

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Tuesday, July 13, 1943, at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. McKee

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

The action stated with respect to each of the matters herein after referred to was taken by the Board:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on July 12, 1943, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated July 9, 1943, from Mr. Morrill, recommending that Misses Elizabeth A. Johnson and Martha A. Lipscomb be appointed as junior file clerks in the Secretary's Office on a temporary basis for a period of not to exceed six months, each with basic salary at the rate of \$1,440 per annum, effective as of the respective dates upon which they enter upon the performance of their duties after having passed satisfactorily the usual physical examination, with the understanding (1) that if their services prove satisfactory they will be recommended for permanent appointments and (2) that if anything derogatory should develop in the investigation of Miss Lipscomb's references her services may be terminated immediately.

Approved unanimously.

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Memorandum of this date from Mr. Morrill, recommending that Edward L. Colvin and Raymond J. Tapscott be appointed as cafeteria helpers in the Secretary's Office on a temporary basis for a period of not to exceed 60 days, each with salary at the rate of \$1,080 per annum, effective July 13, 1943.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. L. A. Moyer, Executive Director and Chief Examiner of the United States Civil Service Commission, reading as follows:

"This is in reply to your letter of June 24 requesting either actual figures or an estimate of the percentage of employees who were removed, separated, or discharged for inefficiency, or for any other cause in each of the past five years. Such figures are submitted herewith, but a few explanatory comments may be in order.

"As you know, the employees of the Board of Governors are not in the classified Civil Service, and the procedure with respect to employment and separations differs in some respects from Civil Service Procedures. The Board is a rather small agency, and has not expanded greatly during the past five years. Furthermore, it has been the practice in certain circumstances to appoint employees on a temporary basis either to work on a particular project for a limited time, or for a probationary period. Accordingly, with careful selection of employees in the first instance, the problem of separations for cause or discharges, or reduction in force has not been great.

"The figures under the column headed removals, etc., include not only cases of discharges and separations for cause, but other cases where resignations had been suggested, or where the separation is upon the suggestion or initiative of the Board and not of the employee.

	Number of Employees, Removals, etc. During	
	<u>June 30</u>	<u>Year Ending June 30</u>
1939	427	4
1940	455	3
1941	470	0
1942	461	3
1943	475	*5 (cafeteria employees) 3 (other employees)

*In February of this year the Board took over the pay roll of its cafeteria."

Approved unanimously.

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Telegram to Mr. Ashley, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, reading as follows:

"Your letter July 6. Board approves appointment G. W. Stover as Federal Reserve Agent's Representative, San Antonio Branch, with salary at the rate of \$2,580 per annum to replace Mr. C. P. Gowland. Approval is given with understanding that Mr. Stover will be placed upon Agent's pay roll and be solely responsible to him, or during vacancy in office of Agent to Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, and to Board of Governors for proper performance of duties. When not engaged in performance of duties as Federal Reserve Agent's Representative he may, with approval of Federal Reserve Agent or, in his absence, of Assistant Federal Reserve Agent and Branch Manager, perform such work for Branch as will not be inconsistent with his duties as Federal Reserve Agent's Representative. Noted from your letter that Mr. Stover will execute the usual oath of office and surety bond in the amount of \$10,000 and that prior to his entering upon the performance of duties as representative the bond will have been examined by your Counsel to determine whether its execution complies fully with the rules printed on reverse side of form of bond following which the bond should be forwarded to Board promptly for approval. Please advise effective date of Stover's appointment and Gowland's resignation, and as to action, if any, we should take with respect to releasing bonding company from liability under Gowland's bond as Federal Reserve Agent's Representative."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. W. C. Nesbitt, American Auto Appraisal, Detroit, Michigan, reading as follows:

"Thank you for your letter of June 30, 1943, in which you explained your position in respect to the omission of prices on 1935 models.

"We have given this question consideration and have come to the conclusion that there would be less misunderstanding if all used car appraisal guides continued to include quotations for 1935 models."

Approved unanimously.

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Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

W. S. Coates
Chairman.