

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY  
AUDIT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2010 AT 8:36 A.M.  
AT ITS OFFICES AT 641 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022**

DIRECTORS AND DESIGNEES

PRESENT:

Judd S. Levy	Chairperson
Megan Anderson	Director Division of the Budget, representing Robert Megna, Via Video Conference
Elaine McCann	Director Division of the Budget, representing Robert Megna, Via Video Conference

Chairperson Levy chaired the meeting; Joy F. Willig, the Agencies' Senior Vice President and Counsel, acted as secretary. The meetings of the Audit Committees were opened in joint session for the consideration of various matters of shared importance. These minutes reflect only those items being considered by the Directors of the State of New York Mortgage Agency Audit Committee. A record of items considered by the other Agencies' Audit Committees is contained in the minutes of each Committee respectively.

**The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes of the SONYMA Audit Committee Directors' meeting held on September 14, 2010.** Absent comments and corrections from the Directors, the minutes were deemed approved.

**The next item on the agenda was a resolution reviewing and approving Internal Audit Staff Functions.** Mr. Stephen Chohey, Vice President of Internal Audit, highlighted certain information, which is incorporated herein by reference. He noted that the By-Laws require review and approval of this resolution at this time. Chairman Levy asked whether the resolution would adjust compensation and whether Mr. Chohey was comfortable that the fifth staff member that this resolution would add would be sufficient to meet the expanding needs of Homes and Community Renewal. Mr. Chohey stated that this would not adjust compensation, and that the additional staff had been added after careful consideration of expanding Agency needs. There were no further questions from the board.

Chairman Levy moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, and the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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**The next item on the agenda was a resolution reviewing and approving Procurement Audit Reports.** Mr. Chohey stated that there were no adverse findings requiring the Directors' consideration and there were no further questions from the Board.

Chairman Levy moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, and the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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**The next item on the agenda was a resolution reviewing and approving Accounts Payable Audit Report.** Mr. Chohey stated that there had been one item requiring response from the Directors in the Payable Audit Report, but that it had been previously discussed with the Board and responded to by management. There were no further questions from the Board.

Chairman Levy moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, and the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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**The next item on the agenda was a resolution reviewing and approving Treasury Audit Report.** Mr. Chohey stated that the investment portfolio, arbitrage regulations, and swaps had all been examined and found satisfactory. There were no further questions from the Directors on the report.

Chairman Levy moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, and the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

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**The next item on the agenda was an adoption of Action Plan for 2011.** Ms. Joanne Hounsell, Senior Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer, discussed certain information in connection with this item. Chairman Levy asked how the Audit Plan had changed from the previous year's agenda, and voiced his concern that after the Agencies' major integration and a new partnership with Ernst & Young, more substantive changes might be in order. Ms. Hounsell stated that Mr. Chohey's audit plans would be more likely to affect these changes, but that Committee Agenda meetings reflected the essentials of what needed to be accomplished during the fiscal year, and that the Action Plan may incorporate other items as required. There were no further questions from the Committee.

Chairman Levy moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, and the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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**The next item on the agenda was a training session by Ernst & Young.** Ms. Hounsell introduced Gary Weinstock, Vice President and Comptroller, and Randy Nelson the executive director, and Louis Roberts, Senior Manager. This was a presentation on the Audit Committee's roles and responsibilities, on financial statements, and an update on GASB. Ernst & Young provided extensive materials for this presentation to the Directors. They discussed the materials required for audit reports, and those that the Agency might want to provide, and the consequences of providing or not providing that information. The Directors were especially concerned with the possibility of providing information for GASB beyond that which is required. Mr. Nelson discussed the MD&A extensively. Chairman Levy was particularly concerned with an explanation of liabilities and exposures. The group discussed the implications of the financials extensively. Mr. Lawlor concurred with the Chairperson in affirming that these presentations should be held on a regular basis. Chairman Levy thanked the Ernst & Young presenters for their clear and thorough presentation.

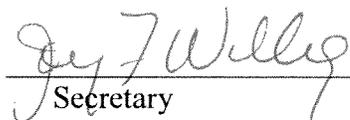
During the above presentation, Ms. Anderson left the meeting and was replaced by Ms. McCann who arrived at 9:12 a.m.

**The next item on the agenda was a report on Whistle Blower Activities.** The report showed no Whistle Blower activities, so no actions were taken on this item at this time.

**The next item on the agenda was a review and approval of the New York State Banking Department 2009 Examination Report.** Mr. Chohey presented on this item, in connection with certain materials provided to the Directors in advance of the meeting under separate cover due to the confidentiality of the report. The Agency as a whole was rated as "satisfactory," but information and technology services received a rating of "fair." The President elaborated upon the rating of "fair" that the Agency's IT department had earned from the banking department examiner, as it was lower than ratings in other categories. He explained that the banking examiner had reviewed the emergency preparedness of SONYMA and took issue with the lag time required to reboot Agency data systems, currently estimated to take up to eight (8) hours. The President stated that the banking examiner had asserted that the capacity to reboot such systems immediately would be important to disaster functioning. Mr. Lawlor disagreed, pointing out that SONYMA had decided to continue relying on the New York State data recovery process, rather than investing in an outdoor generator at a considerably higher cost, after careful consideration of the Agency's needs. However, Mr. Lawlor explained that this disagreement had led the examiner to question the method by which the Agency had chosen its current disaster preparedness systems, and assign SONYMA with the "fair" rating on IT disaster preparedness. Mr. Lawlor thought it prudent to ensure that the Directors were aware of these issues, and there were no further questions from the Board. Mr. Chohey asked the Directors to accept the report and improve management and confidential staff's response.

**The next item on the agenda was a review and approval of SONYMA's Servicer Audit of RBS Citizens, N.A. Bank.** There were no questions from the Directors on this item.

There being no unfinished business, Ms. McCann moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairperson Levy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

  
Secretary