IURA Policy — Prohibit Extension of Credit to Board Members & Staff

WHEREAS, Section 2824 of Public Authorities Law establishes roles and responsibilities of Board members of public authorities, and

WHEREAS, paragraph 5 of section 2824 prohibits local authorities from extending personal loans to any officer, board member or employee of an authority, and

WHEREAS, the Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency (IURA) is a local public authority, and

WHEREAS, the annual public authorities reporting questionnaire completed by the IURA asks if the authority has established a policy prohibiting the extension of credit to board members and staff in accordance with Section 2824 (5) of public authority law, and

WHEREAS, the IURA has never extended credit to any board member or staff but has not established a specific policy in accordance with Section 2824 (5), and

WHEREAS, at its April 15, 2022 meeting, the IURA Governance Committee discussed this matter and recommended the following action; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the IURA hereby adopts as policy that the IURA hereby prohibits extending credit, in the form of a personal loan to or for any officer, Board member, or employee of the IURA.

Public Authorities Law PBA §2824
(5). Notwithstanding any provision of any general, special or local law, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, no board of a state or local authority shall, directly or indirectly, including through any subsidiary, extend or maintain credit, arrange for the extension of credit, or renew an extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan to or for any officer, board member or employee (or equivalent thereof) of the authority.