

December 17, 2025 Board Meeting

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Intro to new staff
- Closed meeting portion
- Auditors report
- Credit committee
- Finance presentation
- Governance committee
- Executive Director's report
- Other business & discussion for board
- Adjourn



### **Investment Team**

Arpita Bhattacharyya, Chief Investment Officer

## Labor: Applicant Questions

### **Intake Form stage**

Will the project pay prevailing wage\*?

\*MnCIFA statutory requirement

### **Pre-Board Approval**

**Pre-Screening Memo** 

Applicant asked more detailed questions about:

- Right to unionize
- Apprenticeships
- Number of workers, including local workers
- Conversations with relevant unions

Applicants not aligning with MnCIFA's labor goals will receive resources & further due diligence.

#### **Pre-Close**

Depending on project details, answers to questions below will be a condition precedent to close:

- Number of prior electric generation facilities workers
- Number of Environmental Justice Community workers
- Prevailing wage rates used
- Use of PLAs (Project Labor Agreement)



## Lending Manual: Timeline Update

# **Application Guidance** (External)

Updated clear guidance by mid January on:

- Financing Programs
- Application Process
- Required Documents
- Rates
- Terms
- Conditions

# **Lending Policies and Procedures (Internal)**

Full process document and internal procedures fully drafted by end of Q1 and continuously updated outlining:

- Detailed process and procedures
- Monitoring and portfolio management practices
- Controls

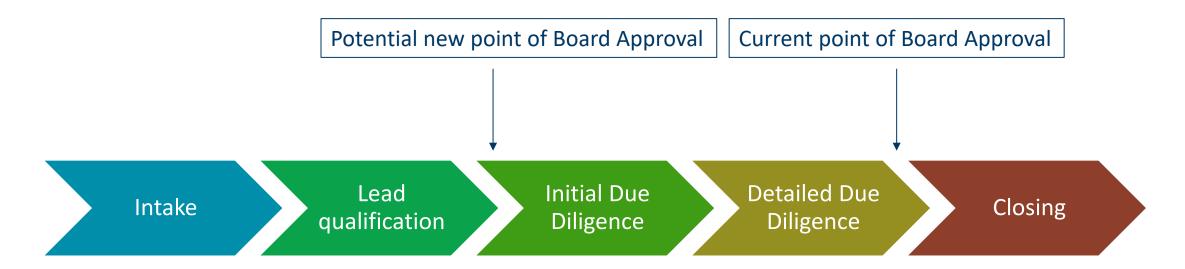
### **Implementation**

MnCIFA is actively working to ensure best practices in our lending process to de-risk and monitor. This includes considering the following:

- Procuring software systems
- Potential new hires
- Established firms to review our lending practices and policies

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Subject to approval by our legal counsel and discussion with the Board:

- Deal-only Board Approval Meetings every other month
- Change in timing of credit committee meetings
- Information shared more frequently to socialize the deal well before the Board meeting
- More opportunities for Q&A



### Current Schedule of Credit Committees and Board Meetings

### **Credit Committee**

#### 2026

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

Wednesdays at 11:00AM

### **Board Meetings**

2025

December 17

2026

February 18

April 15

June 17

August 19

October 21

December date TBD

Wednesdays at 9:30AM

## Repeat Customer Updates

#### **Problem Statement:**

- In Q4 2025, MnCIFA received several proposals for new projects from current MnCIFA clients with outstanding loan balances and no repayment history.
- Incumbent upon MnCIFA to evaluate all new opportunities, including with current clients, from a risk-based approach that considers a balanced asset allocation across counterparties, sectors, geographies, and technologies.

#### Approach:

• MnCIFA is not extending additional financing to current MnCIFA clients for a new project until the client's current MnCIFA outstanding obligation is repaid in its entirety and the client's current project (or portion of the current project financed by MnCIFA) is completed.

#### Rationale:

 MnCIFA seeks to achieve a balanced asset allocation, achieved in part by extending financing to new clients and mitigating portfolio concentration and repayment risks related to MnCIFA counterparties and financed technologies.



## **Finance Presentation**

Eric Horent I CFO

## Annual audit Report

- Annual financial? Audit requires per statutes (XXXX)
- Conducted after financial close (August 14).
- Conducted by Berry Dunn
  - Leah Clair, Senior Partner
  - Rob Smalley, Principal
- Assistance from Department Commerce and MMB accounting staff (Thank you)

- State statutes allow MnCIFA to collect reasonable fees for its services (Minn. Stat. Section 216.441 subd. 4(9)(i)).
- Peer green banks commonly charge an origination fee when issuing loans.

Green Bank	Origination Fee
Climate First Bank	1.50%
Coalition for Green Capital	1.00%
Collective (Colorado) Clean Energy Fund	2.00%
Connecticut Green Bank	2.00%
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Bank	1.00%
Michigan Saves	1.00%
New Jersey Green Bank	0.50%
NY Green Bank	1.50%
New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation	2.00%
Solar Energy Loan Fund	2.50%

- The average origination fee from organizations listed above is 1.5%.
- This is higher than we recommended for MnCIFA because these banks are seeking to cover more than costs.

- PSC conducted a rigorous cost analysis of 12 MnCIFA-funded projects.
  - Average project cost of 1.06% of the total loan value.
  - Range: 0.45%-2.97%

The cost model incorporated the following factors:

- Attorney general (AG) legal costs
- Staff hours
- Average staff hourly compensation rate
- Consulting costs
- A standard 15% indirect cost rate

Loan Amount	Costs as % of Loan
\$4,700,000	0.45%
\$1,200,000	1.23%
\$4,500,000	0.59%
\$1,700,000	0.96%
\$3,000,000	0.67%
\$4,000,000	0.57%
\$2,000,000	0.91%
\$3,623,700	0.56%
\$750,000	1.86%
\$500,000	2.97%
\$1,835,000	1.02%
\$1,800,000	0.92%

- Origination costs are not proportional to loan amount.
- Relationship between origination costs and loan amount is not linear.



- Fee Structure: 1.0% on loan amounts up to \$2,000,000, plus 0.5% on any amount exceeding \$2,000,000.
- Examples of fees for typical MnCIFA loan amounts:

Loan Amount	Origination Fee	Effective Rate
\$500,000	\$5,000	1.000%
\$1,000,000	\$10,000	1.000%
\$2,000,000	\$20,000	1.000%
\$3,000,000	\$25,000	0.833%
\$4,000,000	\$30,000	0.750%
\$5,000,000	\$35,000	0.700%

- This fee structure was selected because:
- It adequately fits the data from cost analysis.
- It provides adequate cost recovery.
- It is not overtly complicated.
- It maintains affordability.

### Loan Rescission Resolution

- When a loan is approved by the Board, funds get committed to this loan.
- Even if a loan agreement is not finalized, funds remain committed to the loan (as board resolution remains in place).
- New resolution is needed to rescind the loan so that funds committed to the loan can be allocated to other loans/projects.

## Finance Team Updates

- Recent activities
  - Revision of the chart of accounts
    - Considerations: Financial reporting responsibilities & flexibility
  - Quarterly Meetings with projects

Continued procurement of loan management.

Continued work on payment portal.

## Finance Team Updates

- Upcoming activities:
  - Formalize Quarterly Performance Review (including reporting to the Board)

Loss reserve policy

Revise loan servicing section of the lending manual

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## Thank You!

### The MnCIFA Team

Kari, Parisa, Amy, Eric, Arpita, Maya, Mo