

REGULAR STATE BANKING BOARD MEETING
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
1200 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

November 6, 2024

PUBLIC SESSION

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 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lise Kruse, Chair
Todd Heilman, Member
Pao-Yueh (Claudia) Schollmeyer, Member
Brenda Foster, Member
Pete Jahner, Member
Steven Rehovsky, Member
Charlotte Aldinger, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: Corey Krebs, Assistant Commissioner
Ryan Spah, Chief Examiner
Angie Mills Fischer, Review Examiner
Matt Menge, Assistant Attorney General
John Fritz, Choice Bank
Matthew Nelson, Choice Bank

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Kruse indicated the Board received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 4, 2024.

It was moved by Member Foster, seconded by Member Heilman, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 4, 2024.

Choice Financial Group, Fargo, ND – Request approval to invest \$2,000,000 in Propel Nonprofits.

Chief Examiner Ryan Spah reviewed the memorandum. In response to Chair Kruse's question, John Fritz of Choice Financial clarified that the request was for an additional \$2,000,000 for a total investment of \$3,000,000.

It was moved by Member Jahner, seconded by Member Rehovsky, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the request by Choice Financial Group, Fargo, ND to invest an additional \$2,000,000 into Propel Nonprofits.

John Fritz and Matthew Nelson left the meeting.

Audit Proposal and Contract

Assistant Commissioner Corey Krebs reviewed the memorandum.

It was moved by Member Heilman and seconded by Member Aldinger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve Brady Martz audit proposal, and to authorize the department's procurement officer to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

ITEMS TO BE NOTED

Chair Kruse gave an overview of approvals and denials that were done by the Commissioner since the last State Banking Board meeting:

Bell Bank, Fargo, ND – Application to establish an LPO at 6000 Monona Drive, Suite 202, Monona, WI. Approved by the Commissioner.

Cade Michael Wahl Private Business Trust, Jamestown, ND – Request to use the word "Trust" in the registered trade name. Approved by the Commissioner.

Bell Bank, Fargo, ND – Application to establish an LPO at 1428 West 28th Street, Minneapolis, MN. Approved by the Commissioner.

Bell Bank, Fargo, ND – Application to relocate an LPO from 317 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM, to 150 Washington Avenue, Suite 201, Santa Fe, NM. Approved by the Commissioner.

Bell Bank, Fargo, ND – Application to amend LPO application to correct the address from 2632 US Highway 27 South, Sebring, FL to 2623 US Highway 27 South, Sebring, FL. Original application approved by the Commissioner 1/30/2024. Approved by the Commissioner.

BankNorth, Arthur, ND – Application to merge Harwood State Bank, Harwood, ND with BankNorth. Approved by the Commissioner.

First Western Bank & Trust, Minot, ND – Application to close facility at 4040 42nd St S, Fargo, ND. Approved by the Commissioner.

BANK BUDGET UPDATE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Member Aldinger, seconded by Member Foster, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn to Executive Session.

The Board went into a closed session at 9:52 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 who were present during the executive session were Chair Kruse, Member Heilman, Member Schollmeyer, Member Foster, Member Jahner, Member Rehovsky, Member Aldinger, Corey Krebs, Ryan Spah, Angie Mills Fischer, and Matt Menge.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:14 a.m.

Commissioner Kruse provided information on Board compensation levels.

Commissioner Kruse provided an update on the current pending trust company application, providing additional details on how the public hearing will proceed. The hearing will be held in person in Bismarck.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Lise Kruse, Chair



Corey Krebs, Secretary