

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03

RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ABLE ACT BOARD RELATING TO THE APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT NO. ABLE 01-18 WITH TIAA-CREF TUITION FINANCING, INC. (“TFI”) FOR 529A PROGRAM/PLAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ABLE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California ABLE Act Board (the “Board”), pursuant to section 4877(c)(2) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, has the power and authority to make and enter into contracts necessary for the administration of the California ABLE Program (the “Program”), and engage personnel, including consultants, actuaries, managers, counsel, and auditors, as necessary for the purpose of rendering professional, managerial, and technical assistance and advice; and

WHEREAS, section 4877(d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that the Board may authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board or conduct any business necessary for the efficient operation of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a program manager is needed to provide management services for the Program, which also includes providing the Board a wide product distribution, attractive investment options and competitive investment performance, program administration and recordkeeping, and customer support services for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals for 529A Program/Plan Management Services (“RFP”) at the May 23, 2018 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the Executive Director to issue RFP No. ABLE 01-18 on May 30, 2018;

WHEREAS, in response to the RFP, proposals for the Program were received on July 9, 2018 and evaluated by an Evaluation Committee; and

WHEREAS, TFI was the highest scoring bidder for the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with TFI following the end of the five-day notice posting period, as outlined in the RFP, to reach a mutually acceptable agreement and enter into Agreement No. ABLE 01-18 for program management services for the Program.

Section 2. The term of the contract will commence upon its execution and approval by the Department of General Services and will continue for a five year term for an amount not to exceed \$695,500 to be paid in its entirety by the end of Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Attest: _____
Vincent P. Brown for Chairperson, State
Treasurer John Chiang

Date of Adoption: _____