

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on Wednesday, July 25, at 11 a.m., the following persons were present:

PRESENT: Mr. Harding, presiding, Mr. Delano, Mr. Warburg, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on July 24 were read, and, on motion, approved.

Governor Harding read a draft of a letter relating to the collection system in vogue at the several banks, intended for transmission to all governors and reserve agents. The letter was approved in substance and referred to the Executive Committee for final revision in matters of detail, with authority to send it out.

Governor Harding read a letter received from Mr. J. F. Curtis on behalf of governors of Federal Reserve Banks, stating that a meeting of governors had been called for August 15. Mr. Harding stated that inquiry had shown that the Treasury Department did not desire to have such a conference held and he believed no such conference should be held in any event without previous call of the Board.

The contents of a suitable reply were discussed and it was agreed that the Governor be authorized to answer, stating that in future such conferences should occur only on the call of the Board, and also informing the governors that in this case it was the wish of the Treasury Department that no meeting of any kind be held because of the erroneous impressions that would be produced by it.

The Secretary of the Board read letters from Federal Reserve Agent Ferrin announcing the appointment of William Day as Assistant Deputy Governor, and from Federal Reserve Agent Wills relative to the designation of reserve cities. The latter communication was referred to Mr. Delano.

A letter from Deputy Governor Treman asking exemption from military service of five employes of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was referred to the Committee on Staff.

The Secretary of the Board read letters of acceptance from Messrs. Hall, Marnell and Toevs, all of which were noted and passed to file.

On motion the following resolution relating to the administration of the gold settlement fund was adopted and ordered inserted in the minutes:

WHEREAS, under authority of the Act approved June 21, 1917, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to receive deposits of gold coin or gold certificates with the Treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States when tendered by any Federal reserve bank or Federal reserve agent for credit to its or his account with the Federal Reserve Board, and

WHEREAS, by direction of the several Federal reserve banks and Federal reserve agents the Federal Reserve Board has delivered to the Treasurer of the United States the gold certificates heretofore held by it in the Gold Settlement Fund, and

WHEREAS, Deposits so made are held by the Treasurer subject to the order of the Federal Reserve Board and are payable in gold coin or gold certificates on the order of the Federal Reserve Board to any Federal reserve bank or Federal reserve agent, and

WHEREAS, the order used by the Federal Reserve Board in making such payments must be signed by the Governor or Vice Governor, or such officers or members as the Board may by regulation prescribe, the form of such order to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore prescribed, and the Secretary of the Treasury has heretofore approved, the form of order to be used in making disbursements from such fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in addition to the Governor and Vice Governor of the Board the following members are hereby authorized to execute such orders for and on behalf of the Board:

F. A. Delano,  
A. C. Miller,  
C. S. Hamlin,  
Wm. G. Mcadoo,  
J. S. Williams.

Mr. McClelland:

Page 81 of the minutes of 1917, volume 2, second paragraph, apparently contained an error, in that the name of Mr. Perrin seems to have been substituted in the first line for that of Mr. Curtis. I do not know whether it is sufficiently important to warrant the change, inasmuch as the subject of the paragraph is no longer in the employ of the bank of Boston.

J.D.

A report of the Committee on Staff approving advances in the salary of Assistant Cashier Gilbert, of Atlanta, from \$2100 to \$2500 per annum was presented and on motion approved.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin designating Russell B. Spear as Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Boston was read, and on motion the appointment was approved and the Secretary directed to telegraph Mr. Curtiss accordingly.

A report of the Committee on Issue and Redemption in the form of a letter addressed to Director Ralph, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, was read and on motion the letter was adopted with minor modifications and ordered transmitted.

Governor Harding read a telegram from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Branch at San Francisco) regarding a prospective shipment of gold to India. On motion the matter was referred to the Governor and Vice Governor to telegraph the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco recommending such action as they might deem best.

A report from Mr. Miller relative to a recommendation from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York that the figures and letter printed on Federal Reserve notes indicating the bank of issue be in larger type was read, and on motion, the matter was referred to Mr. Delano to be brought to the attention of

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby.

The question of designating vice chairmen at the various Federal reserve banks was brought up for action, and on motion the following Class C directors at the several Federal reserve banks were, on nomination of the Chairmen of the various Committees on Operation, designated as deputy chairmen of their respective boards, in each case for the remainder of the current calendar year, (and the Secretary of the Board was directed to notify them accordingly:

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,	A. J. Peters,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,	Geo. F. Peabody,
" "	Philadelphia, H.B. Thompson,
" "	Cleveland, L. H. Treadway,
" "	Richmond, J. A. Moncure,
" "	Atlanta, E. T. Brown,
" "	Chicago, W. F. McLallen,
" "	Minneapolis, W. H. Lightner,
" "	St. Louis, J. W. Boehne,
" "	Kansas City, F. W. Fleming,
" "	Dallas, W. B. Newsome,
" "	San Francisco, W. N. Monroe.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin transmitting the revised by-laws of the Federal Reserve Bank Branch at Spokane was presented. On motion, it was voted that the Governor authorize him to proceed on the basis of the by-laws as submitted, but with the understanding that the Board has not yet ratified Article 2, Subsection C, but

will take action on that matter later. It was agreed that the director's fee at the Spokane Branch be \$2.00 per diem for resident members, and \$5.00 per diem for those not resident.

A letter from the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, with reference to collection charges, was referred to the Committee on Clearing, with the advice of Counsel.

A letter from Mr. Jerome Thralls, of the American Bankers Association, inquiring about the Board's action as to loans to Directors of member banks was presented and on motion the Governor was authorized to send him a copy of the general letter transmitted under date of July 24, with permission to print the same, if desired.

A telegram from the "Credit Clearing House" of Philadelphia, stating that representatives of the organization would visit Washington this week, was referred to Mr. Delano.

On motion, at 12.15 p. m. the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 26, at 11 a. m.

APPROVED:

*J. P. ...*  
Secretary.

Chairman.