

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Monday, April 20, 1931, at 11:15 a. m.

PRESENT: Governor Meyer
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Pole
Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on April 11th, 13th, 14th and 16th were approved, and upon motion, the actions recorded therein were ratified.

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 15th were approved.

The Assistant Secretary presented a memorandum dated April 18th from the Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending the appointment, effective April 22nd, of Mrs. Florence O'Hare, as a stenographer in that division, at a salary of \$1,560 per annum.

Approved.

Reference was then made to the request of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on which action was deferred at the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 18th, that the Federal Reserve Board reduce to 1 1/4% the rate established by it as the minimum buying rate for the purchase of bankers' acceptances by the New York Bank.

After discussion, upon motion, it was voted to establish a minimum authorized rate of 1 1/4% for the purchase of bankers' acceptances by the New York Bank.

The Governor then presented a memorandum from Counsel dated April 17th, with regard to the definition by the Treasury Department of the rights, duties and responsibilities of Federal Reserve banks, whether as fiscal agents or depositaries of the government, in "cashing" government checks and

warrants under Section 52 of the Treasury Department's circular No. 176; Counsel recommending that the matter be presented to the forthcoming conference of Governors with the suggestion that it be referred to a committee for study and report at the Fall Conference of Governors, and that copies of his memorandum be furnished to all Governors for their information; also, that the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish to the Federal Reserve Board for the information of the Federal Reserve banks and the Board a copy of an opinion rendered by the Attorney General in 1925 regarding the liability of Federal Reserve banks, as fiscal agents, for losses incurred in the payment of counterfeit war savings stamps.

Upon motion, it was voted to approve the reference of this matter to the Governors' Conference in accordance with Counsel's recommendation, and a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, submitted with his memorandum, requesting a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General referred to above, was approved as amended.

Reference was also made to the matter on which action was deferred at the meeting on April 18th, namely, letter dated April 15th from the Secretary of the Federal Advisory Council, requesting a list of topics which the Federal Reserve Board would like to have the Council discuss at its next meeting which will be held in Washington on May 19, 1931.

After a brief discussion, it was voted to submit to the Council for its consideration, the question of the real estate situation throughout the country and its relation to banking conditions at the present time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dated, April 18th Recommending action on an application for fiduciary powers as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Recommendation approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

C. W. McCalland
Assistant Secretary

Approved:

Eugene C. Meyer
Governor

AUXILIARY MINUTES
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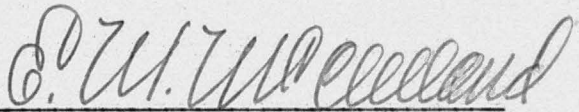
Report of Standing Committee dated April 18th, recommending action on an application for fiduciary powers by the following bank:

APPROVED:

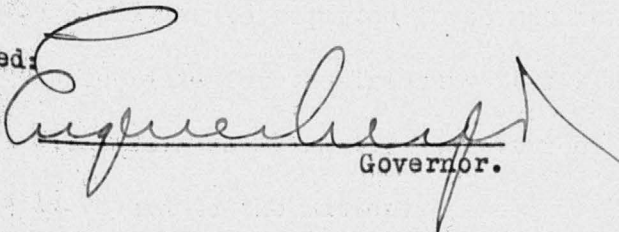
DISTRICT NO. 8.

TENNESSEE:

The Hamilton National Bank of Knoxville. (3348)
(Approved as of April 15, 1931, date on which charter was issued by Comptroller of the Currency.)


Assistant Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.