

Minutes

VSAC Finance Committee Meeting

**April 14, 2025
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Boardroom, VSAC Offices
10 East Allen Street
Winooski, Vermont 05404**

Committee Members Present: Michael Smith (Chair), John McSoley, Mike Pieciak

Committee Members Absent: Clarence Davis

Other Board Members Present: Dodie Mitchell, Martha Heath

VSAC Staff: Scott Giles, Patrick Leduc, Tom Little, Meghan Metzler, Brad Fallon, Jeffrey Kellar

Chair Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. With a quorum established, the Committee proceeded with the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no public comments given during the public comment period.

Proposed Bond Authorization Resolution

Tom Little presented the previously distributed Memorandum from General Counsel and Authorizing Resolution to the Committee. Tom explained the Authorizing Resolution for the bond, including the parameters it sets for the total dollar amount of the bond and the funds VSAC itself will use for making eligible student loans. He explained that the form and content of the Authorizing Resolution are comparable to those of the last severable bond issuances, except that the notice of the public hearing and the minutes of the public hearing, and the Governor's approval letter, reflect two years of bond funding in order to secure tax exempt status for the 2025 and 2026 bonds. The bonds will not be a debt or obligation of the State of Vermont, nor a general obligation of VSAC. His Memorandum covered the principal documentation for the bonds, all to be finalized prior to closing the transaction. The Committee engaged in discussion that both Tom Little and Meghan Metzler responded to.

Meghan Metzler explained the uses of the proposed bonds and discussed the currently volatility in the bond market. Meghan Metzler explained that VSAC tries to go to market close to when federal PLUS loans are priced. VSAC also determines loan rates on the same day as the closing of the bond which reduces interest rate risk. The Committee again engaged in discussion that primarily Tom Little and Meghan Metzler responded to.

Upon a motion made by John McSoley and seconded by Michael Smith, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the full Board of Directors approve the Authorizing Resolution, as circulated and attached to these Minutes.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Metzler, Assistant Secretary

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

OF THE

VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (the “Corporation”), this April 14, 2025, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to Section 10 hereof, a supplemental indenture of trust (referred to herein as the “Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust”) supplementing and amending the Indenture of Trust, dated as of July 1, 2012 (the “2012 Master Indenture” and, together with the Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust and all other supplements and amendments to the 2012 Master Indenture, the “Indenture”), is hereby adopted in order to provide for the issuance of bonds, notes or other debt obligations (the “Bonds”), the proceeds of which are to be used for the purpose of any, all, or any combination of the following: (i) originating and acquiring education loans (and reimbursing the Corporation for any education loans it makes from its own funds prior to the issuance of the Bonds as may be set forth in a declaration of the Corporation’s official intent made by the Corporation’s President and CEO or by its Vice President and CFO), (ii) funding reserves and/or interest on the Bonds, (iii) paying costs of issuing the Bonds and (iv) for other purposes allowed by the Indenture, which Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust shall be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, subject to completion and subject to the parameters set forth in Section 2 hereof.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be issued as fixed rate bonds in one or more series on a tax-exempt basis in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000. The Bonds may be issued as both senior Bonds (on a parity with other bonds currently outstanding under the Indenture as senior bonds) and subordinate Bonds (on a parity with other bonds currently outstanding under the Indenture as subordinate bonds), in such respective principal amounts as an Authorized Officer (as hereinafter defined), upon advice of counsel, shall approve, the execution and delivery thereof to constitute such Authorized Officer’s approval thereof, except that the aggregate principal amount of any subordinate Bonds shall not exceed \$3,000,000. The maximum yield on the Bonds (giving effect to any original issue discount or original issue premium) shall at no time exceed 8.00% per annum in the case of senior Bonds and 9.00% per annum in the case of any subordinate Bonds. The Bonds shall mature no later than December 31, 2054. In lieu of issuing subordinate Bonds, the Corporation may make a contribution to the trust estate established by the Indenture in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Section 3. The Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust and the Bonds shall include details with respect to such other matters as the President and CEO, or any other Authorized Officer, upon advice of counsel, shall approve, with such additional changes as may be approved by the Authorized Officer executing or delivering the Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust and the Bonds, the execution and delivery thereof to constitute such person’s approval thereof.

Section 4. Each of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President and CEO, the Secretary of the Corporation and each Assistant Secretary of the Corporation is designated an Authorized Officer of the Corporation (“Authorized Officer”) for the purposes of this Authorizing Resolution. Any action taken or document signed by a person who is an Authorized Officer at the time of such action or signing of a document authorized by this Authorizing Resolution shall remain effective whether or not such person, at the time of the issuance of the Bonds, is the incumbent of such office when the Bonds are issued.

Section 5. Each Authorized Officer is authorized to execute and deliver to BofA Securities, Inc. (together with its successors and assigns, the “Underwriter”) a purchase contract or contracts for the Bonds (the “Bond Purchase Contract”) providing for the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter at a price equal in the aggregate to par less an underwriting discount of not to exceed one percent (1.00%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (or such amount may be paid as a fee rather than as an underwriting discount), plus any original issue premium and less any original issue discount (provided that the yield on the Bonds, taking into account any such original issue discount and original issue premium, shall not exceed the maximum yield set forth in Section 2 above), plus reasonable costs and fees acceptable to and approved by an Authorized Officer.

Section 6. A Preliminary Official Statement in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such changes as the President or one or more other Authorized Officers, upon advice of counsel, shall approve for distribution and a final Official Statement, in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement, is hereby approved, with such changes and completions as shall be deemed by the President and CEO or one or more other Authorized Officers to be necessary or appropriate. The President and CEO of the Corporation is authorized to execute and deliver a final Official Statement. Use by the Underwriter of one or more Preliminary Official Statements, final Official Statements and any supplements thereto in connection with the Bonds is hereby approved.

Section 7. The Bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the Corporation and shall only be payable out of the trust estate pledged therefor pursuant to the Indenture. The Bonds issued under the Indenture shall not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the State of Vermont or any of its political subdivisions and none of the faith and credit, the taxing power or the moral obligation of the State of Vermont or any political subdivision thereof shall be pledged to the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds. For the sake of clarity, the Bonds shall not be supported by a moral obligation of the State of Vermont under Title 16, Chapter 87, Section 2867 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Section 8. Each Authorized Officer is authorized to execute and deliver such additional documents or certificates as counsel to the Corporation or Kutak Rock LLP, Bond Counsel, shall advise as necessary or desirable, including, without limitation, a tax certificate, one or more continuing disclosure agreements and other closing documents.

Section 9. Any document or certificate executed or delivered by an Authorized Officer, including the Series 2025 Supplemental Indenture of Trust, the Bonds, the Bond Purchase Contract and the final Official Statement, shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of any modifications of terms submitted at this meeting of the Board and of the due authorization, execution and approval by the Corporation of any such document or certificate, subject to the provisions of Sections 2 and 5 hereof.

Section 10. This Authorizing Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, provided that the Indenture (or a new and separate indenture of trust and supplement or a supplement to any other previous indenture of the Corporation as referred to in Section 1 hereof) shall take effect immediately upon the delivery of a certified copy of the Indenture or such new and separate indenture of trust or supplement to any other previous indenture to the trustee designated therein.

Section 11. All prior acts and doings of the officers, agents and employees of the Corporation which are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Authorizing Resolution, and in furtherance of the purposes of this Authorizing Resolution, shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.