

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on March 10, 1919, at 11 A.M.,

PRESENT: The Governor  
Mr. Hamlin  
Mr. Williams  
Mr. Broderick, Secretary.

The Governor stated that General Counsel desired authority to procure a reprint of the Federal Reserve Act, embodying all amendments to date.

Approved.

Letter dated March 6th from Mr. Richard H. Malone, in re responsibility for certain announcements made regarding stock of Western Oil Fields Corporation.

Referred to the Governor for submission of form of reply and form of general letter on same subject to all Federal Reserve banks.

Letter dated March 7th from Mr. J. H. Case, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in re practice of certain rediscounting banks of depositing funds in other districts, and holding certificates of deposit therefor.

Governor to reply.

Letter dated March 6th from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey, in re suggested branches at Houston and San Antonio.

Governor to reply.

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Letter dated March 7th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, suggesting the attendance of Deputy Governor Spencer of that Bank at the forthcoming Conference with Governors.

Voted that the Governor be authorized to invite Mr. Spencer and also Assistant Cashier Kenzel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to attend the Conference with Governors to be held on March 20th.

Letter dated March 8th from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting ratification of the action of the Directors of that Bank in appointing Mr. H. A. Hopf as Consulting Efficiency Engineer for an indefinite term at a salary of \$600 per month.

Approved.

Letter dated March 6th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, in re Board's circular letter of March 3d (X-1405) on domestic acceptances.

Noted.

Letter dated March 7th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, enclosing memorandum by the Directors of that Bank in re sales of Treasury certificates of indebtedness in the Dallas District.

Referred to the Governor for consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

(At this point Mr. Williams joined the meeting).

The Governor reported the purchase of special 2% certificates of indebtedness of the United States for deposit with the Comptroller of the Currency as collateral for Federal Reserve bank notes, as follows:

<u>For Federal Reserve Bank of:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cleveland,	March 7, 1919	\$1,000,000
Philadelphia,	March 7, 1919	1,500,000

Approved.

Letter dated March 7th from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsay, in re bill pending in the Oklahoma Legislature affecting membership of State banks in the Federal Reserve System.

Noted.

Letter dated March 6th from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, suggesting that uniform designation of Fiscal Agency Departments of Federal Reserve Banks be made topic for discussion at the forthcoming Conference with Governors of Federal Reserve banks.

Ordered docketed for the Conference with Governors.

Letter dated March 6th from the Dudley-Miller Mercantile Agency, in re unpaid indebtedness of an employee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

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Referred to the Governor for reply.

A discussion was had of a suggested policy to be adopted by the Federal Reserve Board bearing upon the practice of officers and directors of Federal Reserve banks borrowing from member banks in their own districts.

Ordered tabled for future consideration at a full meeting of the Board.

Letter dated March 8th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, in re progress of bill pending in the Indiana Legislature affecting membership of State banks in the Federal Reserve System.

Noted.

Letter dated March 8th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, in re attitude of the State Banking Commissioner of Wisconsin toward the exercise of fiduciary powers by National banks.

Noted.

Letter dated March 7th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Cleveland, enclosing copy of letter dated December 24th, from the Exchange Bank of Kentucky, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, giving notice of its intention to withdraw from the Federal Reserve System.

Ordered passed to file.

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Letter dated March 7th from the American Foreign Banking Corporation, in response to the Board's letter of March 4th, in re report of condition as at close of business December 31, 1918.

Referred to the Secretary for report.

The Governor reported the following rediscount transactions, pursuant to authority heretofore vested in him:

March 8th, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, \$10,000,000 15 day member bank collateral notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

March 7th, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day promissory notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

March 10th, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day promissory notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

Noted.

Letter dated January 25th from Sveriges Riksbank, Stockholm, acknowledging receipt of silver medal presented by the Board.

Noted.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated March 8th, submitting forms of certificates for membership in the

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Federal Reserve System to be issued to State and National bank members.

Approved as amended.

Summary of replies received to the Board's letter of February 27th (X-1395) in re State bank applications for membership.

Ordered circulated.

Report by Mr. Hamlin dated March 8th, in re eligibility for membership in the Federal Reserve System of banks organized under a bill pending before the North Dakota Legislature.

Voted that no action be taken unless and until a formal application for membership is received from an institution organized under the provisions of the pending bill.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated March 5th, in re Federal incorporation of companies engaged in foreign trade and banking.

Referred to General Counsel for further opinion.

The Governor stated that he had conferred with the Comptroller of the Treasury with respect to the propriety of charging to the Federal Reserve Board official expenses now paid by Board members out of their private means in connection with luncheons and dinners given to those at-

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tending conferences called by the Board to be held in Washington; and that the Comptroller of the Treasury had assured him that it would be entirely proper to charge such expenses to the Board, vouchers covering such charge, however, to show deductions of amounts paid for expenses of Board members in this connection.

Letter dated March 4th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Richmond, in re method of reporting violations of Section 22 of the Federal Reserve Act. The Governor submitted for approval copy of his response under date of March 8th.

Approved.

Report dated March 10th, recommending admission of State institutions as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to each application.

Approved.

Report, March 8th, recommending approval of salaries of employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as follows:

Halsey W. Snow, Jr.,	\$2,400	per annum.
George Schultz,	2,400	"

Approved.

Letter dated March 4th from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, in re special examination of the Scandinavian-American Bank, Seattle, Washington.

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Referred to the Division of Audit and Examination.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks.

Letter dated March 8th from Messrs. Shearman and Sterling, submitting applications of the National City Bank of New York for orders permitting that Bank to open branches in Australia; British South Africa; Island of Trinidad, West Indies; Island of Jamaica; Island of Curacao, Dutch West Indies; and a sub-branch of its Venezuela branch at Ciudad Bolivar.

Tabled for the meeting of the Board on Wednesday, March 12th.

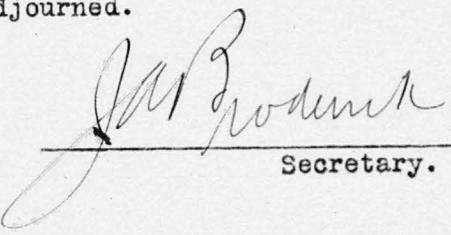
(At this point Mr. Williams withdrew from the meeting).

Applications of the following banks for authority to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100% of their capital and surplus, under the provisions of Section 13:

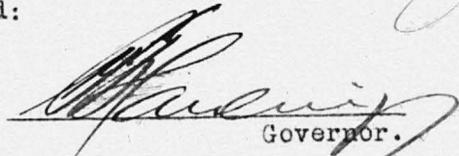
Corn Exchange National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Live Stock Exchange National Bank, Chicago, Ill.  
Guardian Trust and Savings Bank, Toledo, Ohio.

Approved.

At 1 P.M., the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Approved:

  
Governor.