

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Friday, March 18, 1932, at 11:45 a. m.

PRESENT: Governor Meyer  
 Mr. Hamlin  
 Mr. Miller  
 Mr. James  
 Mr. Magee

Mr. Morrill, Secretary  
 Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary  
 Mr. Harrison, Assistant to the Governor  
 Mr. Wyatt, General Counsel  
 Mr. Goldenweiser, Director, Division of Research and Statistics.

The following matters were considered and acted upon by the Board:

Telegrams dated March 17, 1932, from the Chairmen of the Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City and San Francisco, both stating that, at meetings of their directors on the date stated, no changes were made in the banks' existing schedules of rates of discount and purchase.

Without objection, noted with approval.

Letters dated March 14, 1932, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending approval by the Federal Reserve Board of salaries for national bank examiners, as follows:

William H. Lewis, Jr.	\$2,700	per	annum
Gordon E. Starkey	3,000	"	"
Roger A. McLean	2,700	"	"
Sherman C. Shull	3,000	"	"

Salaries approved.

Memorandum dated March 17, 1932, from the Committee on District No. 10, recommending the appointment of Mr. Lee Clinton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a director of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City for the unexpired portion of the term ending December 31, 1934.

Upon motion, Mr. Clinton was appointed a director of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City for the term specified.

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Letter to the Federal Reserve Agent at St. Louis, approved by five members of the Board on March 17, referring to the Agent's letters of January 21 and February 5, 1932, transmitting the applications of Messrs. E. J. Mudd and E. W. Stix for permission to serve, under the provisions of the Clayton Antitrust Act, the Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company and the Mercantile-Commerce National Bank, both of St. Louis, Missouri, and the applications of Messrs. P. D. George and W. J. Jones for permission to serve the Lafayette-South Side Bank and Trust Company and the South Side National Bank, both of St. Louis, Missouri; the Board's letter calling attention to the letters addressed by it to the Federal Reserve Agent on June 19 and August 19, 1931, with regard to the holding of stock of the Mercantile-Commerce National Bank by the Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company and the holding of stock of the South Side National Bank by the Lafayette-South Side Bank and Trust Company, and advising that action on the applications of Messrs. Mudd, Stix, George and Jones will be deferred pending final disposition of the stockholdings referred to.

Letter approved.

At this point the Chairman joined the meeting.

Reply to a letter dated March 17, 1932, addressed to the Governor by Senator Carter Glass, enclosing copies of bill S. 4115 and stating that the bill was introduced after numerous and prolonged conferences with experts attached to the Board and Treasury; that the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, of which Senator Glass is Chairman, will immediately ask the general Committee to substitute the new bill for the so-called Glass Bill, S. 3215, introduced on January 21, 1932, and

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to make it a continuing order of the committee, with a view to having it reported to the Senate as soon as possible after such modifications as the Committee may decide to make; and that the Committee would be glad to have the Federal Reserve Board make any comment or suggestions that in its judgment would seem desirable. The reply stated that while the Board is aware that from time to time certain members of the staff of the Federal Reserve Board and of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have been called into consultation and their suggestions obtained by members of the Committee, it was understood that the members of the staff referred to made it clear that they were acting solely in their personal capacities and that they did not undertake to express any views on behalf of the Board; that since it appears that the bill, if enacted, would make extensive and important changes in existing law, it will be readily appreciated that the Board will desire to make a careful analysis and study of its provisions; that while this will necessarily require some time, the Board will hasten in every way practicable its consideration of the bill and will submit its comments to the Committee at the earliest possible date; and that upon transmission of its report the Board will respectfully request an opportunity to be heard on the measure.

Letter approved.

Telegram dated March 17, 1932, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, advising that his Board of Directors had established, subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, a rate of 5% for advances to member banks under the provisions of Section 10(a) and 10(b) of the Federal Reserve Act.

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Reference was made to the discussion concerning the rate for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta which was had at the meeting on March 15, 1932, and Mr. Magee was requested to communicate to the Chairman of the Kansas City bank by telephone the attitude of the Board as expressed at that time.

Reports of Standing Committee dated March 18, recommending approval of the following Clayton Act applications:

Mr. John F. Fletcher for permission to serve at the same time as director of the Fairfield American National Bank of Fairfield, Alabama, and as director of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Victor H. Hanson for permission to serve at the same time as director of the North Birmingham-American Bank of Birmingham, Alabama, and as director of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Charles D. Saunders for permission to serve at the same time as officer of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska, as director and officer of the Security National Bank of Laurel, Nebraska, and as director and officer of the Bank of Florence, Omaha, Nebraska.

Approved.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Oester Mowell  
Secretary.

Approved:

Agnew Hayes  
Governor.