A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, May 15th, at 11:00 o'clock.

The Board was advised that Messrs. George R. James and Edward H. Cunningham had yesterday afternoon taken the oath of office as members of the Federal Reserve Board.

PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
Mr. Platt
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Dawes
Mr. Hoxton, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on May 10th were read and on motion approved.

Telegram dated May 11th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, inquiring if there would be any objection to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas receiving an application of membership from a state bank eligible under amendment to the Federal Reserve Act in the Federal Farm Loan Act of March 4th, pending adoption by the Federal Reserve Board of rules and regulations as outlined in proposed Regulation "H".

Upon motion it was voted that the Board interposes no objection to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas receiving the application referred to.

Letter, dated May 8th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, transmitting action taken by the Board of Directors of that bank, whereby it was voted that subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the sum of $3,000 be set apart for welfare work among the employees for the year 1923.
Upon motion it was voted that the Board approve for
the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and its branches,
an appropriation of $250 a month for educational and wel-
fare work, it being understood that the Chairman of the
Board will be advised that the Federal Reserve Board in-
tends to make a systematic survey of all appropriations
for educational and welfare purposes at all of the Fed-
eral Reserve banks with a view to informing itself as to
whether or not it may be necessary for the Federal Res-
serve banks to scale down their expenditures for such pur-
poses.

Letter dated May 10th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Philadelphia, ad-
vising that he had called a meeting of Federal Reserve Librarians to discuss
specific problems, policies, etc. at Philadelphia on May 21, 1923, and extend-
ing an invitation to a representative from the Federal Reserve Board to be
Present.

Mr. Hamlin moved that Mr. Austin be advised that the
Board at this time notes without objection the arrangements
made for a meeting of librarians, but that in the future any such
matter which involves expenditure of money must be submitted to
the Federal Reserve Board in ample time to permit the Board to
pass upon the question.

Upon roll call requested by Governor Crissinger, Mr. Hamlin's
motion was carried, the members voting as follows:

Governor Crissinger, "no"
Mr. Miller, "no"
Mr. Platt, "aye"
Mr. Hamlin, "aye"
Mr. James, "aye"
Mr. Cunningham, "aye"
Mr. Dawes, "aye"

Memorandum dated May 11th, from the Librarian of the Board, Miss Rackstraw,
requesting that the Library of the Federal Reserve Board be represented at the
annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association to be held at Atlantic
City May 22–25, 1923.

Approved, the roll being called upon the request of Governor Crissinger, and the members voting as follows:
Governor Crissinger, "no"
Mr. Cunningham, "no"
Mr. Platt, "aye"
Mr. Hamlin, "aye"
Mr. Miller, "aye"
Mr. James, "aye"
Mr. Dawes, "aye"

Memorandum dated May 11th, from the Director of the Division of Analysis and Research, requesting authority to print a small pamphlet which will bring together the Federal Reserve Board's various index numbers of prices for foreign countries and thus publish for the first time the prices for the particular commodities which have entered into the index.

Approved, and referred to the Governor with power to fix the price at which the pamphlets shall be sold.

Telegram dated May 14th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, advising of the death of Mr. John R. McCune, a director of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, appointed by the Federal Reserve Board for a term ending December 31, 1923.

Referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation.

The Board approved the bond of Mr. S. H. Leavell, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in the amount of $50,000.

Upon motion, it was ordered that all employees whose services may be spared, would be excused on Thursday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m. for the remainder
of the day to enable those who so desire to attend the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the statue of Alexander Hamilton on the south plaza of the Treasury, it being noted that the Secretary of the Treasury has issued such an order affecting the employes of the Treasury Department.

Letter dated May 7th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, transmitting with favorable recommendation, the application of the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, to establish a branch de novo at Pine Knot, California.

Approved, Mr. Crissinger and Mr. James voting "no".

Mr. Dawes advised the Board that he had designated Mr. Francis J. Kilkenny as his secretary at a salary of $2500 per annum, effective May 1, 1923.

Memorandum dated May 15th, from the Chief Examiner advising of the resignation of Mr. A. P. Freer, Assistant Federal Reserve Examiner, salary, $2700 per annum, and requesting authority to employ a successor at a salary not to exceed $2700.

Approved.

Memorandum dated May 12th, from Mr. Jacobson, bearing the favorable endorsement of Dr. Stewart, recommending that the Board grant Mrs. Meacham, an employee of the Statistical Division, a leave of absence for three months without pay.

Approved.

Mr. Hamlin submitted, with favorable recommendation, a memorandum dated May 15th, recommending action of the Board with respect to the application of the First Federal Foreign Banking Association for the Board's consent to purchase stock in another corporation.

Approved.
The Governor submitted a letter dated May 12th, from Honorable William Phillips, Under Secretary of State, transmitting a telegram dated "Havana, May 11th, 1923" from Ambassador Crowder with reference to the present status of banking legislation in Cuba.

Upon motion the Governor was requested to transmit to the Under Secretary of State, a copy of a memorandum delivered over the signature of Governor Crissinger to Mr. White of the State Department following a conference of the Federal Reserve Board with Mr. White on May 7th as follows:

"There is no authority under the Federal Reserve Act for the investment of funds of the Federal Reserve Banks in the capital stock of foreign banking corporations. The proposed plan for the establishment of a central bank in Cuba would therefore require an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act. The Federal Reserve Board would not be disposed to ask of Congress an amendment for this purpose.

It is therefore not necessary for the Board to comment on other features for the participation of the Federal Reserve Board in the proposed banking plan."

The Governor submitted a letter dated May 12th, from Mr. J. W. Barton, Vice President of the Metropolitan National Bank of Minneapolis, advising that the National Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association had appointed a committee consisting of five members, with Mr. Barton, Chairman, to consider the question of the handling of non-cash collections by Federal Reserve banks and requesting that authority be granted that Committee to confer with the Federal Reserve Board or with a Committee appointed by the Board, on the subject of "Non-cash collections".

Upon motion, it was voted that the Governor be requested to advise Mr. Barton, that the Committee of Federal Reserve bank Governors appointed by the Board to consider the matter of Non-cash collections, will meet in Washington at 10:00 a.m. on May 23rd, and to extend to Mr. Barton
together with such members of his Committee as he may wish to bring, an invitation to attend for the purpose of presenting their views to the Governors' Committee on Voluntary Services appointed by the Federal Reserve Board.

The Governor was further requested to advise the Committees of Federal Reserve Bank Governors on Open Market Purchases and Voluntary Services that the Board desires them to meet in Washington on May 23rd, 1923, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1

Dated May 11th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date. Approved.

Dated May 12th, Dated May 14th, Dated May 15th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Edgar L. Marston to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., and of the Guaranty Trust Company and of the Bankers Trust Company, both of New York City. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved: Secretary.

[Signature] Governor.