

# Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority

## MINUTES

October 12, 2021

**Whitman  
College, Series  
2021: Public  
Hearing (OID  
21-W03)**

Carol Johnson, Affiliates Manager, announced that the public hearing was being held remotely in order to comply with the State's directive, that the hearing had been determined to be necessary and routine as required by the Governor's order, and that it was being recorded.

Paul Edwards officially opened the public hearing at 1:32 p.m. via teleconference.

In addition to Mr. Edwards and Ms. Johnson, Authority board member Lt. Governor Denny Heck; Authority staff Rona Monillas; Peter Harvey, Chief Financial Officer of Whitman College; and Brad Gysin from Stifel Nicolaus Financial Group were also on the line.

Mr. Edwards stated that the public hearing was being held concerning the proposed plan of financing for the issuance by the Authority of one or more series of tax-exempt revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 for the benefit of Whitman College.

Mr. Edwards further stated that the Bonds will be issued by the Authority as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Code and proceeds will be used to redeem prior revenue bonds of the Authority that were issued in 2004 and 2008 to finance the construction and improvement of educational facilities all located at the College's campus in Walla Walla, Washington.

Proceeds will also be used to finance the termination payments of two interest rate swaps associated with the 2004 and 2008 prior bonds.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Harvey from Whitman College for additional comments. Mr. Harvey explained how the refinancing will simplify the College's debt structure and make it more favorable to rating agencies. He added that this allows the College to maintain their debt service while having no impact on its operating budget.

Lt. Governor Heck asked for clarification on financing outcomes. Mr. Harvey confirmed the Lt. Governor's assessment that the transaction is being done to consolidate and simplify the college's balance sheet, that there would be no cost savings, and that there would be no additional funds available for new construction or remodeling.

Mr. Edwards opened the public hearing for public comment. There were no members of the public attending that wished to provide public comment. Ms. Johnson stated that no written comments were received.

Mr. Edwards then closed the public hearing at 1:36 p.m.