

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION
BARD COLLEGE SERIES 2023 BONDS**

A special meeting of the Dutchess County Local Development Corporation was convened in public session on May 23, 2023 at 8:10 a.m., local time, at the Dutchess County Local Development Corporation's Offices, Three Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairman, with the following members being:

PRESENT: Mark Doyle, Vice Chairman
Kathleen M. Bauer, Secretary/Treasurer
Alfred D. Torreggiani
Donald R. Sagliano
Ronald J. Piccone, II
Amy L. Bombardieri

ABSENT: Timothy Dean, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Lee, Chief Executive Officer
Jane Denbaum, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Cappillino, Counsel
Elizabeth A. Cappillino, Counsel

On motion duly made by Donald R. Sagliano and seconded by Ronald J. Piccone, II, the following resolution (the "**Resolution**") was placed before the members of the Dutchess County Local Development Corporation:

Resolution (i) Taking official action toward the issuance of an amount presently estimated to be approximately \$155,000,000 and in any event not to exceed \$160,000,000 principal amount of Revenue Bonds (Bard College Project), Series 2023; (ii) Authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement by and between the Issuer and Bard College with respect to the financing of the Project.

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Local Development Corporation (the "**Issuer**") was duly formed under §102(a)(5) of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law ("**N-PCL**") as a local development corporation, a Type C Corporation under §201 of the N-PCL, for the purpose of conducting activities that will: relieve and reduce unemployment in Dutchess County, New York (the "**County**"); promote and provide for additional and maximum employment in the County; better and maintain job opportunities in the County; instruct or train individuals in the County to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs; carry on scientific research for the purpose of aiding the County by attracting new industry to the County; encourage the development of, or retention of, an industry in the County; and lessen the burdens of government and acting in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer’s corporate powers include, but are not limited to, the power to finance facilities for education corporations, acquire, improve, maintain, equip and furnish projects, to lease such projects and collect rent; to sell and convey any and all of its property, to loan the proceeds of its bonds to not-for-profit corporations and other entities whenever the Board of Directors of the Issuer shall find such action to be in furtherance of the purposes for which it was organized; and to issue bonds for the purpose of carrying out any of its powers; all bonds to be payable solely out of revenues and receipts derived from the leasing or sale by the Issuer of its projects; and

WHEREAS, Bard College, a New York education corporation (the “**College**”), has submitted an application to the Issuer (the “**Application**”), a copy of which application is on file at the office of the Issuer, which application requested that the Issuer consider undertaking a project for the benefit of the College consisting of the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds under Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) or taxable revenue bonds, in one or more series, in the principal amount presently estimated to be One Hundred Fifty-Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$155,000,000) but not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,000,000) (the “**Series 2023 Bonds**”) to be used as follows:

(A) Paying the costs of construction and installation of the following improvements to be located on the College’s main campus whose primary address is 30 Campus Road, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY 12504 (the “**Main Campus**”):

(1) the construction, furnishing, and equipping of North Campus Residence Halls comprising approximately 50,000 square feet of building footprint. The North Campus Residence Halls is configured as four student housing buildings, as well as a fifth building, the Head House, as an amenity space, all located on an undeveloped field on the northern part of the Main Campus, adjacent to Robbins Hall off of Robbins Road. The Residence Halls are designed as apartment style student housing with single and double room occupancy and approximately 300 rooms. The Head House contains a 200-person multipurpose hall along with wellness space, classrooms, maker space, team rooms and student lounges to serve the northern portion of the Main Campus; and

(2) the construction, furnishing, and equipping of an approximately 20,000 square foot of building footprint for the Performing Arts Lab, located on an undeveloped field on the northern part of the Main Campus, next to the Fisher Center’s parking lots at the end of Robbins Road, to house teaching and workshop spaces, studio space, and small-scale performance spaces to be used for student music and dance programs as well as professional productions; and

(3) renovations and upgrades to buildings and infrastructure on the Main Campus;

- (B) Paying capitalized interest on the Series 2023 Bonds;
- (C) Funding any required reserves, if deemed necessary in connection with the sale of the Series 2023 Bonds; and
- (D) Paying all or a portion of the costs incidental to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds (together with paragraphs (A), (B) and (C), above, the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the laws and regulations hereinafter collectively referred to as “**SEQRA**”), the Issuer must determine whether the financing of the Project by the Issuer may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has not yet completed its review nor made a determination under SEQRA but shall do so prior to the final approval of financing for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has not yet held a hearing pursuant to §147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds has not yet been presented for approval by the Issuer, a Preliminary Agreement relative to the proposed issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds by the Issuer has been presented for approval by the Issuer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Issuer, as follows:

1. Based upon the representations made by the College to the Issuer, the Issuer hereby finds and determines that:

- (a) The Project constitutes a project within the scope of the corporate powers of the Issuer and is consistent with its corporate purposes in that the financing of the Project by the Issuer, through the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds will promote job opportunities, health, general prosperity and the economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County, and improve their standard of living; and
- (b) It is desirable and in the public interest to issue the Series 2023 Bonds in the aggregate principal amount presently estimated to be One Hundred Fifty-Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$155,000,000) but not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,000,000) for the purpose of financing the Project, together with the necessary expenses in connection therewith; and

2. Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution, the Issuer will:

- (a) issue the Series 2023 Bonds in an amount presently estimated to be One Hundred Fifty-Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$155,000,000) but not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,000,000), the particular series designation, amount, maturities, interest rate, redemption terms and other terms and provisions to be determined by a further resolution of the Issuer;
- (b) if required in connection with the undertaking of the Project, acquire title to or a leasehold interest in the Project;
- (c) if required in connection with the undertaking of the Project, lease (with option to purchase) or sell the Facility to the College pursuant to an agreement by and between the Issuer and the College, or, in the alternative, loan the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds to the College pursuant to a loan agreement by and between the Issuer and the College, whereby the College will be obligated under such agreement or loan agreement, as the case may be, among other things to make payments to the Issuer in amounts and at times so that payments will be adequate to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all such Series 2023 Bonds; and
- (d) secure the Series 2023 Bonds in such manner as the Issuer, the College or the purchasers of the Series 2023 Bonds mutually deem appropriate. The Issuer shall not be required to incur and shall not incur any financial liability with respect to the Project.

3. The issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds, as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to:

- (a) execution and delivery by the College of the Preliminary Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" setting forth certain conditions for the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds;
- (b) agreement by the Issuer, the College and the purchaser of the Series 2023 Bonds on mutually acceptable terms for the Series 2023 Bonds and for the sale and delivery thereof and mutually acceptable terms and conditions for the security for the payment thereof;
- (c) a determination made by the Issuer under SEQRA that the Project will not have an adverse environmental impact;
- (d) approval of the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds in accordance with the provisions of §147(f) of the Code; and

- (e) receipt by the Issuer of evidence that all required approvals, in connection with the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds has been obtained.

4. The form and substance of a proposed agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting) by and between the Issuer and the College setting forth the undertakings of the Issuer and the College with respect to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds and the providing of the Project (the “**Preliminary Agreement**”) are hereby approved. The Chief Executive Officer and/or Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Issuer is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Issuer, to execute and deliver the Preliminary Agreement and the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Issuer is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Issuer hereto and to attest to this meeting, with such changes in terms and conditions as the Chief Executive Officer or Chairman (or Vice Chairman) shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

5. The law firm of Ballard Spahr LLP, New York, New York, is hereby appointed Bond Counsel to the Issuer in relation to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds.

6. Based upon the information provided by the College to the Issuer in the College’s application for financing, the Issuer reasonably expects that expenditures to be incurred by the College in connection with the Project prior to the date of issuance and sale of the Series 2023 Bonds will be reimbursed to the College out of the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds. It is intended that this resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under United States Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

7. Counsel to the Issuer and Bond Counsel for the Issuer are hereby authorized to work with counsel to the College and others to prepare for submission to the Issuer, all documents necessary to effect the authorization, issuance, and sale of the Series 2023 Bonds. The College shall be responsible for the fees of Issuer, Issuer’s Counsel and Bond Counsel in relation to the Project and the financing thereof.

8. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Issuer is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the College and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution. The Chief Executive Officer and/or Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Issuer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cause a public hearing concerning this Project to be conducted after due notice by publication in accordance with law and is further authorized to appoint counsel or co-counsel to the Issuer as designee to conduct the public hearing. The Issuer hereby appoints each Member of the Issuer and the Issuer Counsel to serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer for the purposes of this Project.

9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Timothy Dean, Chairman	being	ABSENT
Mark Doyle, Vice Chairman	VOTING	“Aye”
Kathleen M. Bauer, Secretary/Treasurer	VOTING	“Aye”
Alfred D. Torreggiani	VOTING	“Aye”
Donald R. Sagliano	VOTING	“Aye”
Ronald J. Piccone, II	VOTING	“Aye”
Amy L. Bombardieri	VOTING	“Aye”

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Adopted: May 23, 2023

**PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT
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THIS PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT (the “**Preliminary Agreement**”), made as of May 23, 2023 between the **DUTCHESS COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, a not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, having offices at Three Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 (the “**Issuer**”), and **BARD COLLEGE**, a New York education corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having mailing address of Campus Road, P.O. Box 5000, Annandale on Hudson, New York 12504 (the “**College**”).

WHEREAS, the Issuer was duly formed under §102(a)(5) of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (“**N-PCL**”) as a local development corporation, a Type C Corporation under §201 of the N-PCL, for the purpose of conducting activities that will: relieve and reduce unemployment in Dutchess County, New York (the “**County**”); promote and provide for additional and maximum employment in the County; better and maintain job opportunities in the County; instruct or train individuals in the County to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs; carry on scientific research for the purpose of aiding the County by attracting new industry to the County; encourage the development of, or retention of, an industry in the County; and lessen the burdens of government and acting in the public interest; and

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- (D) Paying all or a portion of the costs incidental to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds (together with paragraphs (A), (B) and (C), above, the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined that the financing of the Project will promote and further its corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Issuer adopted a Preliminary Resolution (the “**Preliminary Resolution**”) authorizing the Project and the execution of this Preliminary Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Issuer and the College agree as follows:

1. Undertakings of the Issuer. Based upon the statements, representations, and undertakings of the College and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Preliminary Resolution, the Issuer agrees as follows:

(a) The Issuer shall authorize, sell, and deliver an issue of its Series 2023 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount presently estimated to be One Hundred Fifty-Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$155,000,000) but not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,000,000) for the purpose of financing the Project.

(b) The Issuer shall adopt, or cause to be adopted, such proceedings and authorize the execution of such documents as may be necessary or advisable for (i) the authorization, issuance, and sale of the Series 2023 Bonds, (ii) the financial assistance contemplated by the Project including the financing of the Project, issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds and providing a potential exemption from mortgage recording taxes and (iii) the loaning of the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds to the College, all as shall be authorized by law and be mutually satisfactory to the Issuer and the College.

(c) The Issuer shall enter into an agreement to loan the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds to the College pursuant to a loan agreement by and between the Issuer and the College (the “**Loan Agreement**”), whereby the College will be obligated to, among other things, make payments to the Issuer in amounts and at times so that payments will be adequate to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all such Series 2023 Bonds.

(d) The Issuer shall take or cause to be taken such other acts and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement the aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

2. Representations of the College. The College hereby represents to the Issuer that:

(a) The Project is located in Dutchess County, New York;

(b) The financing of the Project through the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds will encourage and assist the College in providing the Project;

(c) The proposed financing will contribute to the retention of employment at the College and will enhance the competitiveness of the College; and

(d) The College intends that the Project has and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinance, rules, and regulations and the College has obtained and will maintain all necessary approvals and permits required thereunder.

3. Undertakings of the College. Based upon the statements, representations, and undertakings of the Issuer and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Preliminary Resolution, the College agrees as follows:

(a) The College shall use all reasonable efforts to find, or cause to be found, one or more purchasers for the Series 2023 Bonds.

(b) The College shall use all reasonable efforts necessary or desirable to enter into a contract or contracts to borrow the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bonds from the Issuer and execute the Loan Agreement.

(c) The College shall contemporaneously with the delivery of the Series 2023 Bonds, enter into the Loan Agreement with the Issuer containing the terms and conditions described in Paragraph 1(c) hereof.

(d) (i) The College shall defend and indemnify the Issuer and hold the Issuer harmless from all losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of or based on: labor, services, materials and supplies, including equipment, ordered or used in connection with the financing (including any expense incurred by the Issuer in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing), whether such claims or liabilities arise as a result of the College acting as agent for the Issuer pursuant to this Preliminary Agreement or otherwise.

(ii) The College shall not permit to stand, and shall at its own expense take all steps reasonably necessary to remove, any mechanic's or other liens against the Project for labor or constructing, furnishing, equipping, improving and renovating of the Project.

(iii) The College shall indemnify and hold the Issuer harmless from all claims and liabilities for loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned subsequent to the date hereof by any cause whatsoever in relation to the Project, including any expenses incurred by the Issuer in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of the foregoing, except that the College shall not be required to indemnify the Issuer for the willful misconduct or grossly negligent conduct of the Issuer.

(e) The College shall take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

4. General Provisions.

(a) This Preliminary Agreement shall take effect on the date of execution hereof until the Loan Agreement becomes effective. It is the intent of the Issuer and the College that this Preliminary Agreement be superseded in its entirety by the Loan Agreement.

(b) It is understood and agreed by the Issuer and the College that the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds and the execution of the Loan Agreement and related documents are subject to: (i) obtaining all necessary governmental approvals, (ii) approval of the members of the Issuer; and (iii) agreement by the Issuer, the College and the purchaser or purchasers of the Series 2023 Bonds upon mutually acceptable terms for the Series 2023 Bonds, the Loan Agreement and for any related documents.

(c) The College agrees that it will reimburse the Issuer for all reasonable and necessary direct out-of-pocket expenses which the Issuer may incur as a consequence of executing this Preliminary Agreement or performing its obligations hereunder, including but not limited to, the cost of causing a notice of any public hearing held with respect to the Project to be published, the cost of making and transcribing records of said hearings and the reasonable fees and expenses charged and incurred by Bond Counsel and Issuer's Counsel in connection with their

representation of Issuer in this matter and their preparation of any documents pertaining to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds.

(d) All commitments of the Issuer under Section 1 hereof and of the College under Sections 2 and 3 hereof (excepting the obligations of the College set forth in subsections 3(d) and 4(c) hereof, which shall survive the termination of this Preliminary Agreement) are subject to the condition that the Series 2023 Bonds have been issued no later than twenty-five (25) months from the date hereof (or such other date as shall be mutually satisfactory to the Issuer and the College).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Preliminary Agreement as of the 23rd day of May, 2023.

DUTCHESS COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

By: _____
Sarah Lee, Chief Executive Officer

BARD COLLEGE

By: _____
Taun N. Toay, CFO/Senior Vice President