

MINUTES OF STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY MEETING

April 28, 2020 – 2:00 P. M.

The State Fiscal Accountability Authority (Authority) met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, via teleconference with the meeting originating from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, South Carolina, with the following members participating in the teleconference:

Governor Henry McMaster, Chair;
Mr. Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., State Treasurer;
Mr. Richard Eckstrom, Comptroller General;
Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; and
Representative G. Murrell Smith, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee.

Also participating in the teleconference meeting were State Fiscal Accountability Authority Executive Director Grant Gillespie (on-site); Authority General Counsel Keith McCook; State Auditor George Kennedy; Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff Mark Plowden (on-site); Treasurer's Chief of Staff Clarissa Adams; Comptroller General's Chief of Staff Eddie Gunn; Joint Bond Review Committee Director of Research Rick Harmon; Ways and Means Budget Director Katie Turner; Authority Secretary Delbert H. Singleton, Jr. (on-site); and from The Citadel President General Glenn M. Walters, General Counsel Mark Brandenburg, and Col. Cardon Crawford.

Adoption of Agenda for State Fiscal Accountability Authority

Upon a motion by Representative Smith, seconded by Mr. Eckstrom, the Authority approved the agenda as presented.

Department of Administration, Facilities Management and Property Services: Citadel Lease-out to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC (Regular Session Item #1)

The Citadel desired to lease barracks and associated space to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC (MCRDPI) via an Intergovernmental Service Agreement (the "Lease") for the housing and enrolling of "poolees" (new, entrant Marine Corps recruits) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lease will provide The Citadel with additional revenues, while assisting the MCRDPI in protecting Marine personnel.

Due to MCRDPI's spatial and geographic limitations, along with the potential for destructive weather, MCRDPI requires lodging, meals, laundry and related ancillary installation

services for placing poolees in a 3-day receiving period and a 14-day restriction of movement (ROM), for the purpose of verifying that such poolees are not sick with, nor potentially contagious carriers of COVID-19. The number of poolees may vary each week, with a peak population of 1800 personnel, including poolees and support personnel per day projected. The Citadel will also provide barracks rooms/office spaces to the extent available for MCRDPI support personnel (not to exceed 300) required to receive, join, screen, sustain, prepare/orient, protect, treat and transfer poolees.

The term of the Lease will begin on May 1, 2020, and shall terminate upon 15 days' notice by either party and shall in no way interfere with the reopening of The Citadel when State of South Carolina COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. As part of the Lease, The Citadel will provide the following services:

- a. maintenance, custodial, janitorial, and cleaning service including hygiene (showering and bathroom or “head”) facilities, stairways, and walkways;
- b. “group” laundry services (up to four times per week) where clothing is provided by poolees to a common collection point, sorted by whites/colors into separate mesh bags, for washing, drying, and returned to a common distribution point;
- c. refuse removal (poolees to consolidate at a common collection point);
- d. communications (telephone, internet, television, hand-held radios, other) to the extent requested and available without interfering with current operations of the Citadel;
- e. intra-campus transportation in the nature of golf-carts or the equivalent, to the extent requested and available without interfering with current operations of the Citadel;
- f. food service;
- g. medical facility accommodations;
- h. open warehouse or gymnasium space;
- i. physical fitness and open training areas;
- j. religious service areas;
- k. classroom and education space;
- l. mail service;
- m. access to Citadel retail space;
- n. campus security; and
- o. any required final cleaning in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines.

The barracks will consist of at least 190 usable “dorm rooms” and a varying number of additional rooms. The number of barracks occupied will vary depending on need. The Citadel

shall, from time to time, provide MCRDPI a list of buildings and/or spaces that are expected to be available upon request for MCRDPI use, and any restrictions on such use. MCRDPI will provide notice to The Citadel no less than 7 days prior to initiating use of a barracks facility and no less than 3 days prior to substantially vacating a barracks facility. MCRDPI will pay for barracks and ancillary services at a rate of seven-hundred fifty thousand (\$750,000) dollars per month for each barracks occupied. The use of a barracks shall be from the time it is requested for barracks services until it is finally vacated. The initial occupation (or agreed availability of occupation) by MCRDPI and the final vacating of a barracks for return to use by The Citadel, will be billed based on the days used in that month, *pro rata* (number of days used in the month divided by the days in that month). Additionally, MCRDPI will reimburse The Citadel for meals logged by The Citadel and provided to poolees and support personnel. The total value of the contract may not exceed \$4.9 million.

The Lease was approved by JBRC on April 27, 2020.

During discussion on the item Mr. Eckstrom stated that he is concerned about this item given the State of Emergency issued by Governor McMaster that has The Citadel closed. He said he is uncomfortable bringing recruits onto a higher ed campus when the Marine Corps was not comfortable bringing them onto Parris Island. He asked if The Citadel Board of Visitors, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Department of Environmental Control has had the opportunity to weigh in on this issue. He said this is a good opportunity if it works out but could turn into a nightmare if it does not. He said it is not known how risky it might be to bring nearly 1500 recruits to the campus. He noted the Executive Orders that have been issued promoting social distancing and that it will be difficult for The Citadel to absorb the significant number of recruits and practice social distancing. Mr. Eckstrom stated that he is concerned if the recruits will abide by the rules that are in place to self-quarantine.

Governor McMaster said one of the reasons the Marine Corps wanted to move the recruits from Parris Island is because of the close quarters on Parris Island. He said that The Citadel has more open spaces to accommodate the recruits.

Senator Leatherman commented that he is comfortable they are doing something to help the Marines. He commented that it would be a disaster if they did not agree to approve the lease.

Mr. Eckstrom said he understands that this is an important initiative for the Department of Defense and that it is the right thing to do to consider it. He noted that there are other considerations in this matter. He said that the present health concern is one of them. He said he has concerns about staff contact with the recruits while they are at The Citadel and protection for the staff against contracting the virus. He said he is concerned about the risk of staff getting infected with the virus.

Representative Smith noted that the Marine Corps has asked for assistance to protect the recruits. He said they are being placed in a separate area to be quarantined and observed for 14 days before they under go training. He said he thinks The Citadel will be able to accommodate the recruits.

Upon a motion by Representative Smith, seconded by Senator Leatherman, the Authority, as recommended by the Department of Administration, Facilities Management and Property Services, approved the proposed lease out of barracks from The Citadel to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC, to begin May 1, 2020, and terminating upon 15 days' notice by either party for a total contract value not exceed \$4.9 million. Governor McMaster, Mr. Loftis, Senator Leatherman, and Representative Smith voted for the item. Mr. Eckstrom voted against the item.

Information relating to this matter has been retained in these files and is identified as Exhibit 1.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

[Secretary's Note: In compliance with Code Section 30-4-80, public notice of and the agenda for this meeting were posted on bulletin boards in the office of the Governor's Press Secretary and in the Press Room, near the Authority Secretary's office in the Wade Hampton Building, and in the lobbies of the Wade Hampton Building and the Edgar A. Brown Building at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020.]