

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: BHE 23-37

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATE: March 20, 2023

BOARD DATE: March 28, 2023

**APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY
REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY Refunding Revenue Bonds Community College Program.

The Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") is hereby authorized to issue refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Authority's outstanding Project Revenue Bonds (Community College Program), Series 1, dated March 16, 2014, and Project Revenue Bonds (Community College Program), Series 2, dated January 20, 2017, in order to achieve debt service savings and provide for the costs of issuance of the refunding bonds, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education, to approve in writing the issuance by said Authority of bonds for such refunding purpose and to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates and other instruments necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance of such refunding bonds, including, without limitation, an amended and restated contract with the Authority and a continuing disclosure agreement with the Authority.

VOTED: Motion adopted and advanced to the full Board for approval by the Executive Committee 3/20/2023; and adopted by the BHE 3/28/2023.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 4, 6, and 9; Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, sections 1-3, et seq., as amended.

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Background

The MSCBA has two outstanding revenue bonds in the Community College program. The first tranche was issued in 2014, and the second in 2017. The call date for the bonds are 5/1/24 and 11/2/24, respectively. MSCBA believes that authorizing a refund of the remaining debt will allow Mount Wachusett Community College to save interest costs as long as the interest rates in the market provides at least the 4% present value savings listed in their debt management policy.