the motion passed with all members voting aye.

## **Other Business**

Agency Update

## CAIDA Policy Manual - Proposed Amendment of Service Fee for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects

Staff presented the proposed amendment to the Agency's Policy Manual regarding the Additional Fee for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) 9% projects, as outlined in Section 2104(E). The current policy requires an annual fee of \$10,000 for ten years, applicable only to projects that have received 9% LIHTCs, in addition to standard administrative fees for Straight Lease Transactions. The proposed amendment reduces the annual fee to \$7,250 per year for seven years and changes the fee initiation date to the earlier of January 1 following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Year Three of the Project. This adjustment aims to address the challenges posed by current market conditions, including rising materials, labor, and insurance costs, and to alleviate financial burdens on LIHTC projects. Staff noted that the proposed amendment will undergo further review as it will be incorporated into the Agency's 2025 Housekeeping Resolution. The Governance Committee has issued a positive recommendation to advance the proposed changes to the full Board for review and consideration at the January 2025 Board meeting.

## Project Update: 1415 Washington Ave Property, LLC

Staff updated the Board with a status for the *1415 Washington Ave Property, LLC*, project. Approved in September 2021, the project proposes to construct a +/- 414,850 SF, 5-story residential student housing dormitory complex containing approx. 240 residential units totaling approx. 560 beds. The 2.85-acre project site, which currently has 95 room hotel that will be demolished, will also include approx. 207 off-street parking spaces. Construction of the project was completed over the summer, and leasing began in August 2024. Staff visited the site on 12/10/2024. The visit was attended by a representative from Adam America Real Estate as well as the onsite property manager.

### Project Update: Tobin's First Prize

Staff informed the Board that they expect to see a formal request from Richbell Capital regarding the *Tobin's First Prize* project as they request IDA permission to seek assistance from the Albany County IDA.

### Compliance Update

Staff noted that they are working with BST to respond to the inquiry from the NY State Comptroller's office regarding its 2023 Annual Report and anticipate submitting a formal response by the end of the month.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darius Shahinfar and seconded by Lee Eck. A vote being taken with all present members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Gaddy, Secretary

### City of Albany IDA 2024 Monthly Unrestricted Cash Position December 2024

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,669,238	\$ 3,563,138	<u>\$ 3,518,914</u>	\$ 3,457,380	\$ 3,368,897	\$ 3,468,100	\$ 3,415,154	\$ 3,299,058	\$ 3,270,879	\$ 3,220,322	<u>\$ 3,876,106</u>	<u>\$ 3,883,663</u>	<u>\$ 3,669,238</u>
Revenue													
Fee Revenue													
Application Fee	\$-	\$ 1,500	\$-	\$ 1,500		\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		\$-	\$ (1,500)		\$ 7,500
Agency Fee	43,000	-	-	35,000	154,911	-	\$-	\$ 24,373	\$ 13,397	769,497	68,073	2,870	\$ 1,111,121
Administrative Fee	500	11,500	-	11,000	500	1,000	\$-	\$ 500	500	-	-	500	26,000
Modification Fee / consulting service fee	7,650		500	6,000		-	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -		3,480	500	6,500	24,630
Subtotal - Fee Revenue	<u>\$ 51,150</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 53,500</u>	<u>\$ 155,411</u>	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	<u>\$ 26,373</u>	<u>\$ 13,897</u>	<u>\$ 772,977</u>	<u>\$ 67,073</u>	<u>\$ 9,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,251</u>
Other Revenue													
AFP 107 Corp. Community Development Fee	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -
9% LIHTC Fee(LV Apart, Housing Visions)	10,000												10,000
Interest Income	1,920	1,790	1,878	1,764	1,801	1,738	1,797	1,781	1,695	1,687	1,625	1,680	21,156
CRC	515												515
Misc					611				216				827
Misc CAC escrow for legal fees							67,664						67,664
Subtotal - Other Revenue	\$ 12,435	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,764	\$ 2,412	\$ 1,738	\$ 69,461	\$ 1,781	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,680	\$ 100,162
Total - Revenue	\$ 63,585	\$ 14,790	\$ 2,378	\$ 55,264	\$ 157,823	\$ 5,738	\$ 70,961	\$ 28,154	\$ 15,808	\$ 774,664	\$ 68,698	\$ 11,550	\$ 1,269,413
Expenditures													
Management Contract	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,686	\$ 52,686	\$ 52,686	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 52,685	\$ 632,223
Consulting Fees	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	. ,	\$ -
Strategic Activities	10,800	5,700	499	12,000	499	5,760	499		9,998		4,000		49,755
Cyber Sercurity and IT Expenses	,	,		,		,			,		, ,		-
Audits				8,600									8,600
Agency Counsel	42,000			-,									42,000
ED Support	62,500			62,500			62,500			62,500			250,000
Sub-lease AHCC			10,150	6,767	3,383		3,434	3,434	3,434	3,434	3,434	3,434	40,904
NYSEDC	1,500		.,	-, -	.,		-,	-,	-, -	-,	.,	.,	1,500
Insurance	,				1,773								1,773
Misc.	200	515	577	1,194	279	239	275	214	248	261	1,022	2,195	7,219
Legal Expenses		114		,			67,664				,,,,,	,	67,778
SBAP Grant Awards							. ,,			_			
Other Expenses													-
Total - Expenditures	\$ 169,685	\$ 59,014	\$ 63,912	\$ 143,747	\$ 58,620	\$ 58,684	\$ 187,057	\$ 56,333	\$ 66,365	\$ 118,880	\$ 61,141	\$ 58,314	\$ 1,101,752
Ending Balance	\$ 3,563,138	\$ 3,518,914	\$ 3,457,380	\$ 3,368,897	\$ 3,468,100	\$ 3,415,154	\$ 3,299,058	\$ 3,270,879	\$ 3,220,322	\$ 3,876,106	\$ 3,883,663	\$ 3,836,899	\$ 3,836,899

#### City of Albany IDA Fee Detail by Month December 2024

	Name	Application Fee		Agency Fee	Administration Fee	Modification Fee / consulting fee		TOTAL FEE
lanuary	Midtown Albany		\$	43,000		\$ 2,250	\$	45,2
	40 Steuben				\$ 500			5
	Freedom Springs					5,400		5,4
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	43,000	\$ 500	\$ 7,650	\$	51,1
ebruary	Sheridan Hollow				\$ 10,000		\$	10,0
	324 State Street				500		\$	ŧ
	413 North Pearl TR Hackett				500 500		\$ \$	t t
	Tamarock	1,500			500		\$	1,5
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500	\$	-	\$ 11,500	\$-	\$	13,0
March	745 Broadway Apartments, LLC					\$ 500	\$	ŧ
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	-	\$-	\$ 500	\$	5
April	144 State Street	<b>A A C O O</b>	\$	35,000			\$	35,0
	575 Broadway Holdings, LLC Home Leasing II	\$ 1,500			\$ 10,000		\$	1,5 10,0
	Forty-Eightee LLC				φ 10,000	\$ 6,000		6,0
	745 Broadway				500			5
	Holland Ave OZ LLC				500			6
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500	\$	35,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 6,000	\$	53,5
lay	TRPS Lark, LLC		\$	49,000			\$	49,0
	1221 Western				\$ 500		\$	÷
	Forty-Eightcc, LLC			105,911			\$ \$	105,9
							\$	
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	154,911	\$ 500	\$-	\$	155,4
une	Regan development - PILOT application 60 Colvin Ave	\$ 1,500			500		\$	1,8 8
	Man Realty 745 Broadway				500		\$ \$	ŧ
	Fairbanks Property	1,500					\$	1,5
	TOTAL	\$ 3,000	\$	-	\$ 1,000	\$-	\$	4,0
luly	Colvin Commons - Application fee	1,500					\$ \$	1,5
				-			\$	
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500	\$	-	\$-	\$-	\$	1,5
August							\$	
	705 Broadway			24,373				24,3
	563 New Scotland				\$ 500			5
	Freedom Springs					\$ -		
	Redburn partners					-		
	TR Hacket	\$ 1,500						1,5
	Guido Development	\$ 1,500 \$ 1,500	\$	24,373	\$ 500	\$-	\$	26,3
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September			1				1	
	21 Erie Assocaties LLC		1	13,397			1	13,3
	Tr Hackett Freedom Springs		1		-	-	1	
	Redburn		1			-		
	1211 Western Avenue		1		500		1	5
	TOTAL	¢	-	40.00-	¢		1.	
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	13,397	\$ 500	\$-	\$	13,8
October	1		1				1	
	575 Broadway holdings		\$	306,179		-		306,1
	Freedom Springs Redburn		1	463,318		600 2,880	1	463,9 2,8
	TR Hackket		1	-	-	2,000	1	2,0
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	769,497	\$-	\$ 3,480	\$	772,9
lovember	TR Hackett		\$	5,497		-	1	5,4
	Man Realty		Ψ	5,437		- 500	)	5,4
	Guido Development - refund	(1,500	)				1	(1,5
	Holland Ave OZ	¢ (4.555		62,576	¢			62,5
	TOTAL	\$ (1,500)	, \$	68,073	\$-	\$ 500	\$	67,0
ecember	IndusPad		\$	2,870			1	2,8
	Equity Residential		Ť			4,500	1	4,5
	1415 Washington Property		1	-		•	1	
	Holland Ave OZ		1		500	1	1	ŧ
	Equity Residential					2,000	1	2,0
	TOTAL	\$-	\$	2,870	\$ 500	\$ 6,500	\$	9,8
	2024 TOTAL	\$ 7,500	\$	1,111,121	\$ 26,000	\$ 24,630	\$	1,169,2
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# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND AMENDING BASIC DOCUMENTS 563 NEW SCOTLAND AVE LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on January 16, 2025 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth StaubachChairLee E. Eck, Jr.Vice ChairDarius ShahinfarTreasurerAnthony GaddySecretaryJoseph BetterMemberChristopher BettsMemberJohn F. MaxwellMember

ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Ashley Mohl	Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Corcione	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Biggane	Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bohne	Communications and Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany
	Corporation
Cassidy Roberts	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Maria Lynch	Executive Assistant
Olivia Sewak	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Robert Magee, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Christoper C. Canada, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel
Robert Magee, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to

wit:

Resolution No. 0125-\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND THE EXECUTION BY CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF A CERTAIN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 563 NEW SCOTLAND AVE LLC PROJECT.

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehouse and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021 (the "Closing"), the Agency granted certain financial assistance to 563 New Scotland Ave LLC (the "Company"), in connection with a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to include the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 21 parcels of land containing in the aggregate approximately 3.65 acres located at 563 New Scotland Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-56), 583 New Scotland Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-67), 301 South Allen Street (tax map number 64.81-1-63), 313 South Allen Street (tax map number 64.81-1-64), 311 South Allen Street (tax map number 64.81-1-65), 319 South Allen Street (tax map number 64.81-1-66), 90 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-47), 92 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-48), 94 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-49), 95 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-70), 96 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-50), 97 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-37), 98 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-51), 99 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-38), 100 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-52), 101 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-39), 102 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-53), 104 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-54), 111 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-40), 116 Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-55) and Onderdonk Avenue (tax map number 64.81-1-72) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), together with seven (7) buildings located thereon (collectively, the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction on the Land of four (4) buildings containing in the aggregate approximately 300,000 square feet (collectively, the "Facility") and (4) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Existing Facility, the Facility, and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute an approximately 188 unit residential apartment complex, commercial/retail space and approximately 255 parking spaces to be owned and operated by the Company and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease of the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the terms of a lease agreement dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Lease Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously with the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement (A) the Company executed and delivered to the Agency (1) a certain lease to agency dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Lease to Agency") by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company leased to the Agency a portion of the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on said portion of the Land (collectively, the "Leased Premises"); (2) a certain license agreement dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "License to Agency") by and between the Company, as licensor, and

the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company granted to the Agency (a) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the "Licensed Premises") for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (b) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement; and (3) a certain bill of sale dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Bill of Sale to Agency"), which conveyed to the Agency all right, title and interest of the Company in the Equipment; (B) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered (1) certain payment in lieu of tax agreements dated as of September 1, 2021 (collectively, the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility, (2) a certain recapture agreement (the "Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes; (C) the Agency and the Company executed and delivered the uniform agency project agreement dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Uniform Agency Project Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company relating to the terms of the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance to the Company; (D) the Agency filed with the assessor and mailed to the chief executive officer of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form 412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) (the "Real Property Tax Exemption Form") relating to the Project Facility and the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) the Agency executed and delivered to the Company a sales tax exemption letter (the "Sales Tax Exemption Letter") to ensure the granting of the sales tax exemption which forms a part of the Financial Assistance and (F) the Agency filed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance the form entitled "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent for Sales Tax Purposes" (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the "Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") (collectively with the Lease Agreement, the "Basic Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in order to finance a portion of the costs of the Project, the Company obtained a loan in the principal sum of up to \$26,509,000 (the "Loan") from Berkshire Bank (the "Lender"), which Loan was secured by (1) a mortgage dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company to the Lender and (2) an assignment of rents and leases dated as of September 1, 2021 (the "Assignment of Rents") from the Agency and the Company to the Lender; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 19, 2024 (the "Resolution Authorizing Public Hearing With Respect to Additional Benefits"), due to a request (the "Request") from the Company to provide (A) additional mortgage recording tax benefits in the amount of \$211,960 and (B) an extension of the Completion Date of the Phase II Project (as defined in the Lease Agreement) from July 31, 2025 to August 31, 2026, the Agency (i) authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Request and (ii) pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA") determined that the Request constitutes a "Type II Action" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA), and therefore that no further action with respect to the Request was required under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Resolution Authorizing Public Hearing With Respect to Additional Benefits, the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on December 24, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on December 26, 2024 on the Agency's website <u>www.albanyida.com</u> and on a

public bulletin board located at the Albany City Hall located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on December 28, 2024 in <u>Albany Times Union</u>, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on January 8, 2025 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency, and (F) caused a copy of the certified Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail return receipt requested on December 24, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the County and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Request, and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the additional Financial Assistance (the "Additional Financial Assistance") with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to complete the Project in the City of Albany, New York and (B) the completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of City of Albany, New York by undertaking the Project in the City of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Request and the granting of the Additional Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to (A) enter into a modification agreement of the Basic Documents and (B) various related documents and certificates relating to the Request (collectively, the "Additional Financing Documents");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All action taken by the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Agency with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Request is hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 2.</u> The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Special Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Request. Special Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Special Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Additional Financing Documents to staff of the Agency.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;

(B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;

(C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of the City of Albany, New York;

(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of completing the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$37,943,000;

(E) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York;

(F) Although the Project constitutes a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Company has represented to the Agency that (i) the Project is located within census tract 17, which is contiguous to census tract 5.02, which is considered to be a distressed census tract, and therefore, is in a "highly distressed area", as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act, and (ii) completion of the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York;

(G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of the City of Albany, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;

(H) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;

(I) The Project should receive the Additional Financial Assistance in the form of exemption from mortgage recording tax based on the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto and failure by the Company to meet the expected public benefits will result in a recapture event; and

(J) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Additional Financing Documents.

<u>Section 4</u>. Subject to (A) execution and delivery of the Additional Financing Documents, (B) compliance with the terms and conditions in the Basic Documents, (C) evidence of current certificates of insurance acceptable to the Agency and (D) payment by the Company of all fees and expenses of the Agency in connection with the delivery of the Additional Financing Documents, including the administrative fee of the Agency and fees of Special Counsel, the Agency hereby (a) consents to the Additional Financing Documents and (b) determines to enter into the Additional Financing Documents.

Section 5. The form and substance of the Additional Financing Documents (in substantially the forms presented to this meeting) are hereby approved.

<u>Section 6.</u> Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions described in Section 4 hereof, the Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Additional Financing Documents to the Company, and, where appropriate, the Secretary of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in substantially the form thereof presented to this meeting, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chair (or Vice Chair) shall

approve, the execution thereof by the Chair (or Vice Chair) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

<u>Section 7</u>. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Additional Financing Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Additional Financing Documents binding upon the Agency.

<u>Section 8</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	_
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	_
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	_
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	_
Joseph Better	VOTING	_
Christopher Betts	VOTING	_
John F. Maxwell	VOTING	_

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY	)

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 16, 2025 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

Secretary

(SEAL)

### EXHIBIT A

# DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION AND EXPECTED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BENEFITS

## 563 NEW SCOTLAND AVE LLC PROJECT

Pursuant to the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency's (the "Agency") Uniform Criteria for the Evaluation of Projects Policy, the following general uniform criteria were utilized by the "Agency" to evaluate and select the project for which the Agency can provide financial assistance. In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Additional Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Evaluation Criteria/Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or No)		Criteria Assessment/ Expected Additional Benefit	
1.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	⊠ Yes	□ No	The additional exemptions have been weighed against the cumulative benefits of the Project. Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption: \$211,960.	
2.	Private sector investment	☑ Yes	□ No	Project applicant expects to invest over \$39.78 million of private investment in the Project.	
3.	Likelihood of Project being accomplished in a timely fashion	☑ Yes	□ No	High likelihood that Project will be accomplished in a timely fashion.	

## **RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF APPROVING RESOLUTION NORTH GATE LANDING, LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on January 16, 2025 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Staubach	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Joseph Better	Member
Christopher Betts	Member
John F. Maxwell	Member

### ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Ashley Mohl	Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Corcione	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Biggane	Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bohne	Communications and Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany
	Corporation
Cassidy Roberts	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Maria Lynch	Executive Assistant
Olivia Sewak	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Robert Magee, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Christoper C. Canada, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_, to

wit:

# Resolution No. 0125-\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION DATE RELATING TO THE APPROVING RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR NORTH GATE LANDING, LLC.

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18 A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, North Gate Landing, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 6.23 acre parcel of land located at 500 Northern Boulevard (tax map no.: 65.7-4-1.11) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Land") together with the existing building located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction of two (2) buildings to total approximately 233,084 square feet (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute an approximately 185 unit residential affordable housing facility to be owned and operated by the Company; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 14, 2023 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on December 27, 2023 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on December 28, 2023 on a public bulletin board located at the Albany City Hall located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York as well as on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on December 29, 2023 in the <u>Albany Times Union</u>, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the City of Albany, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on January 10, 2024 at 12:15 o'clock p.m., local time at the offices of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") which fairly summarized the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency and (F) caused a copy of the certified Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail return receipt requested on December 27, 2023 to the chief

executive officers of the County and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 18, 2024 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the City of Albany Planning Board (the "Planning Board") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA, and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on October 23, 2023 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Planning Board determined that the Project would not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment, and therefore, that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, by further resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 18, 2024 (the "Commercial/Retail Finding Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined that the Project constituted a "commercial project" within the meaning of the Act, (B) found that although the Project Facility appears to constitute a project where facilities or properties that are primarily used in making the retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities may constitute more than one-third of the costs of the Project, the Agency is authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(a) of the Act because the Project Facility is located in a highly distressed area, (C) determined, following a review of the Public Hearing Report, that the Project would serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York, and (D) determined that the Agency would proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance; provided however, that no financial assistance would be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of the City of Albany, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirmed the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 18, 2024 (the "Approving Resolution"), the Agency determined to grant the Financial Assistance and to enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement") between the Agency and the Company and certain other documents related thereto and to the Project (collectively with the Lease Agreement, the "Basic Documents"). Pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, (A) the Company will agree (1) to cause the Project to be undertaken and completed, and (2) as agent of the Agency, to undertake and complete the Project and (B) the Agency has leased the Project Facility to the Company. The Lease Agreement grants to the Company certain options to acquire the Project Facility from the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agency's Policy Manual, the Approving Resolution is scheduled to expire on January 18, 2025, unless the Agency grants an extension to such expiration date; and

WHEREAS, the Company has provided a written request dated November 1, 2024 (the "Extension Request"), a copy of which Extension Request is attached to this Resolution, requesting that the Agency extend the scheduled expiration date of the Approving Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency have reviewed the Extension Request and desire to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company in the Extension Request, the Agency hereby finds that the findings and determinations relating to the Project contained in Section 3 of the Approving Resolution continue to be in effect, and, therefore, the Agency hereby determines that it is desirable and in the public interest to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution from January 18, 2025 to July 1, 2025.

Section 2. The Agency hereby determines as follows: to extend the expiration date of the Approving Resolution to July 1, 2025.

Section 3. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency, to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of this Resolution, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of this Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of this Resolution binding upon the Agency.

Section 4. Except as modified by this Resolution, the Approving Resolution shall remain in full force and effect and the terms and conditions thereof are hereby confirmed.

Section 5. All action taken by the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, Agency Counsel and Agency Special Counsel with respect to the Project, the Extension Request and the granting of the Extension Request is hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 6</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	
Joseph Better	VOTING	
Christopher Betts	VOTING	
John F. Maxwell	VOTING	

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) SS.: COUNTY OF ALBANY )

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 16, 2025 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

Secretary

(S E A L)

# SCHEDULE A

# EXTENSION REQUEST

- SEE ATTACHED –



November 1, 2024

Andrew Corcione Capitalize Albany Corporation 21 Lodge St. Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. Corcione:

This letter is to formally request an extension for approvals for North Gate Landing, located at 500 Northern Boulevard. We request extension through July 1, 2025.

Current approvals from the Capitalize Albany Corporation are scheduled to expire on January 18, 2025. However, Conifer Realty, LLC was recently informed by New York State Housing Finance Agency (NYS HFA) staff that they are unable to accommodate a closing in 2024. Instead, they informed us that they have North Gate Landing scheduled to close in June 2025.

North Gate Landing will create 184 new affordable housing units, affordable to families earning between 30 % and 80 % of the Area Median Income ("AMI"). The two, four- story, double- loaded corridor, elevator buildings will contain 53 one- bedroom units, 93 two- bedroom units, and 38 three- bedroom units. An additional staff unit is also included in the development.

An extension approval would align with the closing timeline provided by NYS HFA. We encourage the Board of Directors support at their January 16 Board Meeting and will provide any additional information necessary to support this request.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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### CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO POLICY MANUAL

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on January 16, 2025 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Staubach	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Joseph Better	Member
Christopher Betts	Member
John F. Maxwell	Member

### ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Ashley Mohl	Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Corcione	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Biggane	Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bohne	Communications and Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany
	Corporation
Cassidy Roberts	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Maria Lynch	Executive Assistant
Olivia Sewak	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Robert Magee, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Christoper C. Canada, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_, to

wit:

Resolution No. 0125-\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENCY'S POLICY MANUAL.

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has adopted various policies regarding the operations of the Agency and the granting of assistance for projects undertaken in the City of Albany, New York (the "Agency Policy Manual"); and

WHEREAS, the staff has reviewed the policies and has made recommendations to the members of the Agency regarding certain modifications to Part 21 – Agency Administrative and Other Fees of the Agency Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such discussion, the Agency wishes to make such revisions to the Agency Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions are described on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto (the "Revised Policy Provisions"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed a copy of the Revised Policy Provisions attached hereto as Schedule A. The Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Revised Policy Provisions:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) The approval of the Revised Policy Provisions will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of the City of Albany, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living; and

(C) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to approve the Revised Policy Provisions; and

(D) The adoption by the Agency of the Revised Policy Provisions constitutes continuing agency administration and management (not new programs or a major reordering of priorities), and is therefore a "Type II action" under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environment Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations") (the SEQR Act and the Regulations being collectively referred to as "SEQRA") and, according, no further action by the Agency under SEQRA is required.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Revised Policy Provisions constitutes an amendment and revision to the Agency's existing Agency Policy Manual.

<u>Section 3</u>. The form, terms and substance of the Revised Policy Provisions are hereby approved in all respects.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chair, Agency Staff and Agency Special Counsel to take all steps necessary to implement the Revised Policy Provisions.

<u>Section 5</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	
Joseph Better	VOTING	
Christopher Betts	VOTING	
John F. Maxwell	VOTING	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY	)

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 16, 2025 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

# SCHEDULE A

# **REVISIONS TO POLICY MANUAL**

# - SEE ATTACHED -

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee
FROM:	City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Staff
RE:	Proposed Amendment to Additional Fee for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (9% only) Projects
DATE:	November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends an amendment to the Agency's Policy Manual regarding the Additional Fee for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (9% Only) Projects, as outlined in Section 2104(E). The recommendation involves reducing the fee from \$10,000 per year for ten years to \$7,250 per year for seven years. Additionally, it involves changing the fee initiation date from January 1 of Year One of the Project to January 1 in the sooner of either issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Year 3 of the Project.

#### **Background and Current Policy:**

Section 2104(E) of the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Policy Manual requires that Agency Projects that have received Low Income Housing Tax Credits pay an annual administrative fee equal to \$10,000 each January 1 for a duration of 10 years. This fee is in addition to the standard administrative fees for Straight Lease Transactions and is applicable only to projects which have received 9% tax credits.

Generally, the Lease Agreement for individual LIHTC Projects requires payment of this fee to begin in Year One of the Project. The current economic environment has created challenges, making this fee an additional burden on the financial viability of LIHTC projects.

### **Proposed Amendment:**

Taking into consideration current market dynamics including higher materials and labor costs and significant year-over-year increases to insurance cost, staff recommends amending the Additional Fee for Low Income Housing Tax Credit policy per appendix A. The proposed changes are intended to reduce the financial burden on Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects and encourage additional investment in the City of Albany. Appendix A

One percent (1.0%) of the cost of the Agency Project. The cost of the Agency Project shall be the greater of (A) the amount financed by the applicant in undertaking the Agency Project, or (B) the cost incurred by the applicant in undertaking the Agency Project. Notwithstanding the one percent (1%) fee formula for Straight Lease Transactions noted above, in cases where the Straight Lease Transaction provides the applicant sales tax and/or mortgage recording tax exemptions (but not real property tax exemptions), the Agency Project. The costs of the Agency Project shall be determined as noted above. If the administrative fee is to be determined by the cost incurred by the applicant in undertaking the Agency Project, the applicant shall deliver to the Agency at the closing an affidavit certifying as to the cost of the Agency Project.

(E) Additional Fee for Low Income Housing/Tax Credit (9% only) Projects. An annual administrative fee equal to 10,000<u>\$7,250</u> shall be payable annually by the project applicant on each January 1 for a term equal to ten (10)seven (7) years beginning on January 1 in the sooner of either issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Year Three of the Project. This annual administrative fee is in addition to the standard administrative fee for Straight Lease Transactions noted above and is applicable to Agency Projects which provide for low income housing/tax credit (9% only) projects.

### SECTION 2105. OTHER AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.

(A) <u>Other Agency Administrative Fees</u>. The Agency will also charge certain other administrative fees described in this Section 2105 in connection with Agency Projects. Such fees include post-closing modification/amendment transaction fees, New York State Cost Recovery fees, and special meeting fees. Such administrative fees shall typically be payable upon the execution and delivery of documents completing the transaction.

(B) <u>Amount: Post-Closing Modification/Amendment Transactions</u>. The amount of the administrative fee for Post-Closing Modification/Amendment Transactions shall be determined by the staff of the Agency, with the review and approval by the Agency. The minimum administrative fee for such transactions shall equal \$500, payable at the time the applicant submits the application to the Agency.

(C) <u>Reserved</u>.

(D) <u>New York State Cost Recovery Fees</u>. Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2002 (the "2002 Act") imposes certain "cost recovery" fees on the Agency. The amount of the fee is based on the principal amount of bonds issued by the Agency, as described below:

Principal Amount of Bonds	Fee
\$1,000,000 or less	.168%
\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000	.336%
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	.504%
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## CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION 2025

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on January 16, 2025 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Staubach	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Joseph Better	Member
Christopher Betts	Member
John F. Maxwell	Member

### ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Ashley Mohl	Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Corcione	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Biggane	Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bohne	Communications and Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany
	Corporation
Cassidy Roberts	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Maria Lynch	Executive Assistant
Olivia Sewak	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Robert Magee, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Christoper C. Canada, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

### Resolution No. 0125-\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS OF THE AGENCY.

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, under Section 858 of the Act, the Agency has the power to make certain appointments and approve certain administrative matters; and

WHEREAS, as provided in the Agency's by-laws and the Governance Committee Charter, the members of the Governance Committee have reviewed and made certain recommendations on the Agency by-laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency desire to make certain appointments and approve certain administrative matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency hereby takes the following actions:

(A) Approves the appointments and the administrative matters described in Schedule A attached hereto.

(B) Approves, ratifies and confirms the policies described in Schedule A and contained in the Agency's Policy Manual.

Section 2. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to implement the matters described in Schedule A attached.

<u>Section 3</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	
Joseph Better	VOTING	
Christopher Betts	VOTING	
John F. Maxwell	VOTING	

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY	)

I, the undersigned Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 16, 2025 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

Secretary

(SEAL)

### SCHEDULE A

### Confirmation of Regular Agency Meeting Schedule

Third Thursday of each month at 12:15 o'clock p.m., local time

### Appointment of Chief Executive Officer and Staff to the Agency

Ashley Mohl, Chief Executive Officer Andrew Corcione, Chief Operating Officer Andrew Biggane, Chief Financial Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_, Project Services Director\*

### Appointment of Accounting Firm of the Agency

Bonadio & Co. LLP

### Appointment of Agency Counsel

City of Albany Office of Corporation Counsel – Robert Magee (see Schedule B)

### Appointment of Bond Counsel to the Agency

Hodgson Russ LLP – Christopher C. Canada (see Schedule C)

### Appointments to Governance Committee

Elizabeth Staubach, Chair Lee E. Eck, Jr. Joseph Better \_\_\_\_\_\_, Assistant Secretary \_\_\_\_\_\_, Assistant Treasurer

Appointments to Audit Committee

Darius Shahinfar Joseph Better, Chair John Maxwell

Appointments to Finance Committee

Darius Shahinfar, Chair Elizabeth Staubach Lee E. Eck, Jr. Anthony Gaddy John Maxwell

Approval and Confirmation of Agency Policies

See Schedule A Attached Listing Agency Policies

Appointment of Contract Officer

Appointment of Investment Officer

\*Pursuant to *Article II, Section 12: Additional Personnel* of the Agency's bylaws, the Agency may appoint such other officers and employees as the Agency may require for the performance of its duties, in addition to the required positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

As such, (A) The Chief Operating Officer shall be appointed by the Board, and shall be the chief operating officer of the Agency. (B) The Chief Operating Officer shall have general supervision over the day-to-day business and affairs of the Agency, subject to the direction of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Whenever possible, the Chief Operating Officer shall attend each meeting of the Board, and shall submit such recommendations and information to the Board as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer may consider proper concerning the business, affairs and policies of the Agency.

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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT Between

# **CITY OF ALBANY**

and

#### CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

and

#### CITY OF ALBANY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

This professional services agreement, made this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025 (the "Agreement") between the CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York having an office for the transaction of business located at 21 Lodge Street, Albany, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"), the CITY OF ALBANY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York having an office for the transaction of business located at 21 Lodge Street, Albany, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"), and the CITY OF ALBANY, having its principal office at City Hall, Eagle Street, Albany, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "City"):

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS,** the Agency and the Corporation need general counsel services in connection with their operations;

**WHEREAS,** the City through it office of the Corporation Counsel has offered to provide such general legal services to the Agency and the Corporation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Agency, the Corporation and the City desire to enter into this Agreement to formally provide for the terms of the general counsel services to be provided to the Agency and the Corporation.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO DO MUTUALLY COVENANT AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

# **ARTICLE 1 -SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED**

The office of the Corporation Counsel (the "General Counsel") shall perform the general legal services set forth under Article 2 entitled "SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES" during the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing until December 31, 2025. In the performance and acceptance of the services herein, the parties understand, acknowledge, and agree that the General Counsel is assuming no managerial role, nor undertaking any oversight responsibilities with regard to the powers and duties of the Agency or the Corporation or the actions or non-actions of its members and board of directors. Nothing in this Agreement should be construed to transfer governance, oversight, or fiduciary responsibilities from the Agency or the Corporation to General Counsel.

# ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

During the period of this Agreement, the General Counsel agrees to provide general legal services for the Agency and Corporation, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. attendance at meetings of the Agency and the Corporation;
- 2. representing the Agency and the Corporation on general litigation matters;
- 3. provision of local counsel opinions on Agency and Corporation projects and financings;
- 4. provision of general counsel advice, including rendering opinions on Open Meetings Law, Freedom of Information Law, General Municipal Law – Conflicts issues; and
- 5. conference with and assistance to the Agency and Corporation finance team, including bond counsel on Agency and Corporation matters.

# **ARTICLE 3 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE**

In consideration of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Agency and the Corporation agree to pay and the City agrees to accept, as full compensation for all services rendered under this Agreement an amount equal to \$42,000 per year. The General Counsel shall provide professional staff time towards fulfillment of this Agreement, including all administrative clerical, secretarial, accounting, compliance, and information technology support as required.

# **ARTICLE 4 - METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The Agency and the Corporation will pay the City the professional services fee referenced under Article 3 of this Agreement in a single installment due and payable no later than December 31, 2025.

# **ARTICLE 5 – TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event of termination, General Counsel shall be entitled to compensation for all work performed pursuant to this Agreement to the date of termination.

# **ARTICLE 6 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

General Counsel shall comply with all Federal, State, and Local equal employment opportunity laws, rules, and regulations relating, to all matters contained in this Agreement.

# **ARTICLE 7 - ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

General Counsel shall make all reasonable efforts to keep accurate and systematic accounts and records with respect to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement. The aforementioned records shall be made available for inspection or audit by the Agency if required. General Counsel shall not be required to maintain or submit itemized hourly records with respect to the services rendered. All records produced to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement shall be kept confidential and their contents shall not be disclosed by anyone in violation of the attorney-client privilege.

# ARTICLE 8 – ASSIGNING AGREEMENT

The General Counsel shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or any interest herein without first receiving written approval of the Agency and the Corporation.

# ARTICLE 9 – OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

All final and written or tangible products completed by the General Counsel shall belong to the Agency and the Corporation. In the event of premature discontinuance of performance, the General Counsel agrees to deliver all existing products and data files to the Agency and the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - SURETY AND INSURANCE**

The City will defend and indemnify the Agency for all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of the provision of legal services contemplated by this Agreement by General Counsel, agents or employees of the City.

# **ARTICLE 11 – ARBITRATION**

In any event and notwithstanding any provisions made in the Agreement, the parties hereto will submit to arbitration any question or dispute arising between said parties as to the interpretation of any term or condition herein contained or with respect to any matter of compliance or non-compliance with the terms hereof, in accordance with and pursuant to Article 75 of the Civil practice Law and Rules of the State of New York.

# **ARTICLE 12 - EXTRA WORK**

It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that no claim for damages or extra work shall be made in connection with this Agreement except such as may be ordered in writing and further evidenced by the execution of a supplemental Agreement between the Agency and Corporation and the City.

# ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENT

Each and every provision of law and clause required to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to have been inserted herein and, if through mistake or otherwise, such provision is not inserted then, upon the application of either party, this Agreement shall be amended forthwith to make such insertion.

# ARTICLE 14 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

All of the terms, covenants, and Agreements herein contained shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

# CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Chair

# CITY OF ALBANY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

CITY OF ALBANY

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

# SCHEDULE C

# ENGAGEMENT LETTER

January \_\_\_, 2025

City of Albany Industrial Development Agency 21 Lodge Street Albany, New York 12207 Attention: Elizabeth Staubach, Chair

Re: City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Legal Services - 2025

Dear Chair Staubach:

We are very pleased that the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has requested us (the "Firm") to perform certain legal services for the Agency as Bond Counsel and Special Counsel to the Agency. The scope of the work you have asked us to undertake is briefly described on Schedules A and B attached to this letter. A description of our policy with respect to certain administrative matters, including attorney representation conflicts and client communications is attached as Schedule D to this letter.

For each type of work described on a schedule attached hereto, we propose to bill for such work in the manner described on the respective schedule relating thereto. If such bill is sent to a party other than the Agency, a courtesy copy of such bill will be sent to the Agency upon request.

In connection with performing legal services, we will typically incur expenses, such as photocopying, shipping of documents, travel, long distance telephone calls and filing fees. Such expenses are not included as part of our fee for professional legal services, and periodic statements showing the amount of such disbursements will be rendered to the party responsible for paying for the legal services to which such expenses relate. Such out-of-pocket expenses are not included as part of our fee for professional legal services, and periodic statements showing the amount of such disbursements will be made available for review by the Applicant and/or the Agency upon request. For your information, we have attached hereto as Schedule C our policy with respect to the recovery of client disbursements. If such bill is sent to a party other than the Agency, a courtesy copy of such bill will be sent to the Agency upon request.

In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between us relating to our fees, you may have the right to arbitration of the dispute pursuant to Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, a copy of which will be provided to you upon request.

During the course of this engagement, the firm may collect certain personal information relating to the services contemplated by this letter. When we do so, we require that clients provide the minimum amount of personal information necessary for us to perform our legal services. The collection of any such personal information will be governed by, and such personal information will be processed in accordance with, the firm's Privacy Policy, as well as any applicable privacy laws and codes of professional conduct. You can obtain a copy of the firm's Privacy Policy on our website at <u>www.hodgsonruss.com</u> or by requesting one from us.

This agreement to provide legal services may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. Further, the Firm reserves the right to vary the services offered to the Agency from those illustrated above upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Agency.

Please acknowledge your agreement to the above by signing and returning a copy of this letter for our records.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent you.

Very truly yours,

# HODGSON RUSS LLP

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Christopher C. Canada

Agreed and Accepted as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025

CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By:\_\_\_\_\_

(Vice) Chair

#### SCHEDULE A

#### **Applicant Projects**

#### Services as Bond Counsel (or Special Counsel)

Where an applicant (the "Applicant") requests that the Agency undertake a particular project (an "Applicant Project") and such Applicant Project will be financed out of proceeds of taxable or tax-exempt revenue bonds issued by the Agency (each separate issue of bonds being sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Bonds"), we would anticipate acting as bond counsel to the Agency with respect to said transaction. We understand that the Agency has retained Robert Magee, Esq., the Corporation Counsel of the City of Albany, as local counsel or Agency Counsel. We further understand that the Agency would retain the option of using other law firms as Bond Counsel to the Agency where our firm has a legal conflict, or where there are special circumstances. In our capacity as Bond Counsel to the Agency, we would work with Mr. Magee on Applicant Projects.

As a matter of custom and prudence, both the issuers and purchasers of taxable and tax-exempt Bonds require an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel. Such opinion ordinarily states that (1) the Bonds have been properly authorized and issued and are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Agency, (2) the legal documentation effectively provides the intended security for the Bonds, (3) interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York, and (4), if the Bonds are intended to be issued as federally tax-exempt obligations, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. We anticipate rendering such opinions in connection with the issuance of each issue of the Bonds issued by the Agency during the period of our engagement.

Where the Applicant requests that the Agency undertake a Applicant Project and such project will not be financed out of proceeds of Bonds (a "Straight-Lease Transaction"), we would anticipate acting as special counsel to the Agency with respect to said transaction. As a matter of custom and prudence, the Agency and the Applicant require an opinion of counsel indicating that (1) the Straight-Lease Transaction has been properly authorized, and (2) the documents relating thereto have been properly executed by the Agency and are legal, valid and binding special obligations of the Agency. We anticipate rendering such opinions in connection with each Straight-Lease Transaction entered into by the Agency during the period of our engagement.

In order to establish the factual basis for the legal conclusions expressed in such opinion, we will prepare a record of proceedings (or transcript) for each issue of Bonds and each Straight Lease Transaction, which transcript will contain all documents and other materials necessary to assure that the form and substance of the transaction conform with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the New York Industrial Development Agency Act (Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law) (the "Act") and other applicable New York laws. The record of proceedings for each such transaction will typically include the following, as appropriate: (A) a copy of the application made by the Applicant to the Agency with respect to the particular project (the "Applicant Project"), together with documents relating to the Agency's actions accepting said application, holding a public hearing with respect thereto, and obtaining any required approvals with respect to the Applicant Project from the governing board or "chief elected official" of the municipality for whose benefit the Agency was created; (B) a transfer of the proposed project facility (the "Project Facility") by the Applicant (and/or any seller thereof) to the Agency; (C) an installment sale agreement or lease agreement, whereby (1) the Applicant agrees, as agent of the Agency, to undertake and complete the Applicant Project, (2), if the transaction includes Bonds, the Agency agrees to make the proceeds of the Bonds available to pay the costs of the Applicant Project, and (3) the Agency grants to the Applicant the right to occupy the Project Facility and agrees to transfer ownership of the Applicant Project to the Applicant for a nominal sum (upon repayment of any Bonds); (D) a uniform agency project agreement, which provides for the granting of the "financial assistance" and the enforcement of the conditions for the granting of such "financial assistance," including any claw-back or other remedy provisions, (E) if the transaction includes Bonds and there are multiple holders of the Bonds, a trust indenture between the Agency and a corporate trustee acting as representative of the owners of the Bonds; (F), if the transaction includes Bonds and if required by the purchasers of the Bonds, a mortgage and/or security agreement from the Agency and the Applicant to the trustee (or the owner of the Bonds); (G), if the transaction includes Bonds, a guaranty of the Bonds from the Applicant to the trustee (or the owner of the Bonds); (H) various other security documents; (I), if the transaction includes Bonds and the Bonds are intended to be issued as federally tax-exempt bonds, various tax compliance documents; (J), if the transaction includes Bonds, a bond purchase agreement among the Agency, the Applicant and the initial purchaser of the Bonds; and (K), if the transaction includes Bonds and the Bonds are intended to be offered to multiple potential purchasers, various bond offering documents (including a preliminary and a final official statement or private placement memorandum relating to the Bonds). As Bond Counsel or Special Counsel, we typically draft all of such documents (excepting the bond offering documents, which are typically drafted by counsel to the initial purchaser of the Bonds, with input from us), as well as other documents which are customary and appropriate in such transactions. In addition, we assume responsibility for certain administrative matters, such as coordinating meetings, preparing bond forms, making arrangements for the closing and coordinating with counsel to the other parties to the transaction.

We typically assume no responsibility for any disclosure which may be required under state or federal securities law in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds (excepting only the description of the Bonds and the bond documents appearing in the bond offering documents) or for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of statements, representations, information or financial data supplied by the Applicant, or any of its affiliates.

Where we represent an industrial development agency on a regular basis, we typically provide certain pre-application services at no cost to the Agency (or the applicant) unless an application is subsequently filed with the Agency and the transaction subsequently moves beyond the inducement phase. Such pre-application services include providing advice to Agency staff as to whether a proposed transaction meets the requirements of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law (the "Act"); attendance at pre-application meetings with prospective applicants whenever requested by Agency staff; and attendance at seminars and other marketing events organized by Agency staff.

Upon receipt from the Agency of an application and accompanying documentation relating to a particular project, we review the application to ascertain conformity of the proposed project with applicable state and federal laws affecting the Agency; prepare an opinion letter to the Agency regarding the legality of the proposed project; assuming said project appears legal, prepare the necessary documentation allowing the Agency to indicate preliminary acceptance of said application and allowing the Agency to conduct a public hearing relating to the transaction; assist the Agency in complying with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law applicable to said application; and, if the Agency determines to reject an application, advise the Agency on how best to accomplish said rejection. We typically request that our industrial development agency clients include as part of their application an indemnity agreement, whereby the Applicant agrees to pay all legal expenses incurred by the Agency, whether the transaction closes or not. Notwithstanding said indemnity agreement, we typically do not seek payment from either the Applicant or the Agency if the transaction does not proceed beyond the final inducement resolution.

Once the Agency has adopted a final inducement resolution with respect to the Applicant Project (and, if the transaction includes Bonds, we have received a draft commitment letter from the initial

purchaser of the Bonds), we will prepare a first draft of the basic documents relating to the transaction. Upon receipt of comments from the relevant parties, we will finalize the basic documents and distribute drafts of the various supplemental documents to be delivered at closing for approval of the various parties. If the transaction includes Bonds and the Bonds are intended to be reoffered to multiple parties, once the documents are in good order, (A) the initial purchaser will circulate the preliminary official statement or preliminary private placement memorandum to judge market interest in the Bonds, (B) once the preliminary official statement or preliminary private placement memorandum has been circulated, the initial purchaser of the Bonds will "price" the Bonds (i.e., set the interest rates and other business terms of the Bonds), and (C), if the Applicant accepts the pricing on the Bonds, the various parties would then enter into the bond purchase agreement and the other documents relating to the sale of the Bonds, and the sale of the Bonds will be consummated.

Upon closing and delivery of our opinion, our responsibilities as Bond Counsel or Special Counsel will be concluded with respect to the transaction; specifically, but without implied limitation, we do not undertake (unless separately engaged) to provide continuing advice to the Agency or any other party relating to the transaction.

Once an application is filed with the Agency, if the Applicant requests that we begin drafting the basic documents for the transaction and for any reason thereafter the transaction does not close, we typically bill the Applicant for our legal fees on an hourly basis, based on our standard hourly billing rates, as well as our disbursements incurred in connection therewith.

For sale/leaseback transactions, we generally charge Applicants a fixed fee in the range of \$10,000-\$50,000, plus disbursements, depending on the size, timetable and complexity of the matter. The size of the fee may be greater for large, multi-million dollar capital projects (e.g., large co-generation projects, solid-waste projects and wind-farm projects).

With respect to taxable and/or tax-exempt bond transactions, once the structure of said transaction is decided upon, based on our understanding of the proposed structure of the transaction, the anticipated timing of the closing, our normal hourly rates and our educated guess as to the amount of time it will take us to conclude a particular transaction, we will discuss with the Agency and/or furnish to the Applicant an estimate of our anticipated fees for such transaction. For certain transactions where the amount of required legal services which are predictable, we will if requested furnish a fixed fee for such transaction. Our fees as bond counsel are generally in the range of \$10,000-\$100,000, plus disbursements, again, depending on the size, type, timetable and complexity of the bond financing.

Our statement for services for an applicant transaction will be rendered at closing. If the structure of the transaction changes significantly, or the closing of the transaction occurs beyond a reasonable period (3 months for a Straight-Lease Transaction or 6 months for a bond transaction), and such restructuring or delay results in an increase in the time that we must expend on the transaction, we reserve the right to renegotiate any fixed fee. Any fee estimate is based upon the foregoing assumptions and further assumes that there will be no extraordinary questions of law, that the structure of the transaction does not change significantly once the initial draft of the basic documents are prepared and that we will not need to prepare more than the normal 3 or 4 drafts of the documents prior to closing. It also assumes that our firm will not be called upon to perform additional services with regard to securities law disclosure or other aspects of the transaction falling outside the traditional responsibilities of Bond Counsel or Special Counsel outlined above. In the event that the facts do not bear out the foregoing assumptions, we expect to charge for our additional services on an hourly basis. In any event, we will discuss with the Agency any additional services to be performed by us prior to our performing them.

We recognize that the Agency will have more applicants and more repeat business if project beneficiaries feel that they have been fairly treated by the Agency and its staff, including legal counsel. In this regard, we feel almost as a partner with the Agency and often sacrifice short-term gain for the long term interests of the Agency. Accordingly, we take pains to ensure that the project beneficiary is advised early on in the process regarding what magnitude of legal bills to expect, and endeavor to enter into an engagement letter with the client spelling out both his and our expectations prior to performing significant work beyond the inducement stage. We also endeavor to ensure that our bills do not exceed comparable bills rendered by upstate firms on comparable transactions.

Sometimes, our client will advise us early on in a transaction that the transaction is "fee-sensitive"i.e., that the applicant will only utilize the Agency in the transaction if total fees are kept below a certain ceiling. In these circumstances, we will advise our client whether it is possible to keep our fees below a ceiling, and if we agree that it is possible, we will thereafter ensure that our fees do not exceed the ceiling. Similarly, if we agree to include our disbursements in such a ceiling, we will ensure that our total bill does not exceed the ceiling.

If the Agency or the Applicant requests that we perform additional services beyond those described above, our fee for those additional services will be based on the time which we devote to said additional services. Our firm's hourly rates presently range between \$305 and \$1,280 for lawyers and between \$170 and \$625 for legal assistants. The current hourly rate for Christopher C. Canada is \$480/hour. Periodic statements showing the current legal fee due will be made available for review by the Applicant and/or the Agency upon request.

In connection with the issuance of the Bonds or a Straight-Lease Transaction, we typically incur significant out-of-pocket expenses, such as photocopying, shipping of documents, travel, long distance telephone calls and filing fees. In addition, we compile a closing transcript after the Bonds are issued or the Straight-Lease Transaction is completed, which is distributed to each of the parties to the transaction and which involves additional photocopying costs and binding fees. Such out-of-pocket expenses are not included as part of our fee for professional legal services, and periodic statements showing the amount of such disbursements will be made available for review by the Applicant and/or the Agency upon request. For your information, we have attached hereto as Schedule C our policy with respect to the recovery of client disbursements. The actual amount of the disbursements may be minimized by shipping documents first class mail rather than by overnight courier and by limiting the number of drafts of documents. Upon request, we will discuss with the Applicant or the Agency in more detail the steps we can take to minimize disbursements.

In performing our services as Bond Counsel or Special Counsel, our primary client relationship will be with the Agency, although the transaction will be for the primary benefit of the Applicant. We assume that the Applicant and the other parties to the transaction will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their respective interests in the transaction.

#### SCHEDULE B

#### **Non-Applicant Projects**

#### General

Where the Agency proposes to undertake a transaction involving a project which does not involve an applicant (a "Non-Applicant Project"), we would anticipate acting as counsel to the Agency with respect to said transaction. Examples of Non-Applicant Projects undertaken by industrial development agencies around New York State include offices for the industrial development agency, incubator buildings, industrial parks, shortline rail facilities, community centers, an airport, a parking garage and similar examples of "economic development infrastructure". Examples of transactions involving Non-Applicant Projects might include obtaining financing (in the form of grants and/or loans) with respect thereto; reviewing real estate title records and/or title reports relating thereto; reviewing acquisition and/or construction documentation relating thereto; documenting the leasing and/or sale thereof, in whole or in part; and handling other matters relating thereto. Other examples include the review of Agency policies and procedures, including policies relating to the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2006, and the preparation of Application Forms and Policy Manuals.

Once we understand the scope of the work which the Agency desires us to undertake with respect to a particular transaction, we will discuss with the Agency an estimate of our anticipated fees for said transaction. We would expect to bill such matters at our normal hourly rates. Once we and the Agency reach an understanding as to the legal budget for said transaction, the source for payment thereof and the billing schedule related thereto, we will send a letter to the Agency memorializing said understanding. Periodic statements showing the current legal fee due will be made available for review by the Agency upon request.

#### Calendar Year 2025 Non-Applicant Projects

We understand that the Agency desires to retain the Firm for various administrative work for the 2025 calendar year. Such work shall include the following:

- 1. Review and revision of policies and procedures of the Agency
- 2. Continuing compliance with NYS law regulatory issues

We agree to bill such work at our normal hourly rates and we will deliver itemized bills to the Agency on a quarterly basis. We understand that the Agency has budgeted \$20,000 for such work and we agree to perform such services within that cap.

#### SCHEDULE C

#### Firm Policy With Respect to Client Disbursements

In the course of providing legal services to its clients, the Firm will from time to time incur various expenses on their behalf. These expenses are generally invoiced to the client in addition to the fees for legal services rendered. It is the policy of the Firm to attempt to keep these charges as low as possible, consistent with the timely performance of high quality legal services. Further, the Firm reserves the right to adjust the various changes for client disbursements on an annual basis, in the course of the Firm's customary review of attorney hourly rates and charges. Any adjustments in such charges will be made available to the client at the client's request.

The client is entitled to establish certain parameters in an attempt to limit disbursement charges, but it must be recognized that certain charges may be inevitable due to the nature of the transaction or legal services involved. Clients who desire to establish parameters for disbursements should contact the attorneyin-charge of the specific matter.

Certain of the disbursements described below are increased by a multiplier to compensate the Firm for various costs not identifiable to a particular client.

Set forth below are summary descriptions of the categories of disbursements commonly incurred on behalf of our clients. This list is by no means exhaustive, and other charges not described below will be invoiced to the client in an appropriate manner. Furthermore, the charges for certain of the items described below are imposed by third parties and may be increased without notice to us or to our clients:

- 1. BINDING: The entire cost of binding transcripts for circulation to various financing participants is invoiced to the client. The total cost is a function on the number and size of the transcripts to be bound and the charges for photocopies (see below).
- 2. COMPUTER TIME SHARING: The actual cost of computer time sharing for access to legal and other data bases will be passed through to the client. These charges are generally incurred in the course of performing legal research.
- 3. FILING AND RECORDING FEES AND CERTIFICATE CHARGES: The cost of various filings and recordings with federal, state and local agencies is borne by the client. Charges for obtaining certified copies of documents from federal, state and local agencies are also invoiced to the client. Occasionally, due to the nature and timing of the transaction involved, filings or requests for certified copies will be handled through service companies which may charge a premium rate.
- 4. PUBLICATION: Certain transactions require the publication of legal notices. The charges for such publication are established by the respective newspaper or periodical, and it is the policy of the Firm to pay the vendor directly and then forward the invoice to the client for reimbursement of same to the Firm.
- 5. STAFF OVERTIME: When secretarial or other support staff are required to work overtime with respect to a specific transaction, the cost is invoiced to the client at the rate of \$32.00 per hour. In addition, all employees who work 10.5 consecutive hours or more are entitled to receive either lunch or dinner at the Firm's expense. These meal costs will be charged to the client responsible for the overtime costs.

- 6. PHOTOCOPIES: For large quantities of photocopying which do not require immediate turnaround, we will use a local photocopying service if it can provide copies at a lower rate than what we would charge in-house.
- 7. SHIPPING AND LOCAL DELIVERY: The cost of shipment by Federal Express, United Parcel Service, Express Mail, U.S. Mail or other delivery service at the retail price charged for such service is invoiced directly to the client. The actual amount of the charges will depend upon the number, weight, and carrier of packages and letters sent. The client will also be charged for local delivery by outside couriers at their normal rates, and for our in-house courier (\$7.50 per delivery or package).
- 8. TELEPHONE: The Firm's telephone system allows for the attribution of long distance charges to the appropriate client and file. These charges include long distance charges for telecopies, as well as conference calls arranged through LoopUp. Most of our long distance calls are placed through RCI Long Distance Service at rates approximately the same as AT&T rates.
- 9. TELECOPY: Telecopies are charged at 50 cents per page. The charge is designed to amortize the cost of acquiring and maintaining our telecopiers, as well as to cover the cost of administrative expenses associated with telecopy charges, the cost of collection and the time-value of money.
- 10. TRAVEL: The actual cost of travel, including charges for mileage for firm-owned or attorney-owned automobiles at 70.0 cents per mile, parking, plane or train fares, taxi, hotel, meals, etc., will be invoiced to the client.

#### SCHEDULE D

#### Firm Policy With Respect to Various Administrative Matters

#### General

For your information, Part 1215 of the Joint Rules of the Appellate Division requires that a letter of engagement be sent to any person or entity that is responsible for the payment of attorney's fees. Further, in the unlikely event that a dispute arises between us relating to our fees, you may have the right to arbitration of the dispute pursuant to Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, a copy of which will be provided to you upon request.

#### Attorney Representation Conflicts and Waivers

In performing our services to the Agency, we represent only the Agency. We assume that other parties to a transaction involving the Agency will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interest in the transaction. As we have discussed, you are aware that we represent many other clients in numerous and diverse matters. It is possible that, during the time that we are representing the Agency, some of our past, present or future clients will have transactions with the Agency (i.e., as transactional conflict). The Agency agrees that we may continue to represent, or may undertake in the future to represent, existing or new clients in any matter that is not substantially related to our work with the Agency (even if the interests of such clients in those other matters is directly adverse to the interests of the Agency); however, we agree that your prospective consent to conflicting representation shall not apply in any instance where, as a result of our representation of the Agency, we have obtained proprietary or other confidential information of a non-public nature, that, if known to such other client, could be used in any such other matter by such client to your material disadvantage. Further, any consent herein would not extend to acting adverse to the other client in a negotiation or a dispute situation.

In certain circumstances, a past or present client of our Firm may ask us to represent that client directly in a transaction involving the Agency. In such situation, if the Agency obtains separate counsel to represent the Agency and if the Agency consents to our representation of such client in such transaction, we may represent such client in such transaction, even if the interests of such client in such transaction is directly adverse to the interests of the Agency; however, we agree that your prospective consent to such conflicting representation shall not apply in any instance where, as a result of our representation of the Agency, we have obtained proprietary or other confidential information of a non-public nature, that, if known to such other client, could be used in such transaction by such client to your material disadvantage.

Acceptance of this proposal further constitutes authorization by the Agency to permit the Chair or the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency to execute any writing required by our conflicts partner to resolve any such "potential" conflicts of interest that may arise in the future.

#### **Client Communications**

As noted above, in performing our services as bond counsel to the Agency, our client is the Agency, and we represent its interests in connection with the particular matter. While the Agency takes formal action by resolution of its board (the "Agency Board"), the Chief Executive Officer typically has the day-to-day responsibility for the operations of the Agency and the undertaking of Applicant and Non-applicant Projects. Further, since the members of the Agency Board are appointed officials and not full-time employees of the Agency, we anticipate that the majority of our conversations and discussions will be with the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and other officers of the Agency.

Accordingly, when we need to communicate information to the Agency, you agree that communicating same to the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or any other official of the Agency shall be treated as if we had communicated such information to the full membership of the Agency. Further, if in our reasonable judgment we believe it necessary to communicate directly with the full membership of the Agency, we will be permitted to do so.

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In accordance with Section 2896(3) of PAL, the Agency is required to prepare a report at least annually of all real property of the Agency.

Real Property owned as of December 31, 2024: NONE

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# City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Annual Investment Report For the Year-Ending 12/31/24

As required by the City of Albany IDA's (the Agency) investment policy, the annual investment report is hereby submitted for your review. The following chart identifies the depositories of Agency funds as well as balances invested at year-end.

Community Bank, N.A.	\$3,805,075
One Tallman Road	
Canton, NY 13617	

All Agency funds are held in either a money market or checking account at each of the financial institutions listed above and are either covered by FDIC insurance or collateralized. While not included in the New York State Authorities Budget Office definition of "investments," these holdings are considered "investments" by the Agency's policy manual. A summary of the activity in the Agency's checking and money market accounts for the year-ending December 31, 2024 is as follows:

#### **Checking Accounts**

	Community Bank N.A.
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$ 14,030
Additions during year	1,737,638
Withdrawals during year	1,010,120
Interest Earned	0
Ending Balance 12/31/24	<u>\$ 741,548</u>

#### **Money Market Accounts**

	Community Bank N.A.
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$3,596,406
Additions during year	0
Withdrawals during year	563,928
Interest Earned	21,149
Ending Balance 12/31/24	<u>\$3,053,627</u>

#### Escrow Account (Restricted Cash)

	Community Bank N.A.
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$ 9,925
Additions during year	200,389
Withdrawals during year	200,414
Interest Earned	0
Ending Balance 12/31/24	<u>\$                                    </u>

Please note that a detailed summary of the cash activity of the Agency is provided at each Board meeting.

#### **Interest Income:**

Interest income for 2024 was equal to \$21,149 which is \$3,481 less than 2023 interest income of \$24,630. This decrease in interest income was a result of a lower balance earning interest in 2024.

#### Annual Audit:

The Bonadio Group has been engaged to perform an audit of the 2024 financial activity of the Agency. As part of this engagement, The Bonadio Group will audit the balances of the Agency's depository accounts. This audit is expected to be completed in March 2025.