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Executive Team

James L. Preston is President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mr. Preston joined the Agency in April 2003. Mr. Preston served as interim President and CEO from October 2007 until March 2008. Prior to assuming this role, Mr. Preston was Executive Vice President of Client Relations and Loan Operations.

Prior to joining the Agency, Mr. Preston held various investment banking positions with L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin, Bear Stearns and Co., and UBS PaineWebber.

Mr. Preston received his Master of Business Administration in Finance from State University of New York at Albany.

Michael A. Garman is Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Mr. Garman joined PHEAA in December 2011. He is responsible for leading all facets of human resources by providing HR expertise and best practices to deliver quality programs and initiatives that support the organization's business model.

Mr. Garman retired from the U.S. Army as a Command Sergeant Major after 21 years of service. He also previously served in a variety of human resource positions within PA State Government, most recently serving as the Human Resource Director for the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Garman holds a Master's degree in Human Resources from Webster University and is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

Nathan Hench is Senior Vice President of Public Affairs. Mr. Hench joined the Agency in 2005 as Vice President of Legislative & Board Affairs. In his current role, he oversees the Agency's public relations, legislative affairs, marketing communications, public service and State Grant & Special Program functions.

Prior to joining the Agency, Mr. Hench was Executive Director of the Pennsylvania House Finance Committee. He began his career with the Finance Committee as a Research Analyst in 1999.

Mr. Hench holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Lebanon Valley College and a Master of Business Administration in Management from the Pennsylvania State University.

Brian Lecher is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. Mr. Lecher joined the Agency in 1997. His responsibilities include managing the development, maintenance, and support of the Agency's data processing systems and technology infrastructure. In earlier roles at the Agency, Mr. Lecher served as Senior Vice President for Electronic Commerce and Vice President of Student Loan Guaranty Services.

Prior to joining PHEAA, Mr. Lecher served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and held various professional positions within the Pennsylvania state government.

Mr. Lecher holds Masters Degrees in Information Systems and Public Administration and is a Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO).

Stephanie Martella is Senior Vice President of Client Relations, Loan Operations, and Client Contractual Testing. Mrs. Martella joined the Agency in 1988. Her responsibilities include managing third-party external client relationships, including Federal and Alternative Loan assets, as well as overseeing systems provided to Remote Clients. She also oversees the operations for servicing these portfolios and the contractual testing associated with compliance of these responsibilities.

Mrs. Martella holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Organizational Behavior from Albright College and a Master of Science in Leadership and Business Ethics from Duquesne University.

Scott E. Miller is Senior Vice President and Director of Federal Relations. Mr. Miller has represented the Agency in Washington, DC since 1998. He is the primary liaison between the Agency and the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Education, and other federal agencies.

Prior to joining the Agency, Mr. Miller held several senior positions in higher education and student aid-related organizations, including the congressionally chartered National Commission on Student Financial Assistance, the American Council on Education, and Sallie Mae.

Mr. Miller holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Queens College of the City University of New York.

Todd E. Mosko is Senior Vice President of Loan Assets Management. Mr. Mosko joined the Agency in 1986. He is responsible for all PHEAA activities as a loan guarantor in the Family Federal Education Loan Program (FFELP) which includes default prevention, claim review and post default collection activities, including procurement and oversight of collection agency contracting. Mr. Mosko also has responsibility for all collection activities for PHEAA's commercial servicing (AES) as well as federal servicing (FedLoan Servicing).

Prior to joining the Agency, Mr. Mosko worked for Beneficial National Bank in their consumer finance lending system. He has been active with The National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER) as a member and former co-chair of their Default Management Committee.

Mr. Mosko holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a concentration in finance and economics.

James H. Steeley is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at PHEAA. Mr. Steeley joined the Agency in November 2015. Prior to assuming this role, he was Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer at Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc., the Assistant Vice President of Finance at the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) and a Senior Manager in Financial Services Practice for

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Mr. Steeley is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting at Elizabethtown College.

Jason L. Swartley is Senior Vice President and Chief Legal and Compliance Officer for the Agency. Mr. Swartley joined the Agency in 1996. His current responsibilities include reviewing and approving all Agency agreements and managing all aspects of the Agency's legal and compliance initiatives.

Mr. Swartley is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College (Bachelor of Arts), The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University (Juris Doctor), Temple University School of Law (LL.M. in Trial Advocacy), and The Smeal College of Business of the Pennsylvania State University (Master of Business Administration).

Daniel Weigle is PHEAA's Vice President and Program Director of FedLoan Servicing. Mr. Weigle joined the Agency in 1997, spending much of his career assisting school partners with their financial aid processing and default prevention efforts. Dan joined FedLoan Servicing in 2010 as School Support Manager and recently assumed the responsibilities of Vice President and Program Director, overseeing the continued success of FedLoan Servicing as a U.S. Department of Education Title IV Additional Servicer (TIVA). He also manages and responds to all Department of Education solicitations for new business.

Mr. Weigle holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Kutztown University.

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