

2/17/47 Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monday, February 17, 1947.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans
Mr. Clayton

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Morrill, Special Adviser
Mr. Thurston, Assistant to the Chairman

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on February 14, 1947, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated February 13, 1947, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending the transfer of Miss Mary M. Vicars, a stenographer in the Division of Examinations, to the Division of Research and Statistics as a clerk-stenographer, with no change in her present basic salary of \$2,394 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties in the Division of Research and Statistics.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Whittemore, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to the Board's letter of December 24, 1946, and to Mr. Creighton's reply of January 2, 1947, relating to the political offices held by Joseph S. Blanchard and William O. Hauser, employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

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"In view of the request contained in the last paragraph of the reply, the Board has reviewed the whole matter in the light of the consideration given to similar cases at other Federal Reserve Banks and has come to the conclusion that the request contained in its letter of December 24, 1946, should not be changed.

"The Board appreciates very much the splendid progress that has been made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in improving the morale of its employees and the standing of the Bank and its relations with the public in the First Federal Reserve District, and the Board would not want to do anything that would seriously affect that program. While the requirement that the two employees give up the political positions may cause some question for a temporary period, it has been the experience that when it is understood that employees of the Reserve Banks are expected not to accept political or public offices within the scope of the Board's resolution of December 23, 1915, that understanding is accepted by employees and public alike and the long run interests of the System are better served.

"As indicated in the Board's letter of December 24, 1946, the information available to us does not make it possible to say with certainty that the two positions referred to are within the scope of the Board's resolution, and if Messrs. Blanchard and Hauser have any additional information that should be considered in this connection, the Board would be glad to have it. Otherwise, appropriate steps should be taken to terminate the relationships within a reasonable time."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks

reading as follows:

"In its letter of September 17, 1946 (S-935, F.R.L.S. #9670), the Board authorized the discontinuance of reporting statistical information on Form F. R. 581, report of applications for guarantees of Regulation V loans, but requested that an advice be furnished each month to the effect that there had been no changes in the figures previously reported.

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"The submission of this latter statement may now also be discontinued."

Approved unanimously.

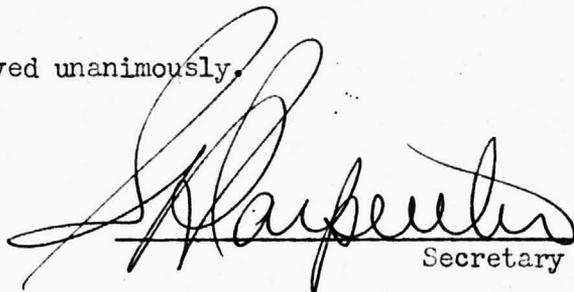
Letter to Mr. Robert C. Simmons, Campaign Chairman, Police Boys Club, 903 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., reading as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 12, 1947, asking that we solicit employees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for donations to the Police Boys Club in connection with the drive to raise \$150,000.

"In the past, it has been the policy of the Board to restrict the solicitation for donations of this kind to national campaigns such as the Community Chest and the American Red Cross. The reason for this has been that to undertake a wider activity would constantly raise questions as to where the line should be drawn. Therefore, it would not be consistent with our policy actively to solicit employees for donations to the Police Boys Club.

"Our organization is comparatively small, and we know that some of the employees of the staff are interested in the Police Boys Club work. Accordingly, if you will send approximately fifty pledge cards to Mr. Herbert Johnson, Personnel Officer, we will be glad to see that employees are advised that they may contribute to the campaign through his office if they so desire."

Approved unanimously.


Secretary

Approved:

Chairman