

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

March 7, 2025

PUBLIC SESSION

The regular meeting of the State Credit Union 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., Friday, March 7, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lise Kruse, Chair
Melanie Stillwell, Member
Stephen Schmitz, Member
George Economon, Member
Paul Brucker, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Corey Krebs, Secretary
Ryan Spah, Chief Examiner
Angie Mills Fischer, Review Examiner
Katie Richard, Executive Administrative Assistant
Dave Hatton, Supervising Examiner
Matt Menge, General Counsel
Michaela Volk, Examiner
Tyler Neether, Town and Country Credit Union
Kalli Schell, Town and Country Credit Union
Fred Beuchler, Town and Country Credit Union

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Kruse indicated the Board received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 6, 2024.

It was moved by Member Melanie Stillwell, seconded by Member Economon and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 6, 2024.

APPLICATION TO ADD APPRAISAL SERVICE TO EXISTING CUSO – TOWN AND COUNTRY CREDIT UNION

Assistant Commissioner Krebs reviewed the memorandum.

Tyler Neether expanded on the memorandum, emphasizing that Town and Country would guarantee the appraisal service operates independently of the Credit Union's lending function. This independence would be maintained through a separate location, distinct server, and direct reporting to the Board of Directors. Assistant Commissioner Krebs noted that he provided FFIEC guidance on the treatment of staff appraisers, and Tyler Neether confirmed their intent to adhere to this guidance as well as any other applicable rules and regulations governing the appraisal service.

The department recommends approval of the application for the subsidiary CUSO, Onward Appraisals LLC., to conduct appraisal service. Additionally, the department recommends the board authorize Chair Kruse to sign an order authorizing these appraisal services on behalf of the Board.

It was moved by Member Brucker, seconded by Member Melanie Stillwell, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve the application for the subsidiary CUSO, Onward Appraisals LLC., to conduct appraisal service and to authorize the Chair Kruse to sign an order authorizing these appraisal services on behalf of the Board.

CREDIT UNION 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. Chair Kruse stated that there will be a joint meeting of the State Credit Union Board and the State Banking Board in June of 2025 to discuss the Department budget, in response to the approval of the alternate appropriations bill.

OTHER BUSINESS

Assistant Commissioner Krebs updated the Board on two items of correspondence with the NCUA. The first item was that the NCUA did not consider five North Dakota state-chartered credit unions chartered "for the purpose of". Assistant Commissioner Krebs provided the necessary documentation to the NCUA to rectify the matter.

The second correspondence with the NCUA pertained to the low-income designation of credit unions. According to data provided by the NCUA, four institutions in North Dakota do not currently meet the criteria for this designation. These credit unions have a six-month period to collaborate with the NCUA to determine their eligibility for the low-income designation.

Chair Kruse updated the Board on legislation related to the Department.

Tyler Neither, Kailli Schell, and Fred Beuchler left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Member Brucker, seconded by Member Melanie Stillwell, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to adjourn to executive session.

The Board went into closed session at 10:15 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 Stillwell, Member Schmitz, Member Economon, Member Brucker, Corey Krebs, Ryan Spah, Angie Mills Fischer, Dave Hatton, Matt Menge, Katie Richard, and Michaela Volk.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to public session at 10:52 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



Lise Kruse, Chair



Corey Krebs, Secretary