

Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority

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**Gonzaga
University,
Series 2019:
Public Hearing
(OID 19-W02)**

Mr. Paul Edwards, Deputy Director of the Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, opened the public hearing at 1:01 p.m.

In addition to Mr. Edwards, Ms. Carol Johnson and Mr. Mike Gary, Authority staff, were also present in the Elliott Bay Room at the Authority's offices located at 1000 Second Avenue, 28th floor in Seattle, WA 98104. Authority board members Mr. Jerry Cohen, Mr. Michael Meotti, and Dr. Gene Sharratt were present by phone.

Mr. Joe Smith, CFO of Gonzaga University and Treasurer of the Corporation of Gonzaga University, and Ms. Dana McCullough, Treasury Manager, Gonzaga University, were both present by phone.

Mr. Edwards stated that the public hearing was being held concerning the proposed issuance by the Authority of tax-exempt revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$45,000,000 to benefit Gonzaga University (the "University").

Mr. Edwards stated further that the bonds will be issued as qualified 501 (c)(3) bonds under both Section 145 of the IRS Code of 1986 as amended, and Chapter 28B.07 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to the University, with the bond proceeds loaned to the University to finance the design, construction, installation, and furnishing of an Integrated Sciences & Engineering (ISE) facility and the retrofitting of other space & certain equipment outlays in academic buildings near the ISE facility (Herak & Hughes Halls) located on the University's campus bounded by Ruby and Hamilton Streets and Sharp Avenue and adjacent to the Spokane River in Spokane, WA 99258.

Proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to finance miscellaneous capital improvements to University facilities located on the University's campus; and any other costs, fees, reserves, capitalized interest, and permitted issuance expenses associated with the transaction.

Mr. Edwards asked if Mr. Joe Smith, the CFO from Gonzaga University, had any comments on the project. Mr. Smith stated that Gonzaga University is excited for this project. It adds capacity to preexisting buildings that serve their science and engineering students, and it enhances

those offerings, in particular, for students with strong desires to study in STEM fields. Mr. Smith stated further that groundbreaking on the new building will be occurring in just a few weeks, with a completion date sometime in fall of 2021.

Mr. Cohen and Dr. Sharratt both commented that they read over the proposal for this bond financing and that it looked very good.

Mr. Edwards asked if anyone else on the phone would like to testify or comment.

Mr. Edwards stated that no one from the public was present in person to make oral statements or testimony concerning the proposed bonds and the projects.

Ms. Johnson stated that no written comments were received from the public.

Mr. Edwards noted that the results of the hearing will be sent to the Governor for approval.

Mr. Edwards then closed the public hearing at 1:06 p.m.