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GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning. It is nice to be in this new building. Thank you so much. Thank you. I have to tell you, I love the fact that we can have our first meeting here. And after the meeting, if you all have not had a chance, please check out this artwork out here. You know, Comptroller, I really have to really applaud you on what you, on what you have done with the place.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: But it's very exciting and I think that it just provides a very warm greeting.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: And so, and we're very, very excited about this meeting. I would like to open this meeting, first, welcome everybody to today's meeting of the Board of Public Works. And I'd like to thank the Comptroller and also the Treasurer for hosting us this morning.

Before we get started, I just wanted to turn it over to the Comptroller, I know, wants to speak a little bit about the BRE.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you. Thank you so much, Governor. And welcome to the Treasury Building. We're thrilled to have you here.

I just wanted to make sure that, you know, most of the folks in this room probably saw it, but for anybody watching, at last week's Board of Revenue Estimates meeting with the Treasurer and me and Secretary Grady, we reviewed updated revenue projections for FY '23 and FY '24. I'm showing much slower growth than we experienced the past two years. The past two years, we had

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federal pandemic aid that is slowing and coming to an end. So we are projecting about \$400 million less in FY '24. That only represents about one percent of our general fund revenues and we are still projecting revenue growth in FY '24 of about one percent. And driving this slow down seems to be a Maryland economy that appears to be underperforming compared to the national economy in terms of employment and consumer spending. And I know the Governor and the Treasurer and I are all looking forward to digging into that to make sure that we are meeting our full potential. And I explained this updated forecast just as a flashing yellow light. Not a reason for panic, especially given that our bond rating under the Treasurer's leadership has maintained its strong AAA status. But certainly something worth paying attention to as the Board of Public Works, to keep in mind as we examine State contracts and monitor our State spending on critical goods and services. So thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR MOORE: No, thank you so much. And thank you for that, too. And I also want to say also just hear, hear to the Treasurer. The bond rating that we continue to maintain. It's not just impressive, it's (indiscernible). So we're deeply, deeply grateful, deeply grateful.

With today being our annual bond sale, the proceedings this morning are going to look a little bit different, not just where we are, but then also just how the flow is going to work. And so I just want to note for all the attendees that at approximately 11:15, the Board will be voting to ratify the sale of \$400 million in State of Maryland general obligation bonds. If the regular business of the Board finishes before then, we will take a brief recess and reconvene around that time.

So with that, we're excited to get started. Secretary Gontrum, good to see you, and please proceed.

SECRETARY GONTRUM: Good to see you, Governor. Good

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morning. Good morning to you, Madam Comptroller and Mr. Treasurer. There are 13 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning and five reports of emergency procurements. Item 11 is being withdrawn at the request of the Maryland Environmental Service. As you said, Governor, Item 4 is the bond sale so we will separate that out until later this morning at the appropriate time. I'm happy to assist with answering any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much, Mr. Secretary. With my colleagues' indulgence, I would just like to take a moment to discuss Item A5, which is a report of emergency procurement from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the situation regarding Charlotte Hall Veterans Home over in St. Mary's County.

As you all can see here, I'm thankful to be joined by Secretary Tony Woods, who is joining us virtually from Charlotte Hall right now. He is attending a previously scheduled Charlotte Hall Veterans Commission and he is there to visit with the residents. Mr. Secretary, it's great to see you.

And you know, as a State and as a society, one of our most important obligations is to take care of our veterans, the women and men who have selflessly, selflessly answered the call to protect and to serve our country. When the country asked, they stepped up. People who sacrificed so much to protect the freedoms that we enjoy, and so many of them return home after seeing the horrors of war with injuries and experiences that didn't just permanently alter their lives, it changed the trajectory of their families.

In 1985, the State of Maryland opened Charlotte Hall to provide affordable assisted living and nursing home care services to elderly veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs is charged with ensuring that veterans under our care at this facility receive the best service and care that we can provide, service that they have earned and service that they have deserved. And many years ago,

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the State of Maryland outsourced the management and operations of Charlotte Hall to a private entity. And since 2002, one company, HMR, has held the contract to provide these vital services.

Within hours, and I mean within hours, of our administration taking office, we learned that things were not going well at Charlotte Hall. In fact, the situation happening at Charlotte Hall is a moral failure of government. Beyond mentions of legislatively mandated reports and possible capital improvements to the facility, there were no other references of Charlotte Hall in the transition documents that we received from the previous administration. We learned in hours, within the first hours, of several cases of abuse and neglect of our veterans, ranging from minor incidences to severe infractions that impacted the health and welfare of its residents.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in their five-star quality rating services and rating system relegated Charlotte Hall to one-star status with an abuse warning. A nursing home cannot earn a lower score in this system. That means Charlotte Hall is among the nation's worst performing nursing home facilities.

As a State, as a community, and as a government, we have a solemn obligation and a sacred obligation to better protect those who are our most vulnerable citizens. And under the leadership of Secretary Woods, my administration has moved with urgency and speed to immediately address this crisis at Charlotte Hall. We have been and continue to be in close engagement and are working in close partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Health, the St. Mary's County Health Department, and other stakeholders to swiftly establish a short term and long term plan to address these serious challenges that impact the lives, the health, and the welfare of 267 veterans under our care.

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Last month, we notified HMR of our intention to terminate their contract and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of State Procurement, utilizing our emergency procurement authority to get nurses on board as soon as possible to perform a health and wellness assessment for every resident, and a new contractor to take over the management and operations over at Charlotte Hall. As we on board these emergency contractual services, the department continues to work with our interagency partners and have deployed additional resources to Charlotte Hall to ensure that our veteran residents receive the care and services that they should have received a very long time ago.

So I say this message to our residents at Charlotte Hall, to their families, to fellow Marylanders, that this is my pledge to you: we will right this ship. We will find out what led to this crisis. Under our administration, we will provide our veterans with the care and the support that they need and that they have earned. As both a combat veteran myself and as the State's Commander-in-Chief, I am personally disturbed, I am professionally enraged to learn of the level of disregard that has been given to the treatment of these patriots. Every Marylander deserves better, but particularly those who have been willing to risk it all for all of us, those who know firsthand what it means to put service before self. But while this treatment has been longstanding, it is also now going to stop. "Thank you for your service" cannot be a punchline or an empty phrase. And to those who are working at Charlotte Hall, those who have devoted years and decades to serving the vets of Charlotte Hall, I say thank you. Those who have witnessed and endured unsatisfactory conditions, who raised your hands and your voices to express your frustrations but found them falling into an empty void, I want to let you know that this administration sees you, that this administration hears you, and we will do better. As we learned in the service, whatever it takes.

This situation at Charlotte Hall is a product of years of poor

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oversight and mismanagement, a pattern that we are seeing all across the State of Maryland. As our administration continues to begin the work of rebuilding government and identifying areas that require immediate and long term action, I will not sugar coat this. We have a lot of work to do. It will not be easy but the work will be necessary if we are build a government that is responsible and responsive to the people that it serves and one that leaves no one behind. We will be calling upon our partners in the Legislature and our partners on this Board, our partners in local government, and so many others to help us to accomplish these important objectives.

In closing, I want to thank my colleagues on this Board, Comptroller Lierman, Treasurer Davis, for their partnership and support as we move quickly to conduct emergency procurements to address this situation. With that, are there any comments from either the Comptroller or the Treasurer?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No. I simply applaud your Secretary and your administration for taking this swift and decisive action. I echo everything that you have said and I look forward to supporting you in your work to right the ship.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you.

TREASURER DAVIS: Governor, nothing else really needs to be said. It was well stated as you laid out the situation. It is very unfortunate that things have been allowed to devolve into where we are today and I look forward to working with you and the Comptroller, and as you mentioned our legislative partners, to rectify this situation as expeditiously as possible.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. With that, are there any further discussion on the Secretary's Agenda? Mr. Secretary, let's pull Item 4, which is the bond sale item, from this vote, which will be taken up after we reconvene. And with that one exclusion, may I have a motion to approve the

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Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. I'd like to welcome Secretary Kurtz to come and address us. Secretary Kurtz, good morning. It is good to see you, and also excited to say that while we might, this might be the last BPW meeting that we might see you in a while, as you have a beautiful new arrival that will be here soon, I just want to say it is great to see you here this morning and we are all anxiously awaiting the beautiful news.

MR. KURTZ: Thank you very much. And I get nervous at these, but not nearly as nervous as I am about being a dad so --

(Laughter.)

MR. KURTZ: So thank you so much, Mr. Governor, Madam Comptroller, and Mr. Treasurer. For the record, my name is Josh Kurtz. I am the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. Today the department has 12 items on the Agenda to present you for your consideration. I have staff here to take any questions you may have. I'm happy to answer any questions at this time.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No questions from me. Good luck.

TREASURER DAVIS: Is this your first child, sir?

MR. KURTZ: Yes, it is. Yes.

TREASURER DAVIS: You're going to be sleepy.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: All of them are laughing because they know exactly what I'm talking about.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Do whatever your wife says.

(Laughter.)

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TREASURER DAVIS: Do that anyway.

(Laughter)

MR. KURTZ: I was told recently you cannot die from lack of sleep.

GOVERNOR MOORE: That's right. That's right.

(Inaudible.)

(Laughter.)

MR. KURTZ: I do want to, if you don't mind, highlight a couple of these projects really quickly. I think there are some important pieces that we are working on that are reflected across several of these projects. And really, they fall into the categories I would say of strong partnership with our local governments and with our land trust community. And they fall into improving access in a wide range of different ways.

So I would call your attention to 1A, which is the South Shore Trail. What we are putting in here is an ADA compliant bathroom facility. This trail is paved. It is ADA accessible. It is long. It is really nice moving through Anne Arundel County. And this is going to only allow for more folks to come out and be able to take advantage of the entirety of the trail, especially ones that struggle with access and with being able to use some of our facilities. So we are very excited about this partnership with Anne Arundel County and this facility.

I would call your attention then next to 2A, and it is the Campground, Kim Weddle, the Wenner Park renovation. What we are doing here and I think we are really proud of is that we recognized that at each one of these facilities there were basketball courts that had really not been managed or taken care of in a while. We were able to actually package all of these together and buy at scale what we needed to restore these basketball courts. So we got, you know, a much more cost effective outcome and being able to kind of do this all at once

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has been really important for these communities.

Staying within the accessibility piece, if you look down at 2A, the Rainbow Lake parking lot, another one we are really excited about. This is going to be an ADA compliant parking lot to provide water access to several of our Maryland residents that don't have it at this place right now. And as we know, water access is one of the things that people enjoy and makes Maryland, Maryland. So we're really excited to be able to support Frederick County within that program as well.

Another piece that you kind of see throughout the LPPI funds is different types of recreation. So we're renovating and helping to renovate basketball courts, tennis courts, horseshow pits, bocce courts. I mean, places where people like to come and congregate. And I think these really contribute to that social fabric, that social cohesion which is so important for the State. So these are the kind of projects that our team really loves to work on, and especially in partnership with our local governments.

Moving to 4A and 5A, these are acquisition projects with local governments that really allow for not only increased access, but protection of some of our ecological functioning. So 4A, the Prince George's County project, is along the Western Branch. We are actually adding to an existing park right along the waterway, so buffering that water as it moves through the park and into the waterway, protecting water quality but also, again, increasing access for people to be able to enjoy, you know, forest interior dwelling species to get people into birding and other things that many love.

5A is also really interesting in that we are contributing to kind of building out the trail system around Easton. So we have an urban area with some access to public lands within the city. This one puts a large tract of forested land under protection and it will create access and connectivity, which we know is

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super important. People being able to get to our parks is critical, and this will allow us to really enhance their trail system.

Moving along to 6A and 7A, both of these are Stateside acquisitions. Currently we have about 353,000 acres that have been protected through our Program Open Space, Stateside being a large portion of that. And these two projects are really important for how we manage our State lands. The first one is Gunpowder State Park, and it actually is an area that we are going to add to the park that is right along the road; give us additional opportunities to manage and better access to manage. 7A in Garrett County, we have done a lot of protection across the State, we have inholdings in several of our State Parks and State Forests, and that creates a real management challenge because we have to do easements for access. So we are really excited about this one. We are actually acquiring a property that is completely surrounded by the Savage River State Forest to allow us to be able to manage this property in conjunction with the rest of the parks and really help us be more effective managers.

And then the next group of projects, the Rural Legacy Program, is one that I think we are really, really excited about. Because this at the core is a grass roots program. This is partnerships with local governments and land trusts. And what we have done is we have identified more than 30 areas that are currently highly, you know, important for our rural agricultural communities, but also serve a very strong ecological function. So within these, you will see that we have protected about 119,000 acres to date. This number is going to go up, hopefully, with your approval here. And we are excited about this because when we protect these parcels, these stay. They are able to then take that capital and reinvest it in their operations, but they are also contributing to better conservation and stewardship of those lands. It is a great partnership with our agricultural communities that we are really proud of. And I will highlight that it is not just the

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very rural areas when we think about Rural Legacy. 11A you will see is actually Montgomery County. So some of our very suburban counties also have ag lands that are critical important to protect.

So those are just a few of the projects I wanted to highlight today. Thank you very much for the time.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Secretary. And it is great, too, because even when you look at the layout that you have here, we're talking about something that is done in real partnership with locals. I mean, this is exactly how this type of change works, what it looks like, and how it needs to be led. So kudos. And I can tell you, too, even though it was in the earlier items you talked about, with 2A, the Comptroller and I were actually having a conversation earlier about the basic elements of quality of life that we can work on and invest in to make communities more livable, that brings a measure of connectivity to a community. And it matters. And so I think these projects really reflect that. So kudos. Any other comments?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Yes, I totally agree. You know, this is really important. It's the fun stuff, but it's also really, really important stuff. And kudos to, you know, the General Assembly many years ago increased Program Open Space's funding and paid back many of the dollars that had been raided. And you see sort of the linear progression, right? So here we are now when we increase that funding, we are able to expand more spaces for families who live and grow. And I will say as somebody who lives in a rowhome, I am particularly cognizant of the need for open space and, you know, for my kids. And you are right, you mentioned just the need for having these spaces to grow our social cohesion. And I think we saw that during the pandemic as well, how important these outdoor spaces are. So thank you so much for continuing your great work and the department's great work on all of these, these three really

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important Program Open Space, Rural Legacy, and Parks and Playgrounds Programs. Thank you. Thanks for presenting.

GOVERNOR MOORE: May I have a motion to approve?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Mr. Secretary, thank you.

Thank you so much. Next up, University System of Maryland. Mr. Hickey, good morning. It is good to see you as always.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Governor, Mr. Treasurer, Madam Comptroller, Tom Hickey, representing the University System of Maryland. There are four items on the Agenda for your consideration and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there any discussion for the USM Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. May I have a motion to approve the Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right.

MR. HICKEY: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning. Thank you. Let's proceed to the MDOT Agenda. Director Radomsky, it is good to see you.

MS. RADOMSKY: Good morning, Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Treasurer. For the record, I'm Valerie Radomsky, Chief

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Procurement Officer for the Department of Transportation. To start, MDOT would like to take a moment to recognize two groups of professionals for whom the department and the State rely upon daily. March is both Procurement Professionals and Transit Employee Appreciation Month. These teams work alongside many offices throughout MDOT and the State to ensure that our citizens have equipment, professional services, and transportation opportunities to thrive in Maryland. And we thank you for your continued support.

Today the department is presenting 17 items. We would like to highlight three contracts valued at approximately \$2.9 million that we are seeking approval to award to certified minority and small business enterprises. The department is also seeking approval of two contract awards to certified MBE and Small Business Reserve firms appearing on DGS' Agenda that are valued at approximately \$1.7 million.

On that note, we have representatives available to address any questions you may have about any of our items.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much.

MS. RADOMSKY : You're welcome.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Are there any comments or questions?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: I just think it would be helpful for the public to understand Item 6. I don't have any concerns but I think it's worth -- this is a really important contract for MTA moving forward. Is it Item 6? Yes, to operate our Camden and Brunswick lines. And you know, this is a, obviously these MARC trains are really important. So I thought I wanted to give you the floor to explain this piece.

MS. RADOMSKY : Sure. Thank you. I will actually turn it over to Administrator Arnold, who has joined us here today.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Great. Thank you.

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MS. ARNOLD: Good morning, Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer. Thank you for having me today. For the record, my name is Holly Arnold. I'm the Administrator at the Maryland Transit Administration.

So yes, we're excited to bring this contract. It is for providing operations and maintenance services on our Camden and Brunswick lines. So as you know, we have three lines throughout Maryland. These provide service between Baltimore and D.C., and then from D.C. out into West Virginia, actually, on the Brunswick line. It requires train engine crews, maintenance of equipment, maintenance of way, and maintenance of facilities for these lines. It will be a five-year contract encompassing all of that to ensure that we have service on those lines for our riders over the next five years. I'm happy to answer any questions.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No questions. Thank you, Administrator Arnold.

GOVERNOR MOORE: (inaudible) --Thank you. May I have a motion to approve the Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right. Thank you so much. Thank you. And we will conclude with the DGS Agenda. Secretary Chaudhry, good morning. It is good to see you.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Good morning. Great to see you, Governor. Mr. Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Treasurer, for the record, I am Atif Chaudhry, Secretary of the Department of General Services. Today the department is presenting 42 items on our Agenda. We are withdrawing two items, 24-CGL and 36-IT, both of which we anticipate returning on the April 5th Agenda. Our Agenda does feature \$17 million in capital grants and loans,

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including \$1.1 million for First Fruits Farm in Harford County, which grows fresh produce solely for Maryland Food Bank organizations that serve needy families and individuals. Also we will be providing \$1 million for renovations at the Holy Cross Hospital Emergency Department, and \$2.5 million to the Baltimore Children's Museum, which is also known as Port Discovery in Baltimore City. Also, \$1 million for the expansion of the Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance Company. We have agency representatives standing by to answer any question you may have. I'm happy to answer anything that you may ask.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. Are there any questions or items for discussion?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No questions for me. Thank you for presenting these.

TREASURER DAVIS: I just want to highlight 5-CGL, World Arts and Joe's Movement Emporium. I know Senator Augustine had contacted my office about it. But it is a wonderful project and I'm just glad to see it come forward. Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. May I have a motion to approve the Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Thank you so much, Mr. Secretary. Thank you.

And now before we conclude this portion of the Board meeting, I know that the Treasurer had a point of personal privilege. So let me just turn it over to him to make some comments.

TREASURER DAVIS: Thank you. And this will be real brief. I

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actually just wanted to thank you, Governor. I wanted to thank our federal delegation, County Executive Alsobrooks, and all those who have been involved with trying to or participating in the relocation of the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County. I don't need to tell anyone in this room how important that is to the county, and not just the county, but the State of Maryland from an economic standpoint. Much has been said in recent years about equity, diversity, inclusion. I think I got that out of order, diversity, equity, and inclusion, DEI --

GOVERNOR MOORE: -- whichever --

TREASURER DAVIS: Yes, it's all the same. But it is easy to sort of say that. But there comes a time when, you know, you've got to show it. You've got to walk it like you talk it. And I believe this is that opportunity.

In recent years, really over probably the last decade, I've seen numerous times where the State of Maryland and Prince George's County have been the backdrop of some major policy initiatives, election rallies, and things of that nature. And I'm hoping that, and all those things are good, but I'm hoping that the State and the county and specifically is viewed as more than just a backdrop for policy initiatives and proposals, but that it is taken seriously, its diversity, you know, all of its valuable assets that we realize just how important those things are and that we hold them up as examples of what we should be nationwide. That, you know, that diversity is welcome, appreciated, and spotlighted.

I will say, and I'll sort of conclude with this, as I look at this, the thing that sort of prompted my reason for speaking this morning is that I'm concerned with things that have been late additions to the application process, the way different things have scored, specifically the proximity to Quantico. This thing has been out there for years and somebody woke up at the eleventh hour and went, oh, proximity to Quantico is a very big deal. If it was, that should have

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been in there from Jump Street, not years later. And also, when you talk about proximity, its current location isn't that close. Its current location isn't that close and that hasn't seemed to be a problem before, but now all of a sudden it's a big deal. And it's not that much further from the sites proposed in Prince George's County to Quantico either, at least relative to its current location.

So that was something I needed to say and that I wanted the citizens of the State to know, and certainly my fellow Prince Georgians. You know, you need to be watching on this and you can't allow yourself to be used. You can't just be good enough to come to rallies and so forth, but rather come and be a part of this community, be a part of that fabric. And if you are, you know, if you are not viewed as such then you need to be cognizant of that. So I thank you for that moment and I thank you all for indulging me.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Well, and sincerely, thank you for saying that. Because you are absolutely right. And, you know, the point of adding Quantico on as a criteria, proximity to Quantico, which by the way is a training facility, that happened in September. That was not part of the larger negotiation. You are absolutely right. We were literally watching how the rules were changing that day to having disproportionate advantage to one of the jurisdictions. The only thing that the State of Maryland was asking for, and I know from, you know, the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the federal delegation, is transparency and fairness. And if we're simply saying that the elements that we are going to, that the decision is going to be made on, things like cost and, you know, putting it in Virginia is going to cost upwards of \$1 billion more to the American taxpayer. Because Maryland is the only actually place that is build ready. It's the only site that is build ready. Transportation, we have transportation (indiscernible). And you are absolutely right on the equity piece. You know, where if you look at economic competitiveness, that Prince George's County, that Fairfax County,

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Virginia, the other location, ranks number two in the country in economic competitiveness because they have federal assets, things like the Pentagon, that were already put there, that have led their economic growth. Prince George's County, a historically Black county which historically has been neglected when it comes to federal resources, ranks 107. We're just simply asking for fairness and transparency, and not changing the rules in the middle. So thank you.

TREASURER DAVIS: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you. Well spoken.

GOVERNOR MOORE: That concludes the business portion of today's meeting. We're going to recess and reconvene in 1:05 to conduct the bond sale. All are welcome to stick around if you would like. We have a lot of beautiful artwork to take a look at. Otherwise, you are free to go and the Board stands in recess until 1:05. Thank you.

(Inaudible)

GOVERNOR MOORE: Eleven -- not 1:05.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: We'd be here for a long time, sorry, and people got work to do, 11:05.

Thank you all.

(Short recess taken.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning again, good morning. At this time I would like to call up Secretary's Agenda Item 4, please, and recognize the Treasurer for the purposes of making motions to ratify the bond sale.

TREASURER DAVIS: Thank you, Governor.

I move that the Board adopt the resolutions before us today concerning the State and Local Facilities Loan of 2023, First Series in particular. I move that the Board ratify and approve the preliminary official statement dated

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March 9, 2023, the summary notice of sale for the 2023 First Series Bonds published in the *Bond Buyer* on March 2, 2023, and the resolutions adopted by the Board on February 15, 2023 with respect to the bonds. And I would ask for a second and a vote on the motions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much. Is there a second?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Second.

TREASURER DAVIS: All in favor signify by aye.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Aye.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Aye.

TREASURER DAVIS: I don't want to get this one wrong.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: The motion carries. Secondly, I move that B of A Securities be declared the successful bidder for Group 1 of the First Series A Tax-Exempt Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$165,865,000 with a net premium of \$30,512,378.72 and a true interest cost of 2.349998 percent. And I further move that Group One of the First Series A Bonds be issued in the amounts and maturities and at the interest rates and prices set forth in the successful bid for the bonds. Again, I would ask for a second and a motion to approve, or a vote to approve.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right. Is there a second?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Second.

TREASURER DAVIS: All in favor, signify by aye.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Aye.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Aye.

TREASURER DAVIS: The motion carries. Next I move that B of A Securities for Group 2 of the First Series A Tax-Exempt Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$184,135,000 with a net premium of \$34,663,666.61 and a

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true interest cost of 3.219430 percent. And I further move that Group 2 of the Series A Bonds be issued in the amounts and maturities and at the interest rates and prices set forth in the successful bid for the bonds. Is there a second?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Second.

TREASURER DAVIS: All in favor signify by aye.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Aye.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Aye.

TREASURER DAVIS: The motion carries. Next, I move that Morgan Stanley and Company, LLC be declared the successful bidder for the First Series B Taxable Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$50,000,000 with a true interest cost of 4.074896 percent and a net discount of \$57,129,000. And I further move that the First Series B Bonds be issued in the maturities and at the interest rates set forth in the successful bid for the bonds. Is there -- I'm sorry. \$57,000, I said \$57,000,000. \$57,129.55. Now, is there a second?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Second.

TREASURER DAVIS: All in favor signify by aye.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Aye.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Aye.

TREASURER DAVIS: My motion carries. And finally, I move that the Board authorize and approve the issuance of the final official statements for the bonds. Is there a second?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Second.

TREASURER DAVIS: All in favor, signify by aye.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Aye.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Aye.

TREASURER DAVIS: My motion carries. And that's it.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right. Thank you, Mr. Treasurer.

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Secretary's Agenda Item 4 is adopted. Congratulations to you and your team for another successful bond sale. This concludes the meeting for the Board of Public Works. We will see you all again on April 5th. Thanks again.

(Whereupon, at 11:19 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)

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