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PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC SUBSIDY BOARD

(DRAFT ONLY)

Resolution Related to Authorizing Public Subsidy Board Members to Attend Meetings by Videoconference in Extraordinary Circumstances

WHEREAS, Section 103-a of the Public Officers Law permits public bodies such as the Public Subsidy Board ("the Board") to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconference from locations that are not open to the public under "extraordinary circumstances;"

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(a) of the Public Officers Law requires the Board to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(b) of the Public Officers Law requries the Board to establish written procedures governing member and public attendance consistent with this law, and such written procedures shall be conspicuously posted on the public website of the public body.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes any member who experiences an extraordinary circumstance, as defined by any by-laws or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconference subject to the following conditions: (i) there is a quorum of the Board members present in-person at one or more locations open to the public; (ii) the member(s) participating by videoconference can be seen, heard, and identified while the open portion of the meeting is being conducted; and (iii) such appearance by videoconference is otherwise permitted by law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that that the Board hereby approves the written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Section 103-a of the Public Officers Law.