The regular meeting of the State Banking Board was held in the Office of the Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota. Chair Kruse called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Lise Kruse, Chair
                   Todd Heilman, Member
                   John Schmid, Member
                   Tom Stennes, Member
                   Pao-Yueh (Claudia) Schollmeyer, Member
                   Brenda Foster, Member
                   Pete Jahner, Member

ALSO PRESENT:      Corey Krebs, Secretary
                   Ryan Spah, Chief Examiner
                   Angie Mills Fischer, Review Examiner
                   Megan Sauer, Administrative Examiner
                   Dean Depountis, Assistant Attorney General
                   Charlotte Aldinger, Commercial Bank of Mott
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Kruse indicated the Board received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2022.

It was moved by Member Heilman, seconded by Member Schmid, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2022.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF MOTT, MOTT, ND – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REDUCE CAPITAL

Chief Examiner Ryan Spah reviewed the memorandum. The Department of Financial Institutions received the initial request on October 19, 2021.

Charlotte Aldinger clarified that the shares were being leveraged rather than reduced and will be released as payments are made.

Member Heilman and Member Schmid asked follow up questions.

It was moved by Member Foster, seconded by Member Heilman, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0, to approve the request to reduce capital.

Charlotte Aldinger left the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE NOTED

Chair Kruse gave an overview of approvals that were done by the Commissioner since the last State Banking Board meeting. Bell Bank, Fargo, relocated an interstate branch from 15 N Broadway to 11 S Broadway, Pelican Rapids, MN. Red River Trust, Grafton, requested to use the word “trust” in the registered trade name of the business. The Signatry Charitable Trust, Reston, VA,
requested to use the word “trust” in the registered trade name of the business. 3650 Real Estate Investment Trust 2 LLC, Miami, FL, requested to use the word “trust” in the registered trade name of the business. SeaTrust Mortgage, Wilmington, NC, requested to use the word “trust” in the registered trade name of the business.

BANK BUDGET UPDATE

Assistant Commissioner Krebs gave an overview of the Department’s budget. He stated the Department expenditures, and what is remaining for the biennium are tracking within budget.

Commissioner Kruse stated that the Department had the administrative rules hearing in front of the legislature recently and that there were no questions from legislators. The rule changes will go into effect April 1, 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Commissioner Kruse gave an overview of the Department’s Strategic Plan.

Member Schmid asked a question regarding funding the new positions for which the Department will be asking. Commissioner Kruse stated it would be paid for by the regulated industry in which that new position is added to help oversee.

Member Foster asked a question regarding hiring for these positions and Commissioner Kruse stated she anticipates some positions will be filled by promoting from within and then hiring for entry level positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
It was moved by Member Jahner, seconded by Member Stennes, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0 to adjourn to executive session.

The Board went into closed session at 9:30 a.m. to review the Supervisory Reports of Examination pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 6-01-07.1, and to discuss any confidential records pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.2. Those that were present during the executive session were Chair Kruse, Member Heilman, Member Schmid, Member Stennes, Member Schollmeyer, Member Foster, Member Jahner, Corey Krebs, Ryan Spah, Angie Mills Fischer, Dean DePountis, and Megan Sauer.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:02 a.m.

Commissioner Kruse stated that she and Assistant Commissioner Krebs would be traveling to Washington D.C. and meeting with the Federal Reserve, FDIC, and the Board of Governors, the North Dakota Congressional Delegates as well as the Chairman of NCUA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Lise Kruse, Chair

Corey Krebs, Secretary