

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT; AND CONTAINING OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, Dublin Independent School District (the “District”) has one or more series of obligations set forth in **Exhibit A** (the “Obligations”) outstanding pursuant one or more order(s) and/or other instruments (collectively, the “Authorizing Document(s)”); and

WHEREAS, some or all of the Obligations (the “Callable Obligations”) are subject to redemption at the option of the District on the date(s) set forth in **Exhibit A** or on any date thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Authorizing Document(s) provide(s) the notice requirements to effect the redemption of the Callable Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has determined and does hereby determine that it is in the best interests of the District to defease and redeem a portion of the Callable Obligations as herein provided in order to terminate the payment of interest thereon and to reduce the District’s aggregate debt service requirements; and

WHEREAS, the President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Board and the District’s Superintendent and the District’s finance officials and/or their designees (each, an “Authorized Representative”) are authorized to act individually or collectively to take any and all actions deemed necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the intent and purposes of this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DUBLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1.

(a) A portion of the Callable Obligations, maturing on the date(s) and in the principal amount(s) set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto (the “Defeased Obligations”) are hereby called for redemption, and shall be redeemed, on the date(s) set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto (each, a “Redemption Date”). The Board’s election to exercise the District’s right to redeem the Defeased Obligations and direction to provide notice of the defeasance and redemption is irrevocable upon the District’s transfer of lawfully available funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The District shall transfer on or before August 31, 2026 its lawfully available funds in an amount to be determined by an Authorized Representative but not to exceed \$1,300,000 (the “Defeasance Deposit”) to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. or such other qualified entity as an Authorized Representative may select (the “Deposit Agent”), to effectuate the defeasance and redemption of the Defeased Obligations on the Redemption Date therefor.

Section 2. If determined to be necessary or appropriate by an Authorized Representative, an Escrow Agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”), by and between the District and the Deposit Agent and relating to the Defeased Obligations, in substantially the form attached

hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes, is hereby approved as to form and content, and such Escrow Agreement, together with such changes or revisions as may be necessary to accomplish the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations or benefit the District, is hereby authorized to be executed by an Authorized Representative, for and on behalf of the District and as the act and deed of this Board; and such Escrow Agreement as executed by said officials shall be deemed approved by the Board and constitute the Escrow Agreement herein approved.

Furthermore, each Authorized Representative, the District's Financial Advisor, and Bond Counsel, in cooperation with the Deposit Agent are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements for the deposit of cash and/or the purchase of any securities referenced in the Escrow Agreement and the delivery thereof to the Deposit Agent upon delivery to the Deposit Agent of the Defeasance Deposit described in Section 1 of this Order which shall be deposited to the credit of the special escrow fund established and maintained by the Deposit Agent for such purpose (the "Escrow Fund"), including the execution of subscription forms or agreements, if any, for the purchase of eligible securities for investment of amounts deposited to the Escrow Fund; all as contemplated and provided by the provisions of Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code, this Order, and the Escrow Agreement.

To the extent that an Authorized Representative determines that an Escrow Agreement is not necessary or appropriate, no such agreement shall be required and each Authorized Representative is authorized to make arrangements and take such other actions necessary for the deposit of cash and/or securities directly with the paying agent/registrar(s) for the Defeased Obligations.

Section 3. An Authorized Representative is authorized and directed to instruct the paying agent/registrar(s) for the Defeased Obligations to provide notice of the defeasance and redemption of the Defeased Obligations as provided and required by the Authorizing Document(s).

Section 4. An Authorized Representative is authorized to engage a recognized firm of certified or independent public accountants or other qualified finance professionals (the "Verification Agent") to verify the sufficiency of the Defeasance Deposit to accomplish the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations, to the extent such appointment is necessary or appropriate and in the event of the establishment of a net defeasance escrow fund; provided, however, that in the event of a gross defeasance of the Defeased Obligations, the sufficiency of the Defeasance Deposit to accomplish such defeasance may (if necessary) be certified to the District by the District's Financial Advisor, the paying agent for the Defeased Obligations or another qualified entity in lieu of verification by the Verification Agent.

Section 5. The President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Board are authorized to evidence adoption of this Order and, together with the Authorized Representatives, execute and deliver such agreements, certificates, notices, letters and other instruments as any such official shall deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to effect the defeasance and redemption described herein and otherwise give effect to the intent and purpose hereof.

Section 6. The Board hereby approves payment from lawfully available District funds of professional fees and expenses of the District's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, the

Deposit Agent, the Verification Agent, and the paying agent/registrar(s) for the Defeased Obligations, respectively, and any other party whose services have been determined by an Authorized Representative to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Order.

Section 7. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

Section 8. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order authorizing and providing for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding obligations of the District, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 9. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 10. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 11. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 12. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this _____.

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

DEFEASED OBLIGATIONS

Within the restrictions as to the size and timing of the Defeasance Deposit, an Authorized Representative is authorized to select the Defeased Obligations and make any and all appropriate modifications to this Exhibit, which modifications shall be deemed to be an act and deed of the Board.

Dublin Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

<u>Current CUSIP No.*</u>	<u>New Pre- refunded CUSIP No.*</u>	<u>New Unrefunded CUSIP No.*</u>	<u>Stated Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal Amount</u>	<u>Amount Called for Redemption</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>
263723 FY9	N/A	N/A	08/15/2026	\$590,000	[\$590,000]	3.500%	TBD
263723 FZ6	N/A	N/A	08/15/2027	\$605,000	[\$605,000]	3.500%	TBD

* The CUSIP number is included solely for the convenience of the obligation holders. Neither the District, Bond Counsel, nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be responsible for the selection or the use of the CUSIP number, nor is any representation made as to its correctness on the obligations or as indicated in any redemption notice.

EXHIBIT B

ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT (this “Escrow Agreement”), dated for convenience as of March 23, 2026, but effective on the Escrow Funding Date described herein, is made and entered into by and between the DUBLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, a political subdivision duly created, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas (together with any successor to its duties and functions, the “District”), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as escrow agent (together with any successor or assign in such capacity, the “Escrow Agent”).

WHEREAS, the District’s Board (defined below) has determined that it desires to defease and redeem a portion of the Obligations (defined below) in advance of their stated maturity and that same is in the best interests of the District;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the District has adopted an order (the “Defeasance Order”) authorizing the defeasance and redemption of certain of the Obligations identified herein in Exhibit C (the “Defeased Obligations”);

WHEREAS, to provide for the payment of the Defeased Obligations, the District has provided for the transfer to the Escrow Agent pursuant to this Escrow Agreement of lawfully available funds for such purpose (the “Defeasance Deposit”); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the District has further determined to effectuate the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations pursuant to this Escrow Agreement, under which provision is made for the safekeeping, investment, reinvestment, administration and disposition of the Defeasance Deposit so as to provide firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Defeased Obligations pursuant to Sections 1207.033 and 1207.062, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings, promises and agreements herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, and in order to secure the full and timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Defeased Obligations, the District and the Escrow Agent contract and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the respective meanings specified below for all purposes of this Escrow Agreement:

“Board” shall mean the District’s Board of Trustees.

“Code” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder and under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

“Defeased Obligations” shall mean the outstanding bonds of the District to be defeased, as shown on Exhibit C hereto.

“Defeasance Order” shall mean the District’s order adopted by the Board on March 23, 2026, authorizing the defeasance and redemption of the Defeased Obligations.

“Defeasance Securities” means (a) Government Obligations, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date of the purchase thereof, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the purchase thereof, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent.

“Defeasance Deposit” shall mean the initial deposit into the Escrow Fund, as more particularly described in Section 2.1.

“District” shall have the meaning set forth in the initial paragraph hereof, and shall include any successor to such entity’s duties and functions.

“Escrow Agent” shall have the meaning set forth in the initial paragraph hereof, and shall include any successor to such entity’s duties and functions.

“Escrow Agreement” shall mean this escrow agreement.

“Escrow Fund” shall mean the fund created in Section 3.1 of this Escrow Agreement to be administered by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Funding Date” shall mean the date on which the District deposits with the Escrow Agent the Defeasance Deposit described in Section 2.1.

“Escrowed Securities” shall mean the Limited Yield Securities and the Open Market Securities.

“Government Obligations” means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal or interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States.

“Limited Yield Securities” shall mean the non-callable United States Treasury Obligations-State and Local Government Series to be initially purchased with proceeds of the Defeasance Deposit, as more fully described in the Report attached hereto, together with all reinvestments of the proceeds thereof as may be directed in Section 4.2 or permitted in Section 4.3(b).

“Obligations” shall mean each series of outstanding bonds of the District shown on Exhibit C hereto, all or part of which are to be defeased.

“Open Market Securities” shall mean Defeasance Securities to be purchased in the open market with cash and the proceeds of the Defeasance Deposit, as more fully described in the Report attached hereto, together with all reinvestments of the proceeds thereof as may be directed in Section 4.2 or permitted in Section 4.3(b), or cash or obligations substituted therefor pursuant to Section 4.3(a).

“Authorizing Document(s)” shall mean, collectively, the District’s order(s) and/or other instrument(s) authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of the Obligations.

“Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations” shall mean The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

“Report” shall mean either: (a) the verification report relating to the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and any subsequent verification report required by Section 4.3, or (b) the certificate of the District’s financial advisor or one or more other qualified finance professionals, which verifies the sufficiency of the deposit made for the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section 1.2 Interpretations.

- (a) The titles and headings of the articles and sections of this Escrow Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict the terms hereof. This Escrow Agreement and all of the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein and to achieve the intended purpose of providing for the refunding of the Defeased Obligations in accordance with applicable law.
- (b) Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning assigned in the Defeasance Order.

ARTICLE II

DEPOSIT OF FUNDS AND ESCROWED SECURITIES

Section 2.1 Deposits to Escrow Fund.

On the Escrow Funding Date, the District shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, with the Escrow Agent, for deposit into the Escrow Fund, the Defeasance Deposit, consisting of the following:

- (a) the beginning cash balance as shown in the Report; and
- (b) the initial Escrowed Securities as shown in the Report.

ARTICLE III

CREATION AND OPERATION OF ESCROW FUND

Section 3.1 Escrow Fund.

On the Escrow Funding Date the Escrow Agent will create in its books a special fund and irrevocable escrow to be known as the “Dublin Independent School District – 2026 Cash Defeasance Escrow Fund” (the “Escrow Fund”). On the Escrow Funding Date, the Defeasance Deposit described in Section 2.1 will be deposited to the credit of the Escrow Fund. The Defeasance Deposit and all proceeds therefrom shall be the property of the Escrow Fund and shall be applied only in strict conformity with the terms and conditions hereof. All Escrowed Securities, all proceeds therefrom and all cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Obligations, which payment shall be made by timely transfers to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations of such amounts at such times as are provided in Section 3.2. When the final transfers have been made to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations for the payment of such principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Obligations, any balance then remaining in the Escrow Fund shall be transferred to the District, and the Escrow Agent shall thereupon be discharged from any further duties hereunder.

Section 3.2 Payment of Principal, Redemption Premium, if any, and Interest; Redemption of Certain Obligations.

- (a) The Escrow Agent is hereby irrevocably instructed to transfer to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations from the cash balance from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund the amounts required to pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Obligations in the amounts and at the times shown in the Report.
- (b) Except for amounts transferred to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations pursuant to Section 3.2(a) and to the District pursuant to Section 4.2, the Escrow Agent agrees that it shall never make any withdrawals from the Escrow Fund or assert any claims, liens or charges against the Escrow Fund.

Section 3.3 Sufficiency of Escrow Fund.

The District represents (based upon the Report) that the successive receipts of the principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities will assure that the cash balance on deposit from time to time in the Escrow Fund will be at all times sufficient to provide money for transfer to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations at the times and in the amounts required to pay the interest on the Defeased Obligations as such interest comes due and to pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Obligations as the Defeased Obligations mature or are called for redemption, all as more fully set forth in the Report. If, for any reason, at any time, the cash balances on deposit or scheduled to be on deposit in the Escrow Fund shall be insufficient to transfer the amounts required by the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations to make the payments set forth in Section 3.2, the District shall timely deposit into the Escrow Fund,

from lawfully available funds, additional funds in the amounts required to make such payments. Notice of any such insufficiency shall be given promptly by the Escrow Agent to the District as hereinafter provided, but the Escrow Agent shall not in any manner be responsible for any insufficiency of funds in the Escrow Fund or the District's failure to make additional deposits thereto.

Section 3.4 Trust Fund.

The Escrow Agent at all times shall hold the Escrow Fund, the Escrowed Securities and all other assets of the Escrow Fund wholly segregated from all other funds and securities on deposit with the Escrow Agent; it shall never allow the Escrowed Securities or any other assets of the Escrow Fund to be commingled with any other funds or securities of the Escrow Agent; and it shall hold and dispose of the assets of the Escrow Fund only as set forth herein. The Escrowed Securities and other assets of the Escrow Fund always shall be maintained by the Escrow Agent for the benefit of the holders of the Defeased Obligations; and a special account evidencing such fact shall be maintained at all times on the books of the Escrow Agent. The holders of the Defeased Obligations shall be entitled to the same preferred claim and first lien upon the Escrowed Securities, the proceeds thereof and all other assets of the Escrow Fund to which they are entitled as holders of the Defeased Obligations. The amounts received by the Escrow Agent under this Escrow Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the District, and the Escrow Agent shall have no right or title with respect thereto except as escrow agent under the terms hereof. The amounts received by the Escrow Agent hereunder shall not be subject to warrants, drafts or checks drawn by the District or, except to the extent expressly herein provided, by the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations.

Section 3.5 Security for Cash Balances.

Cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, shall be collateralized with securities or obligations that are eligible under the laws of the State of Texas to secure and be pledged as collateral for trust accounts until the principal and interest on the Defeased Obligations have been presented for payment and paid to the owner thereof.

ARTICLE IV

LIMITATION ON INVESTMENTS

Section 4.1 General.

Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, the Escrow Agent shall not have any power or duty to invest any money held hereunder, to make substitutions of the Escrowed Securities or to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the Escrowed Securities.

Section 4.2 Reinvestment of Proceeds of Escrowed Securities.

The Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and directed to reinvest proceeds of the Escrowed Securities which are attributable to amounts received as principal of or interest on the Escrowed

Securities and which are not immediately needed to pay the Defeased Obligations in Government Obligations, in the amounts, and maturing and bearing interest, all as set out in the Report. The District hereby designates and appoints the Escrow Agent as its agent and duly authorized representative for purposes of subscribing for and purchasing such obligations, all of which shall constitute Escrowed Securities. Any income or increment earned from such reinvestment remaining after final payment of the Defeased Obligations shall be promptly transferred to the District.

Section 4.3 Substitution of Securities.

- (a) Concurrently with the delivery of the Defeasance Deposit, the District may, upon compliance with the conditions stated in subsection (c) of this Section 4.3, at its option, substitute cash or non-interest bearing obligations of the United States Treasury (i.e., Treasury obligations which mature and are payable in a stated amount on the maturity date thereof and for which there are no payments other than the payment made on the maturity date) for non-interest bearing Open Market Securities listed in the Report, but only if such cash and/or substituted non-interest bearing direct obligations of the United States Treasury:
 - (i) are in an amount, and/or mature in an amount, which, together with any cash substituted for such obligations, is equal to or greater than the amount payable on the maturity date of the obligation listed in the Report for which such obligation is substituted, and
 - (ii) mature on or before the maturity date of the obligation listed in the Report for which such obligation is substituted.

The District may at any time substitute any Open Market Securities which, as permitted by the preceding sentence, were not deposited to the credit of the Escrow Fund, for the cash and/or obligations that were substituted concurrently with the delivery of the Defeasance Deposit for such Open Market Securities.

- (b) At the written request of the District, and upon compliance with the conditions hereinafter stated in subsection (c) of this Section 4.3, the Escrow Agent shall sell, transfer, otherwise dispose of or request the redemption of all or any portion of the Escrowed Securities and apply the proceeds therefrom to purchase Defeased Obligations or direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America which do not permit the redemption thereof at the option of the obligor.
- (c) Any such transaction described in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section 4.3 may be affected by the Escrow Agent only if (1) the Escrow Agent shall have received a written opinion from a recognized firm of certified public accountants that such transaction will not cause the amount of money and securities in the Escrow Fund to be reduced below an amount which will be sufficient, when added to the interest to accrue thereon, to provide for the payment of principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the remaining Defeased Obligations as they become due, and

(2) the Escrow Agent shall have received the unqualified written legal opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel or tax counsel acceptable to the District and the Escrow Agent to the effect that (a) such transaction will not cause any of the Defeased Obligations to be an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of the Code and (b) that such transaction complies with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and with all relevant documents relating to the issuance of the Defeased Obligations.

Section 4.4 Arbitrage.

The District hereby covenants and agrees that it shall never request the Escrow Agent to exercise any power hereunder or permit any part of the money in the Escrow Fund or proceeds from the sale of Escrowed Securities to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations if the exercise of such power or the acquisition of such securities or obligations would cause any Defeased Obligation to be an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of the Code.

ARTICLE V

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 5.1 Records.

The Escrow Agent shall keep books of record and account in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the receipt, disbursement, allocation and application of the money and Escrowed Securities deposited to the Escrow Fund and all proceeds thereof, and such books shall be available for inspection at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the District and the holders of the Defeased Obligations.

Section 5.2 Reports.

For the period beginning on the Escrow Funding Date and ending on August 31, 2026, and for each twelve (12) month period thereafter while this Agreement remains in effect, the Escrow Agent shall prepare and send to the District within thirty (30) days following the end of such period a written report summarizing all transactions relating to the Escrow Fund during such period, including, without limitation, credits to the Escrow Fund as a result of interest payments on or maturities of the Escrowed Securities and transfers from the Escrow Fund to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations or otherwise, together with a detailed statement of all Escrowed Securities and the cash balance on deposit in the Escrow Fund as of the end of such period.

ARTICLE VI

CONCERNING THE ESCROW AGENT

Section 6.1 Representations of Escrow Agent.

The Escrow Agent hereby represents that it is (a) either (i) a Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations or (ii) a trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the

District and (b) that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Escrow Agreement and undertake the obligations and responsibilities imposed upon it herein and that it will carry out all of its obligations hereunder.

Section 6.2 Limitation on Liability.

The liability of the Escrow Agent to transfer funds to the Paying Agent for the Defeased Obligations for the payments of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Obligations shall be limited to the proceeds of the Escrowed Securities and the cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein to the contrary, the Escrow Agent shall have no liability whatsoever for the insufficiency of funds from time to time in the Escrow Fund or any failure of the obligor of the Escrowed Securities to make timely payment thereon, except for its obligation to notify the District promptly of any such occurrence upon the Escrow Agent having actual knowledge of such occurrence. In no event shall the Escrow Agent be liable for the selection of investments or for investment losses incurred thereon.

The recitals herein and in the Defeasance Order shall be taken as the statements of the District and shall not be considered as made by, or imposing any obligation or liability upon, the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent is not a party to the Defeasance Order or the Authorizing Document(s) and in its capacity as Escrow Agent is not responsible for or bound by any of the provisions thereof. In its capacity as Escrow Agent, it is agreed that the Escrow Agent need look only to the terms and provisions of this Escrow Agreement.

The Escrow Agent makes no representation as to the value, condition or sufficiency of the Escrow Fund, or any part thereof, or as to the title of the District thereto, or as to the security afforded thereby or hereby, and the Escrow Agent shall incur no liability or responsibility with respect to any of such matters.

It is the intention of the District and the Escrow Agent that the Escrow Agent shall never be required to risk, use or advance its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or the exercise of any of its rights and powers hereunder.

The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for the performance of any duties, except such duties as are specifically set forth in this Escrow Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Escrow Agreement. Nothing herein contained shall relieve the Escrow Agent from liability for its own negligent action, negligent failure to act or willful misconduct, except that this sentence shall not be construed to limit the effect of the immediately preceding sentence. The Escrow Agent shall not incur any liability for any error of judgment made in good faith by a responsible officer thereof, unless it shall be proved that it was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts. The Escrow Agent shall be protected in acting upon any notice, resolution, request, consent, order, certificate, report, opinion, bond or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine, and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. The Escrow Agent may consult with counsel, and the opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered by it in good faith and in accordance therewith.

The Escrow Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, attorneys, custodians or nominees appointed with due care, and shall not be responsible for any willful misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent, attorney, custodian or nominee so appointed.

The Escrow Agent shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions, including funds transfer instructions (“Instructions”) given pursuant to this Agreement and delivered using Electronic Means (“Electronic Means” means mean the following communications methods: e-mail, secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Escrow Agent, or another method or system specified by the Escrow Agent as available for use in connection with its services hereunder); provided, however, that the District shall provide to the Escrow Agent an incumbency certificate listing officers with the authority to provide such Instructions (“Authorized Officers”) and containing specimen signatures of such Authorized Officers, which incumbency certificate shall be amended by the District whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the District elects to give the Escrow Agent Instructions using Electronic Means and the Escrow Agent in its discretion elects to act upon such Instructions, the Escrow Agent’s understanding of such Instructions shall be deemed controlling. The District understands and agrees that the Escrow Agent cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that the Escrow Agent shall conclusively presume that directions that purport to have been sent by an Authorized Officer listed on the incumbency certificate provided to the Escrow Agent have been sent by such Authorized Officer. The District shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Officers transmit such Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that the District and all Authorized Officers are solely responsible to safeguard the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys upon receipt by the District. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Escrow Agent’s reliance upon and compliance with such Instructions notwithstanding such directions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The District agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of Electronic Means to submit Instructions to the Escrow Agent, including without limitation the risk of the Escrow Agent acting on unauthorized Instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting Instructions than the method(s) selected by the District; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of Instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) to notify the Escrow Agent immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures.

Unless it is specifically provided otherwise herein, the Escrow Agent has no duty to determine or inquire into the happening or occurrence of any event or contingency or the performance or failure of performance of the District with respect to arrangements or contracts with others, with the Escrow Agent’s sole duty hereunder being to safeguard the Escrow Fund and to dispose of and deliver the same in accordance with this Escrow Agreement. If, however, the Escrow Agent is called upon by the terms of this Escrow Agreement to determine the occurrence of any event or contingency, in the event of error in making such determination the Escrow Agent shall be liable only for its own willful misconduct or its negligence. In determining the occurrence

of any such event or contingency the Escrow Agent may request from the District or any other person such reasonable additional evidence as the Escrow Agent in its discretion may deem necessary to determine any fact relating to the occurrence of such event or contingency, and in this connection may make inquiries of, and consult with, the District, among others, at any time.

The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or neglected to be taken by it in good faith in the exercise of reasonable care and believed by it to be within the discretion or power conferred upon it by this Escrow Agreement, nor shall the Escrow Agent be responsible for the consequences of any error of judgment; nor shall the Escrow Agent be answerable, except for its own negligence or willful misconduct, for any loss unless the same shall have been through its negligence or willful misconduct.

In the absence of bad faith, the Escrow Agent may rely conclusively upon the truth, completeness and accuracy of the statements, certificates, opinions, resolutions and other documents conforming to the requirements of this Escrow Agreement, and shall not be obligated to make any independent investigation with respect thereto.

To the full extent permitted by law, the District agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Escrow Agent and its officers, directors, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all loss, damage, tax, liability and expense that may be incurred by the Escrow Agent arising out of or in connection with its acceptance or appointment as Escrow Agent hereunder, including attorneys' fees and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with its performance hereunder except that the Escrow Agent shall not be indemnified for any loss, damage, tax, liability, or expense resulting from its own negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing indemnity shall survive the termination of this Escrow Agreement, and the earlier removal or resignation of the Escrow Agent.

The Escrow Agent is also authorized to transfer funds relating to the closing in the manner disclosed in the closing memorandum as prepared by the District's financial advisor or other agent. The Escrow Agent may act on an e-mail transmission of the closing memorandum acknowledged by the financial advisor or the District as the final closing memorandum. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the reliance upon and compliance with such instructions.

Section 6.3 Compensation.

On the Escrow Funding Date, the District will pay the Escrow Agent for performing its services as Escrow Agent hereunder and for all expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Escrow Agent in the administration of this Escrow Agreement, the fees set out in Exhibit A. If the Escrow Agent is requested to perform any extraordinary services hereunder, the District hereby agrees to pay reasonable fees to the Escrow Agent for such extraordinary services and to reimburse the Escrow Agent for all expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent in performing such extraordinary services. It is expressly provided that the Escrow Agent shall look only to the District for the payment of such additional fees and reimbursement of such additional expenses. The Escrow Agent hereby agrees that in no event shall it ever assert any claim or lien against the Escrow Fund for any fees for its services, whether regular, additional or extraordinary, as Escrow Agent, or in any other capacity, or for reimbursement for any of its expenses. The foregoing sentence shall

survive the termination of this Escrow Agreement and the earlier removal or resignation of the Escrow Agent

Section 6.4 Successor Escrow Agents.

If at any time the Escrow Agent or its legal successor or successors should become unable, through operation of law or otherwise, to act as escrow agent hereunder, or if its property and affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy or for any other reason, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of Escrow Agent hereunder. In such event the District, by appropriate action, shall promptly appoint an Escrow Agent to fill such vacancy. If no successor Escrow Agent shall have been appointed by the District within 60 days of such vacancy or Escrow Agent's giving notice of resignation, a successor may be appointed by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Defeased Obligations then outstanding by an instrument or instruments in writing filed with the District, signed by such holders or by their duly authorized attorneys or the Escrow Agent may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Escrow Agent. If, in a proper case, no appointment of a successor Escrow Agent shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section within three months after a vacancy shall have occurred, the holder of any Defeased Obligation then outstanding may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Escrow Agent. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, prescribe and appoint a successor Escrow Agent.

Any successor Escrow Agent shall be qualified to act in such capacity under Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, and shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or the State of Texas, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority.

Any successor Escrow Agent shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District and the Escrow Agent an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and the Escrow Agent shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Escrow Agent, subject to the terms of this Agreement, all the rights, powers and trusts of the Escrow Agent hereunder. Upon the request of any such successor Escrow Agent, the District shall execute any and all instruments in writing for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Escrow Agent all such rights, powers and duties. The Escrow Agent shall pay over to its successor Escrow Agent a proportional part of the Escrow Agent's fee paid hereunder.

The Escrow Agent at the time acting hereunder may at any time resign and be discharged from the escrow hereby created by giving not less than sixty (60) days' written notice to the District specifying the date when such resignation will take effect. No such resignation shall take effect unless a successor Escrow Agent shall have been appointed by the holders of the Defeased Obligations or by the District as herein provided and such successor Escrow Agent shall have accepted such appointment, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment and acceptance of a successor Escrow Agent.

The Escrow Agent may be removed at any time by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing delivered to the Escrow Agent and to the District and signed by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Defeased Obligations then outstanding.

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1 Notices.

Any notice, authorization, request or demand required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be made or given in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To the Escrow Agent:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
500 Ross Street, Suite 625
Pittsburgh, PA 15262

To the District:

Dublin Independent School District
420 N. Post Oak, Dublin, Texas 76446
Attention: Superintendent

The United States Post Office registered or certified mail receipt showing delivery of the aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the date and fact of delivery. Either party hereto may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving to the other party not less than ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof.

Section 7.2 Termination of Responsibilities.

Upon the taking by the Escrow Agent of all the actions as described herein, the Escrow Agent shall have no further obligations or responsibilities hereunder to the District, the holders of the Defeased Obligations or to any other person or persons in connection with this Escrow Agreement.

Section 7.3 Binding Agreement; Amendment.

This Escrow Agreement shall be binding upon the District and the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives and shall inure solely to the benefit of the holders of the Defeased Obligations, the District, the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives. This Escrow Agreement shall not be subject to amendment without the written consent of the holders of all Defeased Obligations then outstanding.

Section 7.4 Severability.

If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Escrow Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Escrow Agreement, but this Escrow Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

Section 7.5 Governing Law.

This Escrow Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the provisions hereof and by the applicable laws of the State of Texas.

Section 7.6 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

Section 7.7 Time of Essence.

Time shall be of the essence in the performance of obligations from time to time imposed upon the Escrow Agent by this Escrow Agreement.

Section 7.8 Legislative Contracting Requirements.

The Escrow Agent makes the following representations and covenants pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code, as heretofore amended (the “Government Code”), in entering into this Agreement. As used in such verifications, “affiliate” means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit. Liability for breach of any such verification during the term of this Agreement shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of this Agreement, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary.

- A. Not a Sanctioned Company. The Escrow Agent represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes the Escrow Agent and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.
- B. No Boycott of Israel. The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. As used

in the foregoing verification, “boycott Israel” has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.

- C. No Discrimination Against Firearm Entities. The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.
- D. No Boycott of Energy Companies. The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, “boycott energy companies” has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code.
- E. Form 1295 Matters. Unless the Escrow Agent has delivered a Form 1295 as required by Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code and the rules of the Texas Ethics Commission prior to or at the time of execution hereof, the Escrow Agent hereby warrants and represents to the District that it is a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of such a business entity.

[Execution Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

DUBLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Superintendent

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, N.A., as Escrow Agent

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A TO ESCROW AGREEMENT

Fee Schedule

[To be attached]

EXHIBIT B TO ESCROW AGREEMENT

Report

[To be attached]

EXHIBIT C TO ESCROW AGREEMENT

Defeased Obligations

[To be attached]