

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, October 16, 1923, at 3:10 p.m.

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

The minutes of the meetings of the Federal Reserve Board held on October 10th and October 12th were read and approved.

Memorandum dated October 15th, from the Secretary of the Board requesting authority to employ an additional messenger at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Approved.

Report of Law Committee on letter dated September 27th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, advising of the action taken by the Board of Directors of that bank at its last meeting in voting to amend the By-laws of the Oklahoma City branch to provide for an Assistant Cashier, and to define his duties, and to permit the election of the Discount Committee by the directors of the branch; said report recommending approval of the amendments mentioned and suggesting further amendment in that section of the By-laws of the Branch defining the duties of the Manager.

Upon motion, the report of the Committee was adopted and the proposed amendments to the branch By-laws were approved.

Mr. Hamlin, in behalf of the Law Committee, submitted draft of a letter prepared by Counsel, addressed to the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, replying to his letter of September 26th with regard to the necessity of requiring individual surety bonds for Federal Reserve Agents and Assistant Federal Reserve Agents.

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The Committee on Examinations reported on the matter referred to it at the meeting on October 12th, namely, letter dated October 10th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in reply to the Board's letter of October 4th, requesting information as to the plan which the Central Trust Company of Cincinnati, an applicant for membership, proposes to pursue with respect to the establishment of branches, the Committee reporting that no action by the Board is necessary at this time.

Upon motion, the report of the Committee on Examinations was accepted.

Letter dated October 11th, from Mr. E. W. Wing, President of the Batavia National Bank, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, transmitting copy of an article entitled "Federal Reserve Clearing System".

Referred to the Committee on Clearings.

Letter dated October 15th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, enclosing the weekly report from the Havana Agency and commenting upon the recent opinion of the Board's Counsel with respect to the right of Federal Reserve banks to buy government securities and bankers' acceptances under repurchase agreements.

Upon motion, copies of Governor Harding's letter were ordered furnished to each member of the Board and the weekly report was ordered circulated.

Mr. Hamlin reported on the matter referred to the Law Committee on September 25th, namely, the action of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta taken on July 20th, in voting to authorize the payment of

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\$5,000 to their General Counsel, Randolph and Parker, as settlement in full for services in connection with the par clearance litigation; recommending in view of the fact that the directors of the bank had seen fit to approve the payment that the Board should interpose no objection.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Hamlin, the Board voted to interpose no objection to the payment above mentioned.

Mr. Platt stated that Mr. McFadden, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Inquiry on Membership in the Federal Reserve System, had called on him and stated that the Committee expects to hold hearings in certain Federal Reserve Bank and Branch Bank cities during the period November 4th to November 17th, and that Chairman McFadden had expressed a desire to make use of space in Federal Reserve bank quarters for the purpose of holding such hearings.

Mr. Platt was requested to telegraph the Governors of the several Federal Reserve banks suggesting that they tender to the Committee the use of their Board rooms.

Telegram dated October 16th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas advising that the Joint Committee of Inquiry on Membership in the Federal Reserve System had wired him requesting the use of the Board room at Dallas for the purpose of holding hearings while in that city, and asking whether or not, in view of the fact that the proposed hearings of the Committee will be held during the period of the forthcoming conference of Governors and Federal Reserve Agents to be held in Washington, it will be necessary for either he or the Governor of the Bank to remain in Dallas.

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The Governor was requested to wire Mr. Talley suggesting that the Governor of the Bank remain in Dallas.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Dated, October 15th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.  
Approved.
- Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. A. C. Johnson to serve at the same time as director and officer of the First National Bank of East St. Louis, Illinois, and as officer of the First National Bank of Lebanon, Illinois.  
Approved.
- Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. B. L. Gill to serve at the same time as director of the Seaboard National Bank of New York City, as director of the Americal National Bank of Terrell, Texas, and as director of the First National Bank of Terrell, Texas.  
Approved.
- Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Henry J. Nichols to serve at the same time as director of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Massachusetts, and as director of the First National Bank of West Newton, Massachusetts.  
Approved.
- Dated October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. G.W. Brichler to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank of East St. Louis, Illinois, and as director of the First National Bank of Lebanon, Illinois.  
Approved.
- Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. J. F. Reid to serve at the same time as director and officer of the First National Bank of East St. Louis, Illinois, and as director and officer of the First National Bank of Lebanon, Illinois.  
Approved.
- Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. George Hutchinson to serve at the same time as director of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Massachusetts, and as director of the First National Bank of West Newton, Massachusetts.  
Approved.

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Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Charles E. Hatfield to serve at the same time as president and director of the First National Bank of West Newton, Massachusetts, and as vice president and director of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Massachusetts.

Approved.

Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Louis K. Liggett to serve at the same time as director of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Massachusetts, as director of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, and as director of the National Rockland Bank of Boston, Massachusetts.

Approved.

Dated, October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Frank L. Richardson, to serve at the same time as director and vice president of the First National Bank of West Newton, Massachusetts, and as director and vice president of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Mass.

Approved.

Dated October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Leverett Saltonstall, to serve at the same time as director of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, and as director of the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, also of Boston, Massachusetts.

Approved.

Dated October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. John K. Gore, to serve at the same time as director of the National State Bank of Newark, New Jersey, and as director and vice president of the Brick Church National Bank of Orange, New Jersey.

Approved.

Dated October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Albert G. Milbank, to serve at the same time as director of the Seaboard National Bank and as trustee of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, both of New York City.

Approved.

Dated October 12th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Ernest B. Dane, to serve at the same time as director of the Merchants National Bank, as director of the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, both of Boston, Mass. and as president and director of the Brookline Trust Company of Brookline, Mass.

Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Secretary.