



CLIMBER Small Business Loan Program  
Oversight Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2024

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Treasurer Dave Young, Board Chair  
Malcolm Evans  
Dianne Myles  
Bonifacio Sandoval  
Tristan Watkins

**Additional Attendees:**

Steve Boice, CHFA  
Katherine Cantillo, OEDIT  
Jim Eke, Treasury Staff  
Erin Gallegos, Treasury Staff  
Sean Gould, OEDIT  
Terrance Grady, CHFA  
Sonya Guram, OEDIT  
LeeAnn Morrill, Attorney General's Office  
Harsha Sekar, Michael Best and Friedreich LLP  
Sam Taylor, Treasury Staff

**1:03 pm Welcome, Roll Call**

**1:04 Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024, and February 15, 2024.**

Tristan made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Malcolm seconded the motion.

- Dave Young – Yes
- Malcolm Evans – Yes
- Dianne Myles – Excused
- Bonifacio Sandoval – Excused
- Tristan Watkins – Yes

Tristan made a motion to approve the February 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Malcolm seconded the motion.

- Dave Young – Yes
- Malcolm Evans – Yes
- Dianne Myles – Excused
- Bonifacio Sandoval - Excused
- Tristan Watkins – Yes

**1:06 pm Extension of Tranche Two Terms**

Dianne and Bonifacio joined during this portion of the meeting.

In statute, there is ambiguity about when the second draw needs to happen. Staff would like to clear up this language so there are no issues. Since this is a minor change the Board can vote on the change without having to take the MFA back to the banks. There was a Board discussion and Hersha shared a motion for the Board to use. CHFA does not have any issues with the change.

Malcolm motioned to move Pursuant to Section 3.02 of that certain Master Funding Agreement dated as of July 19, 2023, and amended as of November 7, 2023 and March 4, 2024, by and between the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, First National Nebraska Community Development Corporation, Northern Trust, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., I move to extend the Origination Date to the date that is 180 days after the Participants' second disbursement, as described in Section 6.2(D) of said Master Funding Agreement. Tristan seconded the motion.

- Dave Young – Yes
- Malcolm Evans – Yes
- Dianne Myles – Yes
- Bonifacio Sandoval - Yes
- Tristan Watkins – Yes

#### **1:17 pm Updates:**

**New Funding Products:** Staff has met with Banks to discuss what the Banks are interested in for the future. This includes Banks that have not participated in the CLIMBER program before. Three options were discussed. They are the MFA structure, the direct investment with a CDFI/ non-profit lender, and CLIMBER Loan-backed security. CHFA asked how their role would change with some of the options. The Board, CHFA, and staff discussed the possibilities and their challenges.

**Possible Interest Rate:** Sam has been exploring possible scenarios for interest rates. He presented to the Board his findings. There was a discussion about what the highest interest rate the Board would do.

**Tranche 2 Update:** SSBCI funds can be used for participation loans. Before tranche two staff talked to the US Treasury to see if the CLIMBER program could be used for DLC loans. The US Treasury said yes but CLIMBER will need to submit some paperwork. The paperwork started as a minor change and then moved to a full amendment as a major change to the state application. The paperwork is still sitting and the funds are not available. Without the ability to access the DLC funds, CLIMBER will not hit the 90% funding mark to move on to the next tranche. Sam discussed the possibilities the Board can do to get tranche 2 to 90%. One possibility is running a bill to change 90% to 70%. If

tranche 2 closes they will lose the SSBCI funds because they are marked for tranche 2. CLIMBER can also ask for funds back from DLC requests.

**Legislative Updates:** The CLIMBER bill was submitted as a late bill and has a lot of legislative support. The bill will move the program from the Treasury to OEDIT and extend the time of the program so it does not sunset.

**Policy Folder Updates:** The Board members have been given access to a shared folder with all of the Board's policies.

**2:43 Public comments:** facilitated by Dave Young

- Written Comments
  - There were no written comments.
- Verbal Comments
  - There were no verbal comments.