

At a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Wednesday, December 3, 1919, at 11, A.M.,

PRESENT: The Governor  
 Mr. Strauss  
 Mr. Miller  
 Mr. Hamlin  
 Mr. Moehlenpah  
 Mr. Williams  
 Mr. Chapman, Secretary.

Minutes of meetings of the Board held on November 26th, 28th, December 1st and 2d, were read, and on motion approved as amended.

Business was presented and disposed of as follows:

The Governor reported rediscount transaction, pursuant to authority heretofore vested in him; member bank promissory notes secured by Government obligations, rate 4-1/2%, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bank Redis-</u> <u>counting</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
Dec.2d	Philadelphia	Chicago	\$4,500,000	11-15 days

Noted.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at close of business December 1st, and the status of rediscounts between Federal Reserve Banks as of the same date.

Letter dated November 28th from the National Inland

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Waterways Association requesting that Mr. Hamlin become an honorary member thereof.

Voted that it is the sense of the Board that the membership proposed is one which Mr. Hamlin could with propriety accept or not in the exercise of his own judgment.

Memorandum by Mr. Emerson dated December 2d, submitting for approval, draft of letter to all Federal Reserve banks containing instructions as to closing of books on December 31, 1919.

Approved as amended.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated Dec. 3d, 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.

Dated Dec. 2d, recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks as set forth in auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated Dec. 2d, recommending approval of applications for fiduciary powers, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Other business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Application of Union Savings Bank & Trust Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, a member bank, to establish an additional branch in Cincinnati.

Approved.

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Application of the Citizens and Southern Bank, Savannah, Georgia, a member bank, for permission to establish a branch at Atlanta, Georgia.

Approved.

Letter dated December 2d from Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, submitting list of changes made in the National Bank Examining force during November, 1919.

Noted.

Letter dated December 2d from H. B. Spencer, Director of Finances of the United States Railroad Administration, inquiring as to eligibility for rediscount by Federal Reserve banks of bills drawn against coal sold to the United States Railroad Administration and accepted by it.

The Governor submitted for approval, draft of reply by General Counsel dated December 3d, approving such paper as eligible.

Approved.

Letter dated December 1st from the Governor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, making inquiry as to the propriety of making effective at this time the convention between the United States and the Republic of Paraguay, looking to the establishment of an international gold clearing fund.

After discussion, referred to Governor for reply.

Memorandum dated November 26th by General Counsel, suggesting that the Board publish the ruling of the Comptroller

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of the Currency as to the words "Fully covered by insurance", in connection with discount of cattle paper.

Referred to Mr. Hamlin for report.

Memorandum by Mr. Jacobson dated December 2d, recommending that in their weekly reports the Federal Reserve banks be requested to divide the items "Bills payable with Federal Reserve banks" and "Bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve banks", as follows:

Bills payable with Federal Reserve banks:

- (a) Secured by United States war obligations.
- (b) All other.

Bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve banks:

- (a) Secured by United States war obligations.
- (b) All other.

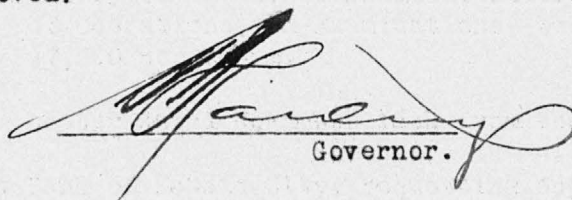
Approved.

At 1-05 P.M., the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

Approved:



Governor.