

Minutes for February 9, 1961

To: Members of the Board

From: Office of the Secretary

Attached is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on the above date.

It is not proposed to include a statement with respect to any of the entries in this set of minutes in the record of policy actions required to be maintained pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Should you have any question with regard to the minutes, it will be appreciated if you will advise the Secretary's Office. Otherwise, please initial below. If you were present at the meeting, your initials will indicate approval of the minutes. If you were not present, your initials will indicate only that you have seen the minutes.

Chm. Martin

Gov. Szymczak

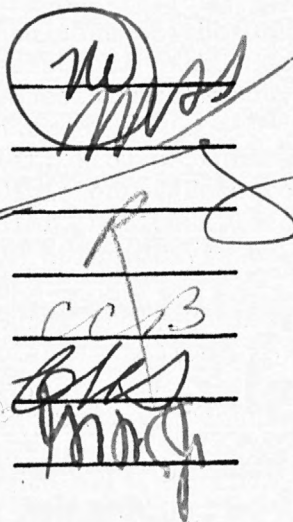
Gov. Mills

Gov. Robertson

Gov. Balderston

Gov. Shepardson

Gov. King

Handwritten initials and signatures for each member of the Board. The initials are written on a line next to each name. The initials for Chm. Martin are 'M'. The initials for Gov. Szymczak are 'S'. The initials for Gov. Mills are 'M'. The initials for Gov. Robertson are 'R'. The initials for Gov. Balderston are 'CB'. The initials for Gov. Shepardson are 'S'. The initials for Gov. King are 'K'.

Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on
Thursday, February 9, 1961. The Board met in the Board Room at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Martin, Chairman
Mr. Balderston, Vice Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. Mills
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Shepardson

Mr. Sherman, Secretary
Mr. Kenyon, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Thomas, Adviser to the Board
Mr. Young, Adviser to the Board
Mr. Molony, Assistant to the Board
Mr. Fauver, Assistant to the Board
Mr. Hackley, General Counsel
Mr. Noyes, Director, Division of Research
and Statistics
Mr. Farrell, Director, Division of Bank
Operations
Mr. Solomon, Director, Division of
Examinations
Mr. Hexter, Assistant General Counsel
Mr. Garfield, Adviser, Division of Research
and Statistics
Mr. Brill, Associate Adviser, Division of
Research and Statistics
Mr. Williams, Associate Adviser, Division of
Research and Statistics
Mr. Knipe, Consultant to the Chairman
Mr. Landry, Assistant to the Secretary
Mr. Petersen, Special Assistant, Office of
the Secretary
Mr. Sigel, Chief, Flow of Funds and Savings
Section, Division of Research and Statistics
Mr. Weiner, Chief, National Income, Labor Force,
and Trade Section, Division of Research and
Statistics
Mr. Leavitt, Supervisory Review Examiner,
Division of Examinations

Projections of economic developments. Messrs. Brill, Sigel, and
Weiner presented descriptive statements of a sequence of financial and

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nonfinancial developments that might be expected to occur in the remainder of 1961 and the first half of 1962 on the basis of certain hypothetical projections, as set forth in a series of tables and charts distributed by the Division of Research and Statistics under today's date.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Messrs. Thomas, Young, Molony, Fauver, Noyes, Garfield, Brill, Williams, Knipe, Weiner, Sigel, and Petersen withdrew from the meeting.

Items circulated to the Board. The following items, which had been circulated to the Board and copies of which are attached to these minutes under the respective item numbers indicated, were approved unanimously:

Item No.

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| Letter to Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York City, approving an extension of time to establish a branch in Jackson Heights, Borough of Queens. | 1 |
| Letter to Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, approving the establishment of a branch at 251-53 South Twenty-fourth Street, and an investment in bank premises. | 2 |
| Letter to Belmont County National Bank, St. Clairsville, St. Clairsville, Ohio, approving its application for fiduciary powers. | 3 |
| Letter to Cheyenne National Bank, Cheyenne, Wyoming, approving its application for fiduciary powers. | 4 |

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Application to organize a national bank at Fort Worth, Texas.

There had been circulated a file relating to an application to the Comptroller of the Currency for permission to organize a national bank in an outlying district of Fort Worth, Texas. Included in the file was a memorandum from the Division of Examinations dated January 30, 1961, recommending, as did the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, that the Board make an unfavorable recommendation on the application to the Comptroller of the Currency. When the file was in circulation, Governors Balderston and Robertson questioned the adverse recommendation.

In commenting on the matter, Mr. Solomon noted that although a case could be made for a favorable recommendation in this instance, it seemed to the Division of Examinations, after study of all available information, that on balance an unfavorable recommendation was called for at this time. In support of this view, he cited the satisfactory service apparently being rendered to the trade area by the existing Ridgelea State Bank, which had around \$12 million in deposits, and the fact that in June 1960 the State banking authorities had turned down an application for a State charter by the group now seeking to organize a national bank. This group represented the second largest banking organization in the Fort Worth area, whereas the existing bank was affiliated with a smaller bank in Fort Worth. He also noted that although the argument had been advanced in support of the application

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that the area was growing economically, most of this growth appeared to be prospective rather than immediate.

Governor Balderston remarked that the ratio of banks to population in the Fort Worth area was less favorable than in many parts of the United States and that the trade area of the existing Ridgelea State Bank apparently included some 30,000 persons. Given these facts, and in view of his general philosophy that a group of responsible businessmen wishing to embark upon an enterprise of this kind, particularly in a State prohibiting branch banking, should be permitted to go ahead, he believed a favorable recommendation to the Comptroller of the Currency was in order.

Governor Mills said that he was inclined to agree with the recommendation of the Division of Examinations on the grounds that the banking needs of the trade area concerned appeared to be adequately served at present and competition from a second bank might damage the existing institution. As a more general observation, he thought it might be beneficial to the public interest to discourage contention among competing financial interests in Texas that were striving to establish banks.

Governor Robertson expressed the view that it was in the public interest to provide competition in banking. Although the existing bank might lose some deposits following establishment of the proposed bank,

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it was also possible that it might gain deposits in an area where continued growth was indicated. He noted that there was nothing in the record reflecting unfavorably on the proponents, who appeared to have the financial resources and ability to operate a bank. For these reasons, he believed a favorable recommendation should be made to the Comptroller of the Currency.

Governor Shepardson indicated that he also was inclined toward a favorable recommendation to the Comptroller in this instance. He thought that the area would probably continue to grow if it followed the pattern of the past 10 years. Although he was hesitant to go against the recommendation of the Reserve Bank, because of the growth factor it did not seem to him proper to restrain the enterprise of a group of competent and reputable businessmen.

Governor Szymczak indicated that he would support an unfavorable recommendation to the Comptroller in this case on the basis of the views of the Division of Examinations and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He noted that the Board was simply making a recommendation and that the Comptroller of the Currency would make the actual decision.

Chairman Martin said that he also would support an unfavorable recommendation to the Comptroller in this case, not only because he disliked to go against the recommendation of the Reserve Bank on the scene but also because of his belief that the commercial banking

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industry had certain distinct characteristics that set it apart from other industries so far as the theory of open competition was concerned. For this reason, he felt that entry into the field should be subject to appropriate regulation and that the burden of proof should be on the proponents of a new bank.

It being indicated that the sentiment within the Board was divided on the question of the recommendation that should be made to the Comptroller of the Currency in this case, it was decided to ascertain whether the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas would like to provide any additional information relating to the application and that the matter would then be considered again when all of the members of the Board were present.

Classification of cities for reserve purposes. Governor Balderston reported a conversation with President Allen of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago concerning the status of requests for permission to maintain reduced reserves that had been made by certain member banks in Chicago. These cases had been deferred by the Board pending the establishment of general standards for the classification of reserve cities and the declassification of banks in such cities.

In the light of Governor Balderston's comments, the suggestion was made that at an early date the Board give further consideration to the establishment of standards for the classification of reserve cities on the basis of information that had been made available by the staff

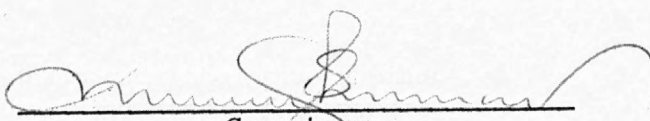
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since the subject was previously discussed, and it was agreed that the matter would be considered next week at a time when all of the members of the Board were present.

The meeting then adjourned.

Secretary's Note: Governor Shepardson today approved on behalf of the Board a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (attached Item No. 5) approving the appointment of Sidney M. Dean as assistant examiner.


Secretary



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
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Item No. 1
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

February 9, 1961

Board of Directors,
Chemical Bank New York Trust Company,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request submitted through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System extends to August 15, 1961, the time within which Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York, New York, may establish a branch at the northeast corner of Northern Boulevard and 93rd Street, Jackson Heights, Borough of Queens, New York, New York, as approved by the Board in its letter of February 15, 1960. It is understood that operations of the branch located at 103-02 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Borough of Queens, New York, New York, will be discontinued simultaneously with the opening of the branch at the northeast corner of Northern Boulevard and 93rd Street, Jackson Heights, Borough of Queens, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth L. Carmichael

Elizabeth L. Carmichael,
Assistant Secretary.

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Item No. 2
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

February 9, 1961

Board of Directors,
Fidelity-Philadelphia
Trust Company,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request submitted through the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Board of Governors approves (1) the establishment of a branch at 251-53 South Twenty-fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and (2) an additional investment of \$25,000 in bank premises incident to the establishment of the branch, under the provisions of Section 24A of the Federal Reserve Act, by Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This approval is given provided the branch is established within one year from the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth L. Carmichael

Elizabeth L. Carmichael,
Assistant Secretary.





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Item No. 3
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

February 9, 1961

Board of Directors,
Belmont County National Bank,
St. Clairsville,
St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has given consideration to your application for fiduciary powers and grants Belmont County National Bank, St. Clairsville, authority to act, when not in contravention of State or local law, as trustee, executor, administrator, registrar of stocks and bonds, guardian of estates, assignee, receiver, committee of estates of lunatics, or in any other fiduciary capacity in which State banks, trust companies, or other corporations which come into competition with national banks are permitted to act under the laws of the State of Ohio. The exercise of such rights shall be subject to the provisions of Section 11(k) of the Federal Reserve Act and Regulation F of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

A formal certificate indicating the fiduciary powers that your bank is now authorized to exercise will be forwarded in due course.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth L. Carmichael

Elizabeth L. Carmichael,
Assistant Secretary.



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Item No. 4
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

February 9, 1961

Board of Directors,
Cheyenne National Bank,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has given consideration to your application for fiduciary powers and grants Cheyenne National Bank authority to act, when not in contravention of State or local law, as executor, administrator, guardian of estates, and committee of estates of lunatics. The exercise of such rights shall be subject to the provisions of Section 11(k) of the Federal Reserve Act and Regulation F of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

A formal certificate indicating the fiduciary powers that your bank is now authorized to exercise will be forwarded in due course.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth L. Carmichael

Elizabeth L. Carmichael,
Assistant Secretary.



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Item No. 5
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

February 9, 1961

Mr. L. G. Pondrom, Vice President,
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Station K,
Dallas 2, Texas.

Dear Mr. Pondrom:

In accordance with the request contained in
your letter of February 3, 1961, the Board approves the
appointment of Sidney M. Dean as an assistant examiner
for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, effective today.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth L. Carmichael

Elizabeth L. Carmichael,
Assistant Secretary.