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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Financial Advisory Board**

Public Meeting

Location: Telephone and Web-based Only

October 14-15, 2020

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, each day

Day 1, October 14

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- 11:00 am **I. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF AGENDA**
- Ed Chu, EFAB Designated Federal Officer (convene, welcome to new members) (5 min)
 - Joanne Throwe, EFAB Chair (review of agenda) (5 min)
 - Roll Call/Member Introductions (30 min)
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- 11:40 am **II. REVIEW OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEEDURE- Receiving, Evaluating, Acting on a Charge**
- Review of how the Board receives a Charge, how the charge is evaluated, and what actions the Board can take with the Charge- Ed Chu, EFAB Designated Federal Officer (20 min)
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- 12:00 pm **III. OPPORTUNITY ZONES**
- Opening Remarks on the Charge- Kevin Wheeler, EPA Office of Policy (15 min)
 - Understanding the Tax Incentives- Jon Grosshans. EPA Region 5 (20 min)
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- 12:35 pm **BREAK** (15 min)
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- 12:50 pm **IV. OPPORTUNITY ZONES COMMUNITY STORIES**
- Daffney Moore, Chief Opportunity Zone Officer, St. Louis Development Corporation (25 min)
 - Jill Connors, Economic Development Director and Steve Brown, Project Manager- City Engineering Department, City of Dubuque, IA (25 min)
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- 1:40 pm **V. OPPORTUNITY ZONE CHARGE DISCUSSION and NEXT STEPS**
(1 hour and 10 min)
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- 2:50 pm **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
Registered speakers (10 minutes)
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- 3:00 pm **RECESS**
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Day 2, October 15

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- 11:00 am **I. RECONVENE**
- Ed Chu, EFAB Designated Federal Officer (5 min)
 - Roll Call (5 min)
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- 11:10 am **II. INTRODUCTION TO THE WATER FINANCE CENTER AND ACTIVITIES**
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- Organizational Structure- Raffael Stein- EPA Office of Water (5 min)
 - What is the Center's focus- Sonia Brubaker- EPA Office of Water (5 min)
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11:20 am **III. UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER NETWORK (EFCN)**

- Jennifer Cotting, EFCN and Director of EPA Region 3 EFC at University of Maryland (20 min)
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11:40 pm **IV. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS BOARD CHARGES**

- Previous Board Charges (25 min each):
 - o Environmental Risk and the Cost of Capital (*Beecher, Chapman*)
 - o Stormwater Credit Trading (*Holland, Henifin*)
 - o Water Affordability (*Rothstein, Henifin*)
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12:55 pm **BREAK** (10 min)

1:05 pm **V. PREVIOUS BOARD CHARGES DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS CHARGES**

Group discussion, prioritization and next steps for the Charges (1 hour and 15 min)

2:20 pm **VI. EPA RESPONSE TO RECENT EFAB ADVICE**

- Stormwater Infrastructure Finance report- Ellen Tarquinio, Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center (10 min)
 - Pre-Disaster Resilience Finance report- Stephanie Santell, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds Immediate Office (10 min)
 - Member Questions and Discussion (10 min)
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2:50 pm **VII. Public Comment**

Registered Speakers

3:00 pm **ADJOURN**