#### WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Washington State Housing Finance Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., to consider the items in the agenda below.

Per the Governor's proclamation regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act (Proclamation 20-28) and due to extraordinary public-health circumstances related to the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, participation in this meeting will only be offered virtually.

#### To join virtually, please go to www.zoom.us and enter:

#### Meeting ID: 719 974 437 Password: 015934

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- I. Chair: Approval of the Minutes from the March 26, 2020 Special Meeting. (5 min.)
- **II.** Steve Walker: Employee Recognition (10 min.)

#### **III.** Chair: Conduct a Public Hearing on the following:

#### A. Quinn by Vintage, OID # 19-131A

Lisa Vatske: The proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 227-unit multifamily housing facility located at 20022 15th Avenue NE & 20057 Ballinger Way, Shoreline, WA 98155, to be owned by Quinn by Vintage, LP, a Washington limited partnership. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$60,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). (5 min.)

#### B. The Pointe by Vintage, OID # 19-132A

**Lisa Vatske**: The proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a161-unit multifamily housing facility located at 22837 Pacific Hwy S., Des Moines, WA 98198, to be owned by Pointe by Vintage, LP, a Washington limited partnership. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$40,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). (5 min.)

#### C. The Station by Vintage, OID # 19-133A

Lisa Vatske: The proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a197-unit multifamily housing facility located at 16820 SE Wax Road & 28020 Covington Way, Covington, WA 98042, to be owned by Station by Vintage, LP, a Washington limited partnership. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$50,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). (5 min.)

### D. Fort Vancouver Terrace, OID # 19-49A

**Lisa Vatske**: The proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 132-unit multifamily housing facility located at 4710 Plomondon Street, Vancouver, WA 98661, to be owned by Fort Vancouver Preservation, LLC, a Washington limited liability company. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$27,000,000. (5 min.)

#### E. Othello Park Apartments, OID # 19-128A

**Lisa Vatske**: The proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land, the demolition of existing structures and the construction and equipping of a 106-unit multifamily housing facility located at 7349-7357 43rd Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98118, to be owned by Othello Park Development LLC, a Washington limited liability company. Proceeds of the bonds may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The total estimated bond amount is not expected to exceed \$23,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). (5 min.)

- F. Lisa Vatske: Recommend and present Projects for Allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the 2020 funding round. (15 min.)
- G. Proposed changes to the 4% bond policies for the June 2020 round Lisa Vatske: A public hearing on the proposed changes to the 4% bond policies for the June 2020 round. (10 min.)

#### **IV.** Consider and Act on the Following Action Items:

- A. Resolution No. 20-51, a Resolution for the 2020 Allocation of Credit for the Housing Tax Credit Program Lisa Vatske: A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to make reservations and/or allocations of 2020 Housing Tax Credits. (10 min.)
- B. Resolution No. 20-29, Imagine Children's Museum, OID # 19-108A Lisa Vatske: A resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs for the

construction and equipping of an addition to an existing facility located at 1502 Wall Street, Everett, WA 98201 to be owned by Imagine Children's Museum, a Washington 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Proceeds of the bonds may also be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The total estimated bond amount is not expected to exceed \$14,000,000. The public hearing was held November 14, 2019. (5 min.)

#### C. Resolution No. 20-52, Cedar Crossing, OID # 19-137A

**Lisa Vatske**: A resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 254-unit multifamily housing facility located at 6600 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, to be owned by 6600 Roosevelt LLLP, a Washington limited liability limited partnership. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$65,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). The public hearing was held March 26, 2020. (5 min.)

#### D. Resolution No. 20-36, Holly Ridge Apartments, OID # 18-131A

**Lisa Vatske**: A resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 121-unit low income multifamily housing facility located at 127 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Everett, WA 98204, to be owned by Holly Ridge, LLC, a Washington limited liability company. Proceeds of the bonds may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The total estimated bond amount is not expected to exceed \$33,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). The public hearing was held February 27, 2020. (5 min.)

### E. Resolution No. 20-53, Polaris at SeaTac, OID # 19-65A

**Lisa Vatske**: A resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 365-unit multifamily housing facility located at the Northwest corner of International Blvd. S. and S. 154th Street, SeaTac, WA 98199, to be owned by Polaris at SeaTac, LLC, a Washington limited liability company. Proceeds of the notes may also be used to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the notes. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$90,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). The public hearing was held March 26, 2020. (5 min.)

### F. Resolution No. 20-40, The Orchard, OID # 19-45A

**Lisa Vatske**: A resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 48-unit multifamily housing facility located at the SE corner of Road 24 SW and Patchee Drive, Mattawa, WA 99349, to be owned by TH Patchee LP, a Washington limited partnership. Proceeds of the bonds may also be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The total estimated bond amount is not

expected to exceed \$6,500,000. The public hearing was held November 14, 2019. (5 min.)

- G. Proposed SET policy recommendations/waivers Lisa Vatske: Action on recommended changes to the policies for the Sustainable Energy Program. (10 min.)
- H. Proposed changes to the 4% bond policies for the June 2020 round Lisa Vatske: Request approval of the proposed changes to the 4% bond policies for the June 2020 round. (5 min.)
- V. Informational Report on Department of Commerce Activities. (10 min.)
- VI. Executive Director's Report (10 min.)
- VII. Commissioners' Reports (10 min.)
- VIII. Chair: Consent Agenda (5 min.)
  - A. Status report on the current Homeownership Programs
  - B. Status report on the current Homebuyer Education Programs
  - C. Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Report
  - D. Asset Management and Compliance Activities Report
  - E. Financial Statements as of February 29, 2020
  - F. Quarterly Program Status Reports from the period ending March 31, 2020:
    - 1. Homeownership Division
    - 2. Multifamily and Community Facilities Division
    - 3. Asset Management and Compliance Division
    - 4. Administration, Human Services and IT Division
    - 5. Finance Division

#### IX. Chair: Miscellaneous Business and Correspondence (5 min.)

- A. Miscellaneous Business and Correspondence
- **B.** HFC Events Calendar
- X. Chair: Public Comment

## XI. Executive Session (if necessary)

## XII. Adjourn

Karen Miller, Chair

Consent Agenda items will only be discussed at the request of a Commissioner.

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") will hold an open public hearing for the purpose of considering the issuance by the Commission of one or more series of tax– exempt and taxable revenue obligations (the "Notes) to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a multifamily housing in Shoreline, Washington, to be owned by Quinn by Vintage, LP, a Washington limited partnership. The hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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The Notes will be issued pursuant to Chapter 43.180 Revised Code of Washington, for the purpose of financing a residential rental facility under Section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Project:	Quinn by Vintage
Project Address:	20022 15th Avenue NE & 20057 Ballinger Way, Shoreline, WA 98155
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$79,565,489
Estimated Maximum Note Amount:	\$60,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable).

The proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide financing for the following project:

Proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide a portion of the financing for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 227-unit multifamily housing facility in Shoreline, WA, and to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the Notes. Each apartment will be a complete and separate dwelling unit consisting of living, eating and sanitation facilities. A percentage of the total units will be set aside for persons or households with low incomes.

This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. Written comments with respect to the proposed Project and the proposed Notes may be mailed or faxed to the attention of Jason Hennigan, WSHFC, MHCF Division, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601 or to (206) 587-5113, for receipt no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22,

2020. Public testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the project will receive funding from tax–exempt and taxable obligations. Testimony and written comments regarding land use, zoning and environmental regulation should be directed to the local jurisdiction that is authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

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The results of the hearing will be sent to the Governor for approval.

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The proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide financing for the following project:

Project:	The Pointe by Vintage
Project Address:	22837 Pacific Hwy S. Des Moines, WA 98198
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$57,767,260
Estimated Maximum Note Amount:	\$40,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable).

Proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide a portion of the financing for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping a 161-unit multifamily housing facility in Des Moines, WA, and to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the Notes. Each apartment will be a complete and separate dwelling unit consisting of living, eating and sanitation facilities. A percentage of the total units will be set aside for persons or households with low incomes.

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regarding land use, zoning and environmental regulation should be directed to the local jurisdiction that is authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

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Project:	The Station by Vintage
Project Address:	16820 SE Wax Road & 28020 Covington Way Covington, WA 98042
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$67,213,773
Estimated Maximum Note Amount:	\$50,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable).

Proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide a portion of the financing for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping a 197-unit multifamily housing facility in Covington, WA, and to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the Notes. Each apartment will be a complete and separate dwelling unit consisting of living, eating and sanitation facilities. A percentage of the total units will be set aside for persons or households with low incomes.

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The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the project will receive funding from tax–exempt and taxable obligations. Testimony and written comments regarding land use, zoning and environmental regulation should be directed to the local jurisdiction that is authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

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The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") will hold an open public hearing for the purpose of considering the issuance by the Commission of one or more series of tax– exempt revenue obligations (the "Notes") to finance a portion of the acquisition and rehabilitation of a multifamily housing facility in Vancouver, Washington, to be owned by Fort Vancouver Preservation, LLC, a Washington limited liability company. The hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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The Notes will be issued pursuant to Chapter 43.180 Revised Code of Washington, for the purpose of financing a residential rental facility under Section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide financing for the following project:

Project:	Fort Vancouver Terrace
Project Address:	4710 Plomondon Street Vancouver, WA 98661-6178
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$39,273,705
Estimated Maximum Note Amount:	\$27,000,000

Proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide a portion of the financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 132-unit multifamily housing facility in Vancouver, WA, and the payment of the costs of issuing the Notes. Each apartment will be a complete and separate dwelling unit consisting of living, eating and sanitation facilities. A percentage of the total units will be set aside for persons or households with low incomes.

This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. Written comments with respect to the proposed Project and the proposed Notes may be mailed or

faxed to the attention of Dan Schilling, WSHFC, MHCF Division, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601 or to (206) 587-5113, for receipt no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Public testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the project will receive funding from tax–exempt obligations. Testimony and written comments regarding land use, zoning and environmental regulation should be directed to the local jurisdiction that is authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

Anyone requiring an accommodation consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the MHCF division at 206-464-7139 or 1-800-767-HOME (in state) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

The results of the hearing will be sent to the Governor for approval.

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") will hold an open public hearing for the purpose of considering the issuance by the Commission of one or more series of tax– exempt and taxable revenue obligations (the "Bonds") to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a multifamily housing facility in Seattle, Washington, to be owned by Othello Park Development LLC, a Washington limited liability company. The hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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The Bonds will be issued pursuant to Chapter 43.180 Revised Code of Washington, for the purpose of financing a residential rental facility under Section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide financing for the following project:

Project:	Othello Park Apartments
Project Address:	7349-7357 43rd Ave. S Seattle, WA 98118
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$34,822,245
Estimated Maximum Bond Amount:	\$23,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable).

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide a portion of the financing for the acquisition of land, the demolition of existing structures, the construction and equipping of a 106-unit multifamily housing facility in Seattle, WA, and the payment of a portion of the costs of issuing the Bonds. Each apartment will be a complete and separate dwelling unit consisting of living, eating and sanitation facilities. A percentage of the total units will be set aside for persons or households with low incomes.

This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. Written comments with respect to the proposed Project and the proposed Bonds may be mailed

or faxed to the attention of Dan Schilling, WSHFC, MHCF Division, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601 or to (206) 587-5113, for receipt no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Public testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the project will receive funding from tax–exempt and/or taxable obligations. Testimony and written comments regarding land use, zoning and environmental regulation should be directed to the local jurisdiction that is authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

Anyone requiring an accommodation consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the MHCF division at 206-464-7139 or 1-800-767-HOME (in state) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

The results of the hearing will be sent to the Governor for approval.



The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") will hold an open public hearing for the purpose of considering the allocation by the Commission of federal low-income housing tax credits (the "Credits") to sponsor multifamily residential projects. The projects to be considered for an allocation of Credits are posted on the Commission's website at <u>http://www.wshfc.org/mhcf/9percent/2020AllocationList.pdf</u>. The hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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The Credits will be allocated pursuant to the authority of the Commission under Chapter 43. 180 RCW as amended, Executive Order 94-05, dated April 2, 1994, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a condition of receiving an allocation of tax credits and under a competitive process, the developers commit to serving very low and extremely low income and special needs populations for up to 40 years.

Written comments with respect to the proposed projects and allocation of Credits may be emailed to <u>lisa.vatske@wshfc.org</u>, mailed or faxed to the **Washington State Housing Finance Commission** (*Attention: Lisa Vatske, MHCF Division Director, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, Washington, 98104-1046*; fax number

206.587.5113) for receipt no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2020. The public testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the projects will receive Credits; however, the Commission will not consider testimony and written comments regarding land use, zoning, and environmental regulation, which should be directed to the local jurisdictions that are authorized to consider these matters when issuing building permits for the project.

## WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

## March 26, 2020

The Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lowel Krueger, at
the request of the Chair, at 1:00 p.m. via teleconference. Those Commissioners
present on the line were Diane Klontz, Karen Miller, Wendy Lawrence, Jason
Richter, Randy Robinson, Ken Larsen and Alishia Topper.

Karen Miller left the teleconference at 1:09 pm.

The minutes of the February 27, 2020 special meeting were approved as mailed.

The Vice Chair opened a public hearing on OID # 19-51A, The Little School Campus, at 1:10 p.m.

Lisa Vatske, Director of Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Division, said this is a proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance: (i) the construction and equipping of an approximately 22,000 square foot educational facility; (ii) the rehabilitation of existing academic facilities; and (iii) the payment of all or a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The project is located at 3400 E. Harrison Street and 408 - 433 Lake Washington Blvd. E., Seattle, WA 98112, owned and to be owned by The Bush School, a Washington 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The total estimated bond amount is not expected to exceed \$22,950,000. Ms. Vatske introduced Percy Abram, Head of the Bush School.

Mr. Abram stated that The Bush School is the Seattle's only K–12 independent school currently with 680 students. Twenty-three percent of the students are on

Approval of the Minutes

Public Hearing: The Bush School, OID # 20-31A need based financial aid, 36% of the students are people of color. This financing will help the school build 10 new classrooms and a multipurpose room. He also mentioned that the school is a Salmon-Safe school, the first Passive House School west of the Mississippi and the new construction will also be Net-Zero. There has been positive support from the families and community for this project as well.

There were no other comments from members of the public and the hearing was closed at 1:15 p.m.

The Vice Chair opened a public hearing on OID # 19-137A, Cedar Crossing, at 1:15 p.m.

Ms. Vatske said this is a proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 254-unit multifamily housing facility located at 6600 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, to be owned by 6600 Roosevelt LLLP, a Washington limited liability limited partnership. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$65,000,000, a portion of which may be taxable. Ms. Vatske introduced Alicia Luber from Mercy Housing Northwest and Heather Burns representing Bellwether Housing.

Ms. Burns stated that this project is a partnership with Bellwether Housing and Mercy Housing Northwest. This project will be on the same block as the new Roosevelt link light rail station and will have King County and City of Seattle funding.

The project will have 254 units of housing including 2 staff units and an on-site childcare center. Thirty-six percent will be 2- and 3-bedrooms family size units. There will be forty units at 30% AMI (Area Median Income), 40 units at 50% AMI, and the remaining units will be at 60% AMI.

Public Hearing: Cedar Crossing, OID # 19-137A

	The project will have a 6500 sq. ft. childcare center will be operated by El Centro de la Raza that will serve 68 children. There will be 1300 sq. ft. of retail space that is included in the Code requirement for this neighborhood. Ms. Luber stated that Mercy Housing will operate resident services programs
	while Bellwether will provide property management services.
	There were no other comments from members of the public and the hearing was closed at 1:24 p.m.
Public Hearing: Polaris at SeaTac, OID # 19-65A	The Vice Chair opened a public hearing on OID # 19-65A, Polaris at SeaTac, at 1:25 p.m.
	Ms. Vatske said this is a proposed issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a portion of the costs for the acquisition of land and the construction and equipping of a 365-unit multifamily housing facility located at the Northwest corner of International Blvd. S. and S. 154th Street, SeaTac, WA 98199, to be owned by Polaris at SeaTac, LLC, a Washington limited liability company. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$90,000,000, a portion of which may be taxable. Ms. Vatske introduced Keith James, Development Manager at Inland Development.
	Mr. James said that the occupancy will be restricted to households earning less than 60% of the King County AMI. Twenty percent of the units will be set aside for large households and persons with disabilities. The amenities for this project include a fitness center, business center, media room, fitness trail, and indoor/outdoor playcenter. The project is close to a light rail station.
Public Hearing: Policy waivers for the 2020 9% allocation	The Vice Chair opened a public hearing on a policy waiver for the 2020 9% allocations at 1:26 p.m. Ms. Vatske gave an overview of the 2020 9% allocations and stated each geographic pool has a unique opportunity to be responsive to the specific situations

of the competitive round in coordination with the many additional layers of publicly leveraged funds. Staff and the State Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and local public funders are proposing to fund deeper in the metro and non-metro pools in order to move some additional ready to go projects forward, sooner, rather than have them wait and potentially jeopardize the funding awards that have been made. There are some nuances and potential policy waivers that are needed to implement these recommendations. Commission staff have weighed the cost benefits of going deeper into these projects and allowing for some modification from current policies. Outlined below are the specific considerations for your review.

The Commission's current policy allows up to 20% of the next year's allocation to be forward committed. The current list of projects being proposed would bring the total forward commitment to closer to 30%. There are several mitigating factors, one being that there are several prior year projects that have run into legal or regulatory issues that may mean that we recapture credit later this year. If this turns out to the be case, then we could easily be back within our stated policy.

One of the nuances of this policy is that a forward commitment is allowed when at least half of a project could be funded, and this would get the full project funded. The Seattle/King county pool utilizes this policy as part of their allocation strategy and has years been able to invest deeper in projects in order to get an additional project funded. In both the Metro and Non- Metro pools, although full projects are being funded and this is a slight nuance from the stated policy, it gets us the same underlying result and the benefit of funding an additional project.

In the Metro Pool, the Commission has received a request from the local public funders to fund an additional project in Tacoma/Pierce county. This project was recently one of only two projects that received competitive and special HUD funding. This project also received and has been sitting on an HTF award from over a year ago. Although funding this project keeps it within the forward commitment policy, based on a previous agreement and approach in a similar situation, Tacoma/Pierce is willing to sit out next year's allocation round in exchange for the additional project this year. This helps balance and mitigate the impact to the other counties in the pool for next years' allocation round. The only other project in this pool that won't receive funding is a third project from Spokane that wouldn't be funded due to the policy that no more than 35% of the allocation can go to any one county. The only policy change is taking the full project allocation instead of just a partial. This keeps this project moving forward, leverages scarce federal funds, uses HTF funds and serves an important target population in Tacoma.

In the Non- Metro Pool there is a slightly more complex situation, but an important pilot and collaboration with the State HTF. Stakeholders and the HTF have begun a discussion regarding the definition of rural and the statutory requirement for the HTF to target at least 30% of the resources to rural projects. Our non-metro allocation category and the HTF definition don't sync up well, especially this last allocation round, which has made it difficult to align our resources. This discussion has highlighted the importance of the financial capacity of organizations when seeking tax credit investors and that some of the rural sponsors don't have the financial strength to meet some of the liquidity and financial requirements. In addition, pricing of tax credits in these rural markets is often less than what projects in the Metro or Puget Sound Region can attract. Ensuring the right sizing and financial capacity of these rural projects is key as some may be better tax credit candidates than others. This collaboration with the HTF starts this analysis and strategy. It includes the Commission going deeper in the non-metro pool to fund an additional 2 projects from the 9 projects on the waiting list, at the same time, HTF will fully fund an additional project off the wait list, resulting in an additional 3 more projects being funded, creating 162 units. See the letter distributed to Commissioners.

This has a couple of policy implications. One is the farmworker policy. When we increased the Farmworker points to make these types of projects competitive with permanent supportive homeless (PSH) projects, we also put in place a policy stating that no more than 2 farmworker projects could be funded in a round. This round we received 5 farmworker projects, 4 of which were funded by HTF. As we still had some available credit to allocate, we looked at our waitlist and strategized about additional projects. Although we originally discussed having the HTF "buy-down" the credit amount in some additional projects, what ultimately made the most sense was to test or pilot the concept of the HTF fully funding a project. Assessing what were the next projects to be funded on our list and how those would help the Department of Commerce meet their rural and PSH unit goals, we developed the strategy to allocate additional credit to fund an additional farmworker project in Entiat, WA, the Mountainview project, and an additional PSH project, the Skagit County PSH project. In addition, the HTF would fully fund the next PSH project on our waitlist, a PSH project in Raymond, WA. The main downside is the potential impact to next year's round, but it is mitigated by the fact that it gets units on the ground a year earlier than waiting until next year and reapplying, it helps clear the existing pipeline and gives us some analysis and a road map for how we can redefine leverage in the future.

The main two considerations for the Commissioners are to allow the additional farmworker project to move forward as well as the allocating up to 30% of our forward commitment or up to an additional 10% beyond our current policy. Staff recommends your approval of these policy adjustments.

Ms. Vatske also stated that there are letters of support from the City of Mt. Vernon and Skagit County Board of Commissioners.

Paul Purcell, representing the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, testified in support of the policy waiver. He said it is critical to support these waivers and he appreciates the Commission being flexible.

Ken Dahlestedt, Skagit County Commissioner, testified that this Skagit County Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project will provide 70 new apartments for homeless and low-income households, including 57 units of coordinated entry referred permanent supportive housing with 24/7 on-site support. This project is a critical step toward meeting the growing needs of those living on the street in Skagit County. An allocation from WSHFC to the Skagit County PSH project will leverage \$1.5 million in Washington State Housing Trust Fund, \$3.3 million in County and City capital funding, and up to \$1 million annually in local services and operating funding, making it possible for this project to breakground by fall of 2020.

Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon, Mayor, stated she was in full support of this and said Mt. Vernon currently has zero projects with this type of supportive units.

There were no other comments from members of the public and the hearing was closed at 1:47 p.m.

The Vice Chair opened a public hearing on the recommended allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits at 1:47 p.m.

Ms. Vatske said that there will be one project to consider today.

#### **DESC Hobson Place - Phase 2**

Mr. Vatske introduced Daniel Malone, Executive Director of the Seattle Downtown Emergency Service (DESC). Mr. Malone stated that this project is the second phase of DESC's mixed use residential and integrated healthcare development, The Bill Hobson Supportive Housing and Integrated Healthcare Clinic. Phase 2, also referred to as Hobson Place 2 in this application, will provide 92 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, built over three floors of a comprehensive health clinic designed specifically to serve the needs of people with complex medical and behavioral health conditions. The behavioral health side will be managed by DESC and the medical side will be managed by Harborview Medical Center. He mentioned the few people that are currently out and about outside during this pandemic are suffering and this is what this project is for.

In response to a question from Commissioner Richter regarding the reasons for a cost waiver, Ms. Vatske mentioned this project had to pay commercial wages and required a special HVAC system which resulted in a total development cost waiver.

Public Hearing: Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the 2020 Round There were no other comments from members of the public and the hearing was closed at 1:58 p.m.

Action Item: Policy waivers for the 2020 9% allocation Ms. Vatske request approval of the recommended policy waivers to enable allocation of the 2020 9% project allocations, including allocating up to 30% in a forward commitment and an additional Farmworker project in the non-metro pool.

Mr. Larsen moved to approve the request. Ms. Topper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Resolution No. 20-42, a Resolution for the 2020 Allocation of Credit for the Housing Tax Credit Program Lisa Vatske, Director of the Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Division, said this was a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to make reservations and/or allocations of 2020 Housing Tax Credits to the following project:

• DESC Hobson Place - Phase 2

Mr. Larsen moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Ms. Vatske said this is a resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue bonds to: (1) refinance the construction and equipping of existing school facilities; (2) finance the construction and equipping of additional school facilities, including a gymnasium and performing arts center; and (3) pay all or a portion of the costs of issuing the bonds. The project is located at 8300 NE 12th Street, Medina, WA 98039, and is to be owned by St. Thomas School, a Washington 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The total estimated bond amount is not expected to exceed \$20,000,000. The public hearing was held February 27, 2020.

Mr. Larsen moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Klontz seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Resolution No. 20-35, St. Thomas School, OID # 20-28A Action Item: Resolution No. 20-36, Holly Ridge Apartments, OID #18-131A

Action Item: Resolution No. 20-37, La Madera Apartments, OID #19-127A

Action Item: Resolution No. 20-47, a Resolution authorizing the use & acceptance of electronic signatures

Executive Director's Report This item was pulled from the agenda.

Ms. Vatske said this is a resolution approving the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable revenue notes to finance a 76-unit multifamily housing facility located at 28620 Pacific Highway S., Federal Way, WA 98003, to be owned by Federal Way La Madera LLC, a Washington limited liability company. The total estimated note amount is not expected to exceed \$12,000,000 (a portion of which may be taxable). The public hearing was held February 27, 2020.

Mr. Larsen moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Topper seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Walker said this is a resolution of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission authorizing the use and acceptance of electronic signatures in accordance with RCW 19.360.020 and ESSB 6028 and further authorizing the development of procedures for implementation of the electronic signature policy.

Mr. Richter moved to approve the resolution authorizing the use and acceptance of electronic signatures. Ms. Klontz seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Walker stated that he wanted to begin his report talking about how organizationally the Commission is navigating these uncharted waters. Being able to ground our response to this pandemic in our Business Resumption Plan proved very valuable and helped set the tone for our business continuity approach. The Commission now has two full weeks of office-wide telecommuting experience and he admires the way staff have responded. Commission staff are all adjusting to major change in their lives and in work. Staff have been accepting that some of these changes will work smoothly and some will need tweaking. Some changes will feel efficient and others will feel awkward or clunky, but without exception staff are dealing with change gracefully, compassionately and collaboratively. The Commission has created work plans for all staff to work productively from home, addressed individual IT needs, created a number of on-line forms and workflows for routing --for example timecards and leave requests, embraced Microsoft Teams (MS-Teams) and Zoom Video Conference to facilitate staying connected and staying productive both internally as well as with our stakeholders, embracing DocuSign to facilitate electronic signatures and even enotary where possible.

With the help of Margret Graham, our Communications manager. and Tera Albhorn, the Executive Director sends a Daily Update to all staff to stay connected and communicate important announcements from the Governor, Public Health or Building Management, or to share on-line training opportunities or provide IT tips or solutions. This daily touch point is also a way to lighten the mood. Staff now have a MS-Teams page dedicated to the pets of staff with some wonderful pictures.

A number of staff are staying in close contact with NCSHA and other national organizations as the Commission advocate for regulatory relief as well as resources to support those most acutely impacted.

The Executive Director receive almost daily updates from several groups including the NCSHA, Executive Director regarding the stimulus conversation and strategy.

Staff are tracking a variety of important issues, be it:

- a homeowner or renter who cannot afford their housing payment due to illness or job loss,
- or a property owner or a manager dealing with an outbreak in their building,
- or one of our developers who are under construction or soon to be trying to interpret the impact of the Governor's – Stay Home, Stay Health order,
- confirming that publicly finance affordable housing construction is allowed to proceed.

Staff is being told to expect Congress to start work soon on another stimulus package, focused more on state and local government and housing needs and longer-term economic recovery.

Lisa DeBrock, Director of Homeownership Division, stated that in February, for Home Advantage, the Commission had over \$201 million in reservations assisting 662 families. For House Key Opportunity, we had over \$9.5 million in reservations assisting 45 families, totaling \$191 million and 210 families for the month. Although we didn't break any overall production records, it was by far our largest February on record.

The Commission reserved our first University Housing Assistance Program (UHAP) loan this week which is our Employee Assisted Housing Program with the University of Washington. HomeStreet Bank is the originating lender and the loan is expected to close on April 21st.

In the budget that just passed, there is \$607,000 of general funds in a state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 for a statewide nonprofit to assist current and prospective homeowners, and homeowners at risk of foreclosure in which the Commission will be involved.

Valeri Pate, Director of Asset Management and Compliance Division stated that Asset Management has been working to continue their monitoring processes around the current pandemic situation. Unfortunately, our monthly training sessions were cancelled, however staff is working on developing online training solutions going forward. AMC will continue to monitor rule changes and revisions and implement them as they become available.

Bob Cook, Senior Director of the Finance Division, gave a high-level market update, that focused on the Single-Family side.

Informational Report on Department of Commerce Activities Ms. Klontz from the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") gave a report as follows:

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The bill that combined the two RCWs governing the Housing Trust Fund, as well as addressing the program's future administration and codifying loan terms, did not make it through the Ways & Means Committee and did not pass this session. The final amended version identified loan terms that Commerce leadership is discussing and is planning to implement for new contracts, despite the bill not passing.

#### Supplemental Operating and Capital Budgets

The supplemental operating budget appropriates \$55 million to the Housing Trust Fund – \$40 million for "traditional" HTF projects, \$10 million for expiring United States Department of Agriculture or other low-income restricted projects, and \$5 million for the preservation of existing HTF projects. The supplemental capital budget passed with some changes in the list of direct appropriations, and added \$5 million for cottage villages (e.g., tiny homes). It also added \$7.8 million to be granted to 11 member-selected shelters, and \$1 million added to a rapid pilot for ROC Northwest to preserve mobile home parks.

#### **HTF 2019 Funding Round**

Award letters were sent to organizations that received awards in the 2019 funding round. A total of \$91.5 million was awarded. Commerce and the Housing Finance Commission collaborated on the next steps for the projects that received an HTF award, but could not secure tax credits in the non-metro 9% tax credit pool. One project (Willapa Center) is being fully funded by the HTF instead of tax credits. Two others (Mountainview and Skagit County Permanent Supportive Housing) are anticipating forward-committed credits, thanks to the Commission's approval. The remaining projects received conditional awards pending discussions whether the applicant has a Plan B for securing the necessary funding to move the project forward.

#### **Preservation Funding Round**

Award recommendations will be made shortly for the available portfolio preservation funding round. We anticipate announcing them at the end of March. These funds are for existing HTF projects needing significant building improvements, preservation, and system replacements. Approximately \$16 million has been requested from projects seeking these funds.

#### **Rural Workgroup**

A rural workgroup has been created to continue the discussion on how to incentivize more housing investments in rural communities. A draft of strategies was provided at the PAT and AHAB meetings. The strategies were formulated from stakeholder suggestions at the December PAT meeting. Emily Grossman will help the HTF team with convening the workgroup and leading these discussions. Thank you to the Commission (Lisa and Bob) for agreeing to be a part of this important topic.

#### Affordable and Supportive Housing Sales and Use Tax

Affordable and Supportive Housing Sales and Use Tax Rulemaking is complete. Fifty-two jurisdictions have adopted the tax so far.

#### **Farmworker Housing Study**

Outreach events have been postponed due to COVID-19, and may be rescheduled for late summer.

#### **Housing Assistance Unit**

The Housing Assistance Unit is working to distribute \$30 million in emergency grants to counties to help respond to the COVID-19 crisis. HAU is working with grantees to provide guidance and information on how to support their vulnerable clients during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### **Office of Homeless Youth**

The Office of Homeless Youth is providing guidance and information to grantees as they work to support their vulnerable clients during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### **Growth Management**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Growth Management Services and Community Services and Housing Division staff are planning to remotely present a Short Course on Housing Affordability for planners in Dayton on May 12.

**Consent Agenda** The consent agenda was approved as mailed.

Adjournment

Signature