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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Authority of the Office of Finance to Conduct Research

Whereas, it is the duty of the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) to ensure that the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) remain adequately capitalized and able to raise funds in the capital markets [12 U.S.C. 1422a(a)(3)(B)(iii)]; and

Whereas, Section 2B(b)(1) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act 1112 U.S.C. 1422b(b)(1)] authorizes the Finance Board to delegate ministerial functions, including issuing consolidated obligations, to a joint office of the FHLBank System; and

Whereas, the Office of Finance under the management of its board of directors has been established by the Finance Board as a joint office of the FHLBank System; and

Whereas, the Finance Board previously has limited the mission of the Office of Finance to include issuing and servicing FHLBank debt and undertaking any other activities expressly approved by the Finance Board, 12 C.F.R. § 941.4(c); and

Whereas, the Office of Finance has much to contribute to the Finance Board's mission of ensuring that the FHLBanks can raise funds in the capital markets due to the Office of Finance's experience, expertise. and daily participation in the capital markets;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

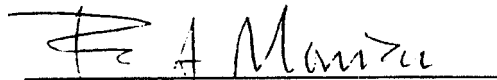
The Board of Directors of the Finance Board hereby authorizes the board of directors of the Office of Finance to direct the Office of Finance to conduct research. on topics associated with raising and servicing System debt.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that

1. The Office of Finance shall provide the Finance Board a copy of any interim and final reports of any major research study.
2. No less frequently than annually, the Office of Finance shall provide the Finance Board a plan for major future research projects to be approved by Finance Board Staff.

3. The Office of Finance shall provide written notification and request Finance Board staff approval before embarking on any new major studies that are not listed in the Office of Finance's annual submission of its research plans.

By the Board of Directors
of the Federal Housing Finance Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B A Morrison", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce A. Morrison
Chairperson