

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, September 4, 1923, at 11:15 am.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on August 30th were read and approved.

Letter, dated August 31, 1923, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, advising that the Havana Agency of that bank will open on September 1st and enclosing copy of circular letter announcing the opening.

Noted.

The Governor announced that he had received two letters, dated September 1, 1923, from the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and Boston with reference to the allocation of capital to the Havana Agencies of those banks, which letters he had referred to Counsel for an opinion as to the right of the Board to make such allocation.

The action of the Governor in the above matter was ratified.

Letter, dated August 31, 1923, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, recommending that bill of lading drafts that are otherwise eligible be made eligible for discount or purchase by Federal Reserve Banks for member banks when endorsed by or emanating from non-member banks.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Talley that the provisions of the Board's regulation with regard to rediscounts for non-member banks shall apply to bill of lading drafts.

Letter, dated September 1, 1923, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Kansas City, recommending approval of the application of the First National Bank of Woodward, Oklahoma for permission to rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank paper which it has acquired or which it may acquire from seventeen non-member banks listed.

Upon motion, it was voted to approve the application of the First National Bank of Woodward so far as it relates to paper already acquired. It was the sense of the meeting, however, that the Board should not grant permission to the bank to rediscount paper which it may in future acquire from the non-member banks named.

Letter, dated August 29, 1923, from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, recommending approval of the application of the American Bank of San Francisco to absorb the Security Bank and Trust Company, San Francisco and to operate the latter's Branch located at 2626 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Approved.

Memorandum, dated August 30, 1923, from the Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that the temporary sixty-day appointment of Mrs. Effie Mehan, approved May 10th, be made permanent.

Approved.

Letter, dated August 30, 1923, from the Comptroller of the Currency, recommending approval of an increase in the salary of Chief National Bank Examiner J. W. Pole from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum.

Approved.

Letter, dated August 30, 1923, from the Comptroller of the Currency, recommending approval of an increase in the salary of National Bank Examiner William F. Sheehan from \$3,600 to \$5,000 per annum.

Approved.

Mr. James submitted a letter, dated August 31, 1923, addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Board by the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Atlanta, enclosing copy of power of attorney executed by Governor Wellborn, giving power of attorney to Messrs. L. C. Adelson and J. M. Slattery to act for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta at its Agency in Havana, Cuba.

Referred to Counsel for review.

Mr. Hamlin called attention to the provision of Section 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act that "No member of the Federal Reserve Board shall be an officer or director of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section, or of any corporation engaged in similar business organized under the laws of any State, nor hold stock in any such corporation, and before entering upon his duties as a member of the Federal Reserve Board he shall certify under oath to the Secretary of the Treasury that he has complied with this requirement".

The Secretary was instructed to have prepared a form of certificate to be signed by all members of the present Board to which the provisions of this paragraph apply.

The Governor stated that he had referred the matter of the appointment of a Federal Reserve Agent at Richmond to a Joint Committee, composed of the members of the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on District No. 5.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock m.

D. W. Hoston
General Secretary.

Approved: *D. H. Hiss*
Governor.