

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on March 18, 1919, at 11:30 A.M.,

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

Business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter dated March 15th from the Federal Reserve Agent at New York, with further reference to the suggested appointment of Mr. Shepard J. Morgan as Assistant Federal Reserve Agent.

Voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Shepard J. Morgan as Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at New York at a salary of \$7,500 per annum, upon the understanding that he will devote substantially his entire time to that office.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on March 17th were read, and on motion approved as amended.

The minutes of the meeting of the Gold Export Committee held on March 18th were presented and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

Letter dated March 13th from Mr. George N. Peek, Chairman of the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce, suggesting designation by the Federal Reserve Board of some one to represent it on the cooperating committee of the In-

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dustrial Board.

Ordered tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

The Governor stated that exceptions were in order to General Counsel's memorandum of March 17th in re policy of the Board as to construction of Section 11 (k) of the Federal Reserve Act as amended by the Act of September 26, 1918.

No exception taken.

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

March 17th, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by government obligations; rate 4%.

Report dated March 18th, recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers as stated in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Report dated March 17th, recommending approval of application of Mr. Nicholas F. Brady for permission to serve at same time as director of the Merchants National Bank, New York City, and the Morristown Trust Co., Morristown, N.J.

Approved.

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Report dated March 17th, recommending approval of application of Mr. F. F. Brooks for permission to serve at same time as director of the First National Bank, Sewickley, Pa., and of the First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Approved.

Report dated March 17th, recommending approval of application of Mr. Philip M. Gaffey for permission to serve at same time as director and vice-president of the First National Bank, San Pedro, Cal., and as director and cashier of the Harbor City Savings Bank, San Pedro, Cal.  
Approved.

Letter from the Comptroller of the Currency dated March 17th, advising of the appointment of Miss Margaret M. Bicknell and Miss Gertrude E. Croe as Clerk-counters in the Division of Redemption and Issue, at a salary of \$1,020 each per annum, effective March 17th.

Approved.

Application of The Peoples Bank, New Bern, North Carolina, for membership in the Federal Reserve System.

Voted to instruct the Federal Reserve Agent at Richmond that the Board can not approve application without recommendation of the Executive Committee of his Bank.

Memorandum by Mr. Imlay dated March 15th, recommending the sale of the Board's surplus equipment in New York and the purchase of such equipment as is needed from the Capital Issues Committee, through the General Supply Committee.

Approved.



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Letter from the Comptroller of the Currency dated February 15th, in re suggested discontinuance of certificates of destruction of Federal Reserve notes (Form 2334). The Governor submitted for approval draft of reply by him under date of March 17th.

Approved.

Letter dated March 15th from the Federal Reserve Agent at St. Louis, inquiring as to the propriety of paying fee to a member of the Federal Advisory Council for attendance upon meetings of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The Governor was authorized to reply in the negative.

Letter dated March 14th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, transmitting notice of withdrawal of the Lake Providence Bank, Lake Providence, La., from the Federal Reserve System, six months from March 6, 1919.

Noted.

Letter dated March 17th from Mr. Philip H. Gadsden, Chairman of the New York Committee on Public Utilities Conditions, requesting that he be given an opportunity to address the Board and the Governors of Federal Reserve banks at the forthcoming conference.

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The Governor was authorized to advise Mr. Gadsden that if he will put in writing the statement he desires to make, the Board will be glad to grant him fifteen minutes for the discussion thereof at the Conference with Governors.

Letter dated March 17th from the Council on Foreign Relations, inviting the Governor to attend and address a conference of the Council on April 2d.

Voted that the Governor be authorized, in his discretion, to attend and address the meeting at the expense of the Board.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated March 15th, in connection with the exercise of fiduciary powers by National banks in the State of New York.

Voted that it shall be the policy of the Board to continue granting such powers, and that General Counsel be authorized to visit New York and Albany for the purpose of settling points of difference with the Attorney General and the State Banking Commissioner of New York.

On motion duly seconded, Mr. Hamlin was authorized to instruct the Federal Reserve Agent at Boston to submit to him a complete and detailed report of the circumstances surrounding the acquisition by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston of bank property.

Memorandum by the Secretary dated March 10th, in re continuance of the lease of the direct telegraph wire between New York and Chicago, heretofore approved for a

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period ending April 1, 1919.

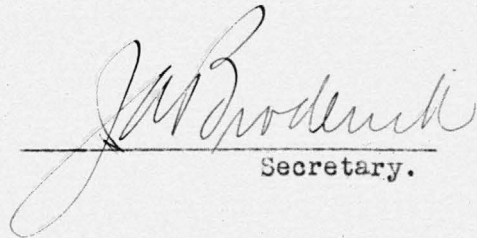
Voted that the lease of such wire between New York and Chicago be continued for an indefinite period, inasmuch as lease is terminable at any time upon one day's notice.

Report of examination of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston as at close of business February 15, 1919.

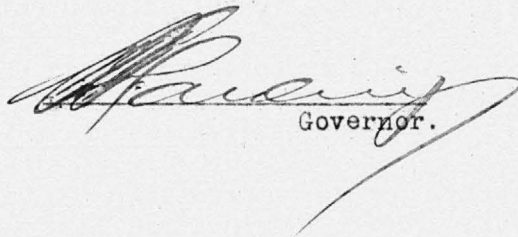
Ordered circulated.

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

At 1:15 P.M., the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Approved:

  
Governor.