

Upon call of the Governor, a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Friday, April 25, 1924, at 11:05 o'clock.

- PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
- Mr. Platt
- Mr. Hamlin
- Mr. Miller
- Mr. Eddy, Secretary

The Governor stated that he had called the meeting to take up with the Board the matter of the discount rate at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He stated that while in New York on Wednesday he had attended the meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank and he had found them of the opinion that a reduction should be made in the Federal Reserve bank rate to 4%, but that action by the directors had been deferred at the request of Mr. Case, Acting Governor of the bank.

Mr. Miller stated that he thought a reduction in the rate should be made, and further, that he was of the opinion that such action should have been taken about two months ago.

After an informal discussion, during which the members present seemed inclined to favor a lower rate at New York, it was voted to request the Secretary of the Treasury to attend a meeting to be held at 10:00 o'clock next Monday morning for a further discussion of the matter.

The minutes of the meetings of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 17th and 22nd were read and approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th were read and approved.

Mr. Hamlin then moved that action taken by the Executive Committee be approved and ratified as action of the Board.

Carried.

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Mr. Platt then moved that the matter of increases in the salaries of six Assistant Cashiers at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, be taken from the table and that the increases recommended be approved, effective May 1, 1924, as follows:

C. A. McIlhenny	-	\$8,000 to	\$9,000
W. J. Davis	-	8,000 "	9,000
James M. Toy	-	6,500 "	7,500
R. M. Miller, Jr.	-	6,500 "	7,500
Frank W. LaBold	-	6,500 "	7,500
Samuel R. Earl	-	7,000 "	7,500

Mr. Platt's motion being put by the chair was carried.

The Law Committee then presented a memorandum from Counsel dated April 18th, with regard to the application of Mr. W. S. Palmer to act at the same time as director of the McDowell National Bank and the Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank, both of Sharon, Pa., Counsel stating that the case is a close one and while he is unable to recommend that the application be approved, the Board may find as a matter of fact that the two banks are not in substantial competition.

After discussion, Mr. Platt moved approval of the application. Carried.

Memorandum dated April 24th from the Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending the permanent appointment of Mrs. Margaret Hammond, a temporary employee, at a salary of \$1440 per annum, effective May 1, 1924.

Approved.

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Memorandum from Counsel with regard to letter dated April 16th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, inquiring whether the term of office of Mr. C. H. Manchester, as Class "C" director of that bank, became effective on April 11th, the date of his appointment by the Board or on April 16th, the date on which he took his oath of office; Counsel in his memorandum stating that in his opinion Mr. Manchester's term of office should be held to begin on the date of his appointment - April 11th.

Approved.

Report of Law Committee on matter referred to it at the meeting on April 17th, namely, letter dated April 10th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, with regard to the extent of the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency in denying or approving applications to organize national banks; the Committee submitting draft of a letter to the Comptroller of the Currency referring the matter to him for reply.

Upon motion, the letter to the Comptroller of the Currency was approved.

Memorandum dated April 24th from Mr. Miller with regard to matter referred to him at the meeting on October 23rd, namely, letter dated October 19th from the State Department with respect to the proposal of the International Chamber of Commerce to hold a conference for the purpose of formulating a standardized international code for the regulation of bills of exchange; together with a suggested reply stating that the Board is of the opinion that this country should be represented at any conference held for the purpose above stated.

Upon motion, the proposed letter was approved.

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Report of Committee on Examinations on letter dated April 17th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Boston, transmitting and recommending approval of the application of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, Massachusetts, for permission to purchase and hold approximately two-thirds of the capital stock of the Dedham National Bank of Dedham, Massachusetts; the Committee recommending that the application be approved.

Approved.

Memorandum dated April 19th from Mr. James submitting letter dated April 17th from Mr. W. H. Kettig, Chairman of the board of directors of the Branch Federal Reserve Bank at Birmingham, with regard to the purchase of a building site for the branch.

Noted.

Report of Committee on Examinations on letter dated March 18th from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, transmitting the application of the Bank of Italy for permission to establish a branch de novo at Twenty-fourth and Bryant Streets, San Francisco, and advising that the application has the approval of the State Superintendent of Banks, the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve bank and himself as Federal Reserve Agent; the majority of the Committee recommending that the application be voted on on its merits and Mr. Platt stating that he sees no reason why the application should not be approved.

Mr. Miller moved approval of the application.

Carried.

Letter dated April 21st from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, requesting approval of the action of the board of directors of

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that bank in reappointing Mr. T. B. Weir as Counsel for the Helena branch at an annual salary of \$3600 and with an additional allowance of \$2400 per annum for office expense, effective January 15, 1924.

Referred to the Law Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:


Dated, April 24th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, April 25th, Recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Ordered held.

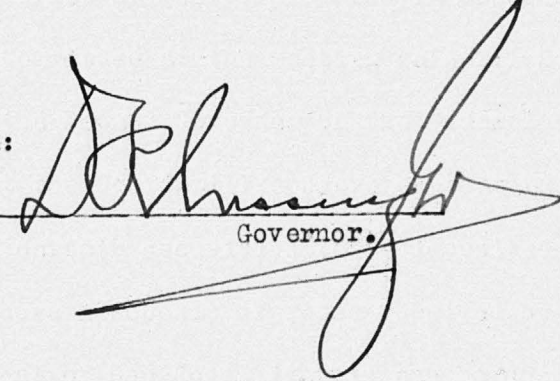
Dated, April 25th, Recommending action on application for fiduciary powers as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, April 24th, Recommending approval of the application of M r. Lee Boggess to serve at the same time as director of the Union National Bank of Clarksburg, W. Va., and as director of the First National Bank of Shinnston, W. Va.
Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 o'clock.


Secretary

Approved:


Governor.