

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE STATE CREDIT UNION BOARD

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

First item in order of business: The Credit Union Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the agenda that was posted for public display prior to 10:00 a.m. on November 7, 2023. Notice of the meeting was also made available to the Secretary of State, and to those interested parties who requested individual notice, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 311 (the Open Meeting Act). The meeting was held in the conference room of the Oklahoma State Banking Department, 2900 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Second Item: Roll call - the following members were present:

Luann Schmiedel
Steve Rasmussen
Cindy White
Gina Wilson
Mick Thompson, Chairman

The Chairman declared a quorum present. He welcomed Gina Wilson back as a Board member.

Also present: Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Angela Morris, Director of Non-Depository; Steven Hawkins, Director of Finance & Administration; and Austyn Hatfield, Executive Secretary.

Third Item: Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2023.

Chairman Thompson asked for any changes or additions to the minutes from the Board. Member Schmiedel made the motion to approve the minutes. Member White seconded the motion, which was approved as follows:

Luann Schmiedel – voted yes
Steve Rasmussen – voted yes
Cindy White – voted yes
Gina Wilson – voted yes
Mick Thompson – voted yes

Fourth Item: Commissioner’s Reports:

a. Department Status Report.

Chairman Thompson gave the Board copies of the Department’s Annual Report to the Governor, the 2024 Credit Union Board meeting schedule, and an article published by Oklahoma Watch regarding cancelled meetings. He discussed the details of each document and asked if there were questions after reporting on each one.

Chairman Thompson then reviewed the Banking Department’s revenue and expense reports and stated he would provide more detail during the discussion of the assessments.

b. Examination Report

Chairman Thompson reported that the Banking Department supervises only 11 state-chartered credit unions and six credit union examinations were completed this year by the Banking Department and the NCUA. He stated the Department is still cooperating with the NCUA regarding examination of state-chartered credit unions but the NCUA may not have the staff availability to conduct examinations on a fully alternating schedule as we did during the NCUA’s “pilot program” that ended a couple of years ago.

Chairman Thompson said three examiners have been hired this year. All examiners are trained to examine banks and credit unions.

c. Legislative Report

Chairman Thompson introduced Thomas Lewis, the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Credit Union Association. Mr. Lewis stated he has been with the Oklahoma Credit Union Association for a month and is looking forward to working with credit unions and the Banking Department.

Chairman Thompson stated the Banking Department is not planning to request legislative changes to the Oklahoma Credit Union Act this year. He then discussed the issues surrounding “low-income designated credit unions” and possible changes that would need to be made to the Oklahoma Credit Union Act to allow the Department to recognize such a designation. He stated that several of the larger state-chartered credit unions have converted to federal charters in the past few years because they could take advantage of the low-income designation by the NCUA.

Ms. Rainey discussed the deadlines for the upcoming legislative session which begins February 5, 2024. She asked Board members to make the Department aware of any suggested legislative changes by December 8.

At 10:30, Member Rasmussen left the meeting. A quorum of four Board members remained.

Fifth Item: Consideration and prescription of the rate of credit union assessments for Oklahoma state-chartered credit unions existing as of December 31, 2023, calculated on institution assets as of December 31, 2023, pursuant to Title 6 O.S. Section 2001.2 and O.A.C. Section 180:10-1-14.

Chairman Thompson used a PowerPoint presentation that showed Board members the growth of banking and credit union assets in Oklahoma, assessment rates and assessment discounts for previous years, and a comparison of the Department's income and expenses for the past several years. He then explained how the Department determined the suggested assessment discounts and the impact of each on the Department's budget. He also explained that smaller credit unions have traditionally been assessed at a lower rate and any discounts would be especially helpful to the smaller credit unions.

Board members then discussed each assessment scenario and asked Steven Hawkins about the impact to the budget if the Board chose a different discount percentage.

After discussion of the information and proposed assessment rates, Member Wilson made a motion to prescribe the rate of assessments for state-chartered credit unions existing as of December 31, 2023, as follows:

- a. 15¢ per \$1,000 of assets for credit unions with \$35 million or less in assets, and
- b. 18¢ per \$1,000 of assets for credit unions with more than \$35 million in assets;

and the Commissioner is directed to reduce the total collected assessment by 50% for each credit union.

Member White seconded the motion and the motion was approved as follows:

Luann Schmiedel – voted yes
Cindy White – voted yes
Gina Wilson – voted yes
Mick Thompson – voted yes

Seventh item: New Business.

There was no new business.

Eighth Item: Adjournment

Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Member White seconded the motion and the motion was approved as follows:

Luann Schmiedel – voted yes
Cindy White – voted yes
Gina Wilson – voted yes
Mick Thompson – voted yes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Mick Thompson

Luann Schmiedel

Cindy White

Steve Rasmussen

Gina Wilson