

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Wednesday, May 24, 1922, at 10:45 a.m.

PRESENT: Governor Harding  
Mr. Platt  
Mr. Hamlin  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. Mitchell  
Mr. Crissinger  
Mr. Hoxton, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held May 23d were read and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal reserve banks as at close of business May 22d.

Letter dated May 17th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, with reference to the acceptance by member banks of drafts drawn by the Philippine National Bank for the purpose of creating dollar exchange.

Noted.

Letter dated May 22d, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting authority to set aside \$250,000, with a view to completing the \$1,000,000 self-insurance fund previously set up on the books of that Bank, said letter having by action of the Board yesterday been laid over until this meeting. The Governor stated that he had received advice from Mr. Jay that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not consider it necessary that action be taken on this matter until the end of the present year.

No action.

Letter dated May 20th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, calling the attention of the Board to differences between the Intra-district time schedules of that Bank and the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Boston.

Upon motion, the Governor was requested to arrange for the appearance before the Federal Reserve Board on Friday, June 2d of representatives from the Federal Reserve Banks of New York, Boston and Philadelphia, with a view to harmonizing the Intra-district schedules of the three banks named.

The Governor called attention to the passage yesterday by the House of Representatives of Senate Bill No. 2263, including the so-called Harris Amendment, prohibiting a Federal reserve bank from entering into any contract for the erection of any building of any kind or character, or to authorize the erection of any building in excess of \$250,000, without the consent of Congress having previously been given therefor in express terms, provided nothing in the amendment shall apply to any building now under construction.

Upon motion of Mr. Crissinger, it was unanimously voted that the Governor be requested to advise all Federal reserve banks which have head office buildings or branch bank buildings under contemplation, but not yet under contract or in process of construction, to cease all activities with respect to building projects.

Governor Harding referred to the action of the Board taken yesterday in the matter of the Secretary's minutes of the last Governors' Conference, and submitted drafts of three letters dated May 24th, giving instructions with reference to the closing of their books by the Federal reserve banks and with reference to the establishment of minimum rates

for the open market purchases of trade acceptances, and with reference to elimination from the published statements of the words, "Reserved for Government Franchise Tax".

Approved.

The Governor submitted a sketched chart prepared by the Secretary in accordance with the action of the Board taken at its meeting of May 15th, showing the plan under which the officers and employes of the Federal Reserve Board are now operating, and calling attention to the necessity at this time for a revision of the By-laws of the Federal Reserve Board.

Upon motion, the following were appointed as a special committee on the revision of the By-laws: Messrs. Platt, Miller and Mitchell.

The Governor submitted reports of examination, together with comments thereon by the Chief Examiner, of the following: First Federal Foreign Banking Association of New York City, as at close of business March 13, 1922; Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, as at close of business January 7, 1922; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, as at close of business January 21, 1922; Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as at close of business February 11, 1922; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, as at close of business March 25, 1922.

Noted.

Report of Messrs. A. C. Miller and J. R. Mitchell, being the committee appointed by the Federal Reserve Board to make a survey of branch banking developments in California in April, 1922.

Ordered circulated.

Mr. Hamlin submitted a report of the Law Committee with reference to the request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to be authorized to pay the General Counsel of that Bank, Mr. Randolph, an additional fee of \$5,000 for services rendered in the par clearance case, subsequent to the remanding of that case to trial by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Approved, Mr. Miller voting "no".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated May 23d, Recommending changes in stock at Federal reserve banks, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book of this date.

Approved.

Dated May 22d, Recommending holding pending amendment of the application of Mr. Charles E. Beury to serve at the same time as president and director of the National Bank of North Philadelphia and as vice president and director of the Tioga Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

Approved.

Dated May 17th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. J. P. Strittmatter to serve at the same time as director of the National Bank of North Philadelphia and as director of the Integrity Trust Company of Philadelphia.

Approved.

Dated May 24th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Edward Bains to serve at the same time as director of the National Bank of North Philadelphia, and as director of the Oak Lane State Bank, Philadelphia.

Approved.

Dated May 22d, Recommending holding of the application of Mr. John Y. Gilbert to serve at the same time as director of the National Bank of North Philadelphia and as director of the Tioga Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

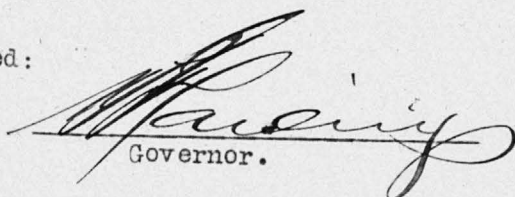
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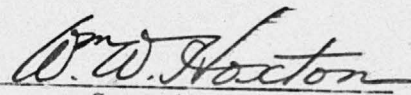
Dated May 22d, Recommending holding of the application of Mr. Charles E. Reuter to serve at the same time as director of the National Bank of North Philadelphia and as president and director of the Tioga Trust Company of Philadelphia.

Approved.

At 12:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

  
Governor.

  
Secretary