

## **AUTHORIZATION TO SELL REFUNDING BONDS**

### **Recommendation**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Governors adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance of Wayne State University general revenue bonds. The bonds will be issued for refinancing of prior outstanding debt to achieve interest rate savings. The bond proceeds would be used to refund all or a substantial portions of the outstanding Series 2007A bonds (\$25,500,000 par bond outstanding), Series 2008 bonds (\$151,665,000 par bonds outstanding) and Series 2009A bonds (\$88,255,000 par bonds outstanding). The total par amount of the refinancing bonds is dependent on market conditions.

### **Background and Project Description**

The current interest rate environment makes it attractive to refinance all or substantial portions of the Series 2007A, Series 2008 and 2009A bonds. The Series 2007A, 2008 and 2009A bonds are fully refundable in November 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively. Each series can be advance refunded prior to the call date. These bonds have a remaining maturity of approximately 21, 19 and 13 years, respectively.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF  
GENERAL REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS  
AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of Wayne State University (the “Board”) is a constitutional body corporate established pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, with general supervision of Wayne State University (the “University”) and the control and direction of all expenditures from the University’s funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously issued and has outstanding certain series of General Revenue Bonds payable from and secured by a lien on General Revenues (as hereinafter defined) (collectively, the “Prior Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, it may be appropriate and economic to refund all or portions of the outstanding Prior Bonds as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer (hereinafter defined) (the portions of the Prior Bonds to be refunded, if any, as determined by an Authorized Officer, is referred to herein as the “Bonds to be Refunded”); and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its constitutional duties, and in order to prudently control and direct expenditures from the University’s funds, the Board determines it is necessary and desirable to authorize the issuance of General Revenue Refunding Bonds (the “Bonds”), payable from and secured by a pledge of General Revenues, in order to provide funds that, together with other available funds of the Board, will be used to pay all or part of the costs of refunding the Bonds to be Refunded and to pay costs incidental to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding; and

WHEREAS, if the Bonds are issued, one or more trust indentures (collectively, the “Trust Indenture”) must be entered into by and between the Board and a trustee (the “Trustee”) to be designated by an Authorized Officer, pursuant to which the Bonds will be issued and secured; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Authorized Officers, or either of them individually, to negotiate the sale of the Bonds with an underwriter or group of underwriters to be selected by an Authorized Officer (collectively, the “Underwriter”) and to enter into one or more bond purchase agreements with the Underwriter (collectively, the “Bond Purchase Agreement”) setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the Underwriter will agree to purchase the Bonds and the interest rates thereof and the purchase price therefor; and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to market the Bonds at the most opportune time, it is necessary for the Board to authorize the President and the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (each an “Authorized Officer”), or either of them individually, to negotiate the terms of and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement, and other related documents, to establish the specific terms of the Bonds and to accept the offer of the Underwriter to purchase the Bonds, and to undertake such other actions on behalf of the Board as authorized herein, all within the limitations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the trust indentures authorizing the Prior Bonds create certain conditions for the issuance of additional obligations payable from and secured by a pledge of General Revenues on a parity basis with the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer shall, on or prior to the date of delivery of the Bonds, certify that the conditions for issuing the Bonds, secured by General Revenues on a parity basis with the Prior Bonds, have been met; and

WHEREAS, the refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded through the issuance of Bonds, and the other actions as provided herein, will serve proper and appropriate public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has full power under its constitutional authority for supervision of the University, and control and direction of expenditures from the University's funds, to refund the Bonds to be Refunded and to pay all or a part of the costs of the refunding by issuance of the Bonds, and to pledge General Revenues for payment of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby approves the refunding of all or any portion of the Prior Bonds, and authorizes the Authorized Officers, or either of them, to select the portion, if any, of the Prior Bonds to constitute the Bonds to be Refunded, based on whether such refunding would produce interest or other cost savings or a more favorable debt service structure, or would provide more favorable terms and covenants, and to fund, if deemed appropriate, a portion of the costs of the refunding from available funds of the University and the balance of such costs from the proceeds of the Bonds, and to proceed with the refunding.

2. The Board hereby authorizes the issuance, execution and delivery of the Bonds of the Board, in one or more series, to be designated GENERAL REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, with appropriate series designations, in the aggregate original principal amount to be established by an Authorized Officer, but not to exceed the principal amount necessary to accomplish the refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded and to pay costs related thereto. The Bonds shall be dated as of the date or dates established by an Authorized Officer, and shall be issued for the purpose of providing funds which, together with other available funds, will be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of refunding the Bonds to be Refunded and to pay costs related to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding, including the costs of bond insurance premiums, if an Authorized Officer determines such insurance to be appropriate. The Bonds shall be serial bonds or term bonds, which may be subject to redemption requirements, or both, as shall be established by an Authorized Officer, but the first maturity or mandatory redemption date shall be no earlier than November 1, 2016 and the last maturity shall be no later than December 31, 2039. The Bonds may be issued as federally tax-exempt bonds or as federally taxable bonds, or any combination thereof, as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer. The Bonds shall bear interest at stated fixed rates for the respective maturities thereof as shall be established by an Authorized Officer, but the weighted average yield of the Bonds (computed using the stated coupon and the stated original offering price) shall not exceed 5.5% per annum for tax-exempt bonds and 8.0% per annum for taxable bonds. The Bonds may be subject to redemption or call for purchase prior to maturity at the times

and prices and in the manner as shall be established by an Authorized Officer, but no redemption premium shall exceed 3% of the principal amount being redeemed, unless the redemption price is based on a “make whole” formula, in which case the redemption premium shall not exceed 25% of the principal amount being redeemed. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at such times as shall be specified by an Authorized Officer. The Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form in the denominations, shall be payable as to principal and interest in the manner, shall be subject to transfer and exchange, and shall be executed and authenticated, and may be issued in book-entry-only form, all as shall be provided in the Trust Indenture. The Bonds shall be sold to the Underwriter for a price to be established by an Authorized Officer (but the Underwriter’s discount, exclusive of original issue discount, shall not exceed 2.00% of the principal amount thereof) plus accrued interest, if any, from the dated date of the Bonds to the date of delivery thereof.

In relation to the debt service on all or any portion of the Bonds, either of the Authorized Officers may, at any time, on behalf of and as the act of the Board, enter into or modify an interest rate swap, cap, forward starting swap, option, swaption, rate lock or similar agreement or agreements (collectively, the “Swap Agreement”) with a counterparty or counterparties to be selected by the Authorized Officer. Such Swap Agreement shall provide for payments between the Board and the counterparty related to interest on all or a portion of the Bonds, at indexed or market established rates. If the Swap Agreement is entered into at approximately the same time as the issuance of the Bonds and is related to the Bonds, the expected effective interest rates on the Bonds to which the Swap Agreement relates, taking into account the effect of the Swap Agreement, shall be within the limitations set forth herein. Any Swap Agreement may, if determined necessary or appropriate by an Authorized Officer, be subsequently terminated, in whole or in part, which may result in termination payments due by the Board. Any such required termination payments and other costs of termination may be funded from available funds of the University or the proceeds of the Bonds or other indebtedness of the Board, as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer.

3. The Bonds, and the obligations of the Board under the Swap Agreement, if any, shall be limited and not general obligations of the Board, payable from and, except as provided below in this Section 3, secured by a lien on, the General Revenues (as shall be defined in the Trust Indenture in a manner generally consistent with the definition thereof contained in the trust indentures pursuant to which the Prior Bonds were issued). Except as otherwise determined by an Authorized Officer, as provided below in this Section 3, the lien on General Revenues securing the Bonds and the Swap Agreement, if any, shall be on a parity basis with the liens on General Revenues securing the Prior Bonds and other previously issued obligations of the Board secured by a first lien on General Revenues. The Bonds, and the obligations of the Board under the Swap Agreement, if any, may also be payable from and secured by a lien on moneys, securities or other investments from time to time on deposit in certain funds created pursuant to the Trust Indenture or the agreements entered into in connection with the Swap Agreement, if any.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal amount of or interest or premium on the Bonds, or for the payment of any amounts owing under the Swap Agreement, if any, or for any claim based thereon, against the State of Michigan, or any member or agent of the Board (including, without limitation, any officer or employee of the University), as individuals, either directly or indirectly, nor, except as specifically provided in the Trust Indenture or the agreements entered into in connection with the Swap Agreement, if any, against the Board, nor shall the Bonds

and interest or premium with respect thereto, or any obligations of the Board in connection with the Swap Agreement, if any, become a lien on or be secured by any property, real, personal or mixed, of the State of Michigan or the Board, other than General Revenues and the moneys, securities or other investments from time to time on deposit in certain funds established as pledged pursuant to the Trust Indenture or pursuant to agreements entered into in connection with the Swap Agreement, if any.

Any pledge of General Revenues, and of funds specified in the Trust Indenture or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Swap Agreement, if any, shall be valid and binding from the date of the issuance and delivery of the Bonds or such agreements, and all moneys or properties subject thereto that are thereafter received shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without physical delivery or further act. The lien of said pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties (other than the holders of any other bonds, notes or other obligations secured by a parity first lien on General Revenues) having a claim in tort, contract or otherwise against the Board, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of the lien.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any obligations of the Board under the Swap Agreement may, if determined appropriate by an Authorized Officer, be payable and secured on a subordinated basis to the Bonds and other General Revenue obligations of the Board, or may be payable from General Revenues but be unsecured.

4. The right is reserved to issue additional bonds, notes or other obligations payable from General Revenues and secured on a parity or subordinated basis with the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and other obligations of the Board so secured by a lien on General Revenues, upon compliance with the terms and conditions therefor as shall be set forth in the Trust Indenture.

5. Either Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, and as its corporate act and deed, to select the Trustee, and to negotiate, execute and deliver the Trust Indenture in the form as an Authorized Officer may approve upon recommendation of legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Trust Indenture by an Authorized Officer. The Trust Indenture may contain such covenants on behalf of the Board and terms as either such officer deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, covenants with respect to the establishment of General Revenues at levels expressed as a percentage of debt service on the Bonds or all General Revenue obligations of the Board, and with respect to the issuance of additional bonds, notes or other obligations payable from and secured by General Revenues. In addition, either Authorized Officer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate, if deemed appropriate by an Authorized Officer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, for the acquisition of bond insurance and to execute and deliver an insurance commitment or other documents or instruments required in connection with such insurance.

6. Either Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board and as its corporate act and deed, to select the Underwriter and to negotiate, execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter setting forth the terms of the Bonds and the sale thereof, and containing such other covenants and agreements of the Board as may be required by the Underwriter in connection therewith, in the form as an Authorized Officer may approve, all within the limitations set forth herein.

7. Either Authorized Officer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, and as its corporate act and deed, to execute the Bonds by manual or facsimile signature, and to deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter in exchange for the purchase price therefor.

8. Either Authorized Officer is authorized to solicit ratings on the Bonds from any national rating services that the Authorized Officer deems appropriate and to cause the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement with respect to each series of the Bonds, to deem such official statements “final” in accordance with applicable law, and to execute and deliver the Official Statements. Either Authorized Officer, or the Underwriter or the University’s financial advisor, as appropriate, is authorized to circulate and use, in accordance with applicable law, the Preliminary Official Statements and the Official Statements in connection with the offering, marketing and sale of the Bonds.

9. The President, the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary to the Board, and any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board or the University are each hereby authorized to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Board all instruments and documents required by this Resolution, the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Swap Agreement, or necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, as contemplated hereby, including, if deemed appropriate, one or more escrow deposit agreements with an escrow agent to be selected by an Authorized Officer as may be necessary to accomplish the refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded. Either Authorized Officer is authorized to designate and empower the escrow agent to subscribe for United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series, on behalf of the Board, as may be necessary in connection with any refunding authorized hereby. Either Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute and deliver all instruments and documents for and on behalf of the Board or the University required, necessary or appropriate for the ongoing administration or operation of the financing program represented by the Bonds, the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Swap Agreement. Any action required under the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Swap Agreement or any other instrument related to the Bonds, may be taken by and on behalf of the Board by an Authorized Officer. Any reference to an officer of the Board or the University herein shall include any interim or acting officer appointed by the Board.

10. In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board may be required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to enter into one or more continuing disclosure undertakings for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. Either Authorized Officer is authorized to cause to be prepared and to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Board, the continuing disclosure undertakings.

11. If deemed necessary by the University’s bond counsel, either Authorized Officer is authorized to arrange for the publication of a notice of and to conduct a public hearing with respect to the issuance of the Bonds, all in accordance with requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

12. Any resolutions or parts of resolutions or other proceedings of the Board in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists.

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Governors of Wayne State University at a meeting held on April 1, 2016, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with all applicable law, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

I further certify as follows:

1. Present at the meeting were the following Board members:

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Absent from the meeting were the following Board members:

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2. The following members of the Board voted for the adoption of the Resolution:

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The following members of the Board voted against adoption of the Resolution:

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RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors of  
Wayne State University