

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on Tuesday, September 18, 1917, at 10 A. M.

Present:

Mr. Harding presiding, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Delano, Mr. Warburg, Mr. Williams, Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on September 13 were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held on September 14, morning, and September 14, afternoon, were read and, on motion, approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

Letters from Governor Wold and F. R. A. Austin, relative to the acceptance of State bank examinations, were referred to the Division of Audit and Examination.

On motion, the reduction of capital stock of the First National Bank of San Mateo County, Redwood City, California, from \$102,000 to \$100,000, was approved.

Governor Harding presented a letter from Messrs. Bernhard, Scholle & Co., and a letter from the National Bank of Commerce, with reference to the question of the point at which documents must be attached to acceptances, and the conditions under which this must be done. An opinion

of Counsel on the same subject was presented and general discussion ensued. It was agreed that the policy outlined by Counsel in the opinion referred to should be generally followed, and that the Governor be authorized to write a suitable letter expressing this view on the part of the Board.

Mr. Williams was recorded as not voting, not having given the subject previous consideration.

A letter from F. R. A. Martin, stating that a large concern in St. Louis which was using trade acceptances, found the cost of collection very high, and inquiring the limit of charges under the Board's recent ruling, was read, and it was agreed that the Governor write a suitable letter relating to the subject, outlining the Board's policy.

Governor Harding announced that advices from Mr. Miller were to the effect that Mr. Miller would return to Washington via the Northwest, on September 24.

Governor Harding presented a letter from Director Kinney of the F. R. B. of Dallas, relative to the collection of checks, and announcing that a small national bank in Texas had determined to retire from the Federal reserve system on account of the check collection system of the Board. The letter was noted and ordered passed to file.

A letter from Director Ralph with reference to the question of receiving light weight gold coin, was read and, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee and the Comptroller of the Currency.

reports of the Committee on Staff approving the salaries of national bank examiners, were approved as follows:

Richard H. Collier, St. Louis District, from \$4,200 to \$4,500 per annum, effective October 1, 1917.

Elmore F. Higgins, transferred from the Chicago to the Atlanta District, from \$5,500 to \$6,500, effective October 15.

On motion, at 11 A. M., the Board took a recess until 3 P. M., this day.

APPROVED:

Chairman.

A. P. [Signature]

Secretary.