

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Purpose

The members of the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) established the Finance Committee to oversee the Agency's debt and debt practices and to recommend policies concerning the Agency’s issuance and management of debt.

Duties of the Finance Committee

It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to:

- Review proposals for the issuance of debt by the Agency and to make recommendations concerning those proposals to the board.
- Make recommendations to the board concerning the level of debt and nature of debt issued by the Agency.
- Make recommendations concerning the appointment and compensation of bond counsel, investment advisors and underwriting firms used by the Agency, and to oversee the work performed by these individuals and firms on behalf of the Agency.
- Meet with and request information from Agency staff, independent auditors and advisors or outside counsel, as necessary to perform the duties of the committee.
- Retain, at the Agency’s expense, such outside counsel, experts and other advisors as the Finance Committee may deem appropriate.
- Review proposals relating to the repayment of debt or other long-term financing arrangements by the Agency and its subsidiaries.
- Annually review the Agency’s financing guidelines and make recommendations to the board concerning criteria that should govern its financings. These should include security provisions required for a bond financing undertaking, specific requirements of credit enhancements or additional guarantees used, such as a pledge of revenues, financial covenants or debt service reserves.
- Undertake such other responsibilities as may be requested by the Agency's board.

Composition of Committee and Selection of Members

The Finance Committee shall consist of not less than three independent members of the board of directors, who shall constitute a majority on the committee. If the board has less than three independent members, non-independent members may be appointed to the committee provided that the independent members constitute a majority of the committee. The Agency’s board shall appoint the Finance Committee members and the Finance Committee chair. Members shall serve on the committee at the discretion of the board. Members appointed to the committee shall have the background necessary to perform its duties.

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Meetings

The Finance Committee shall meet at such times as deemed advisable by the chair, but not less than twice a year. The committee must meet prior to any debt issuance planned to be undertaken by the Agency.

Members of the Finance Committee are expected to attend each committee meeting, in person or via telephone or videoconference. The Finance Committee may invite other individuals, such as members of management, auditors or other technical experts to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary. A majority of the committee members present or participating through telephone or videoconference shall constitute a quorum.

Meeting agendas shall be prepared prior to every meeting and provided to Finance Committee members along with briefing materials five (5) business days before the scheduled Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee may act only on the affirmative vote of a majority of the members or by unanimous consent. Minutes of these meetings shall be recorded.

A report of the committee's meeting shall be prepared and presented to the board at its next scheduled meeting following the meeting of the committee.

Meetings of the committee are open to the public, and the committee shall be governed by the rules regarding public meetings set forth in the applicable provisions of the Public Authorities Law and Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that relate to public notice and the conduct of executive session.
