

Jill Long Thompson, Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Kenneth A. Spearman, Board Member
Leland A. Strom, Board Member



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

March 14, 2013

These minutes reflect the business transacted at the March 14, 2013, Regular Meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (FCA Board) pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (Act), 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and the regulations of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) adopted thereunder.

The FCA Board meeting was held at the FCA office in McLean, Virginia, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 9:35 a.m. Members of the Board present were:

Jill Long Thompson, Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Kenneth A. Spearman, Member
Leland A. Strom, Member

Who constituted the full Board.

Others present included **Charles Rawls**, General Counsel; **Dale Aultman**, Secretary to the Board; staff of the FCA and Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC); and one member of the general public. (A list of staff attendees is attached as Exhibit A.)

Before beginning the meeting, the **Board Chair** presented the Woman of the Year Award to **Tuyen Pham** of the Office of Examination's Dallas Field Office.

The **Secretary** read a statement that announced the meeting would be conducted according to the requirements of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

The **Board Chair** reviewed the published Agenda. (A copy of the Public Announcement publishing the Agenda for the meeting is attached as Exhibit B.)

Mr. Spearman moved to adopt the Agenda as published.

Mr. Strom seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Board Chair Long Thompson** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Strom noted that the Agenda did not include any topics that should be closed to the public as permitted by the Government in the Sunshine Act and therefore moved that the meeting remain open.

Mr. Spearman seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Board Chair Long Thompson** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for February 14, 2013 (BM-14-MAR-13-01)

Mr. Spearman moved to approve the minutes for February 14, 2013.

Mr. Strom seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Board Chair Long Thompson** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously. **(BM-14-MAR-13-01)**

(A copy of the official "Board Action Item" is attached as Exhibit C.)

New Business

Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule (BM-14-MAR-13-02)

David Lewandrowski of the Office of Regulatory Policy and **Joy Strickland** of the Office of General Counsel presented the Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule.

Board Chair Long Thompson opened the discussion for questions by the Board.

Board Chair Long Thompson asked if there was any further discussion and asked staff to provide their recommendation. Staff provided their recommendation.

Board Chair Long Thompson called for a motion on the staff's recommendation regarding the Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule.

Mr. Strom moved that the Board approve staff's recommendation to approve the Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule.

Mr. Spearman seconded the motion.

Board Chair Long Thompson asked if there was any further discussion.

There being no further discussion, the **Board Chair** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Members and the motion carried unanimously. **(BM-14-MAR-13-02)**

(A copy of the official "Board Action Item" is attached as Exhibit D.)

Mr. Spearman departed the meeting at 9:25 a.m., following the Board action vote on the Liquidity and Funding final rule.

REPORTS

Ethics Quarterly Report

Wendy Laguarda and **Jeff Pienta** from the Office of General Counsel provided the Ethics Quarterly Report.

Board Chair Long Thompson asked if there were any questions or further discussion from the Board.

Regarding any potential supplemental guidance being considered by FCA's Ethics Workgroup to FCA Board Policy Statement #81, **Mr. Strom** requested, without objection, that the full Board be kept apprised.

There was no further discussion.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached as Exhibit E.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Board Chair Long Thompson** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Strom moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Board Chair Long Thompson seconded the motion.

Board Chair Long Thompson called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

NOTATIONAL VOTE ACTIONS

There was one notational vote action approved by the FCA Board from February 14, 2013, through March 13, 2013 as follows:

Item Number	Action Date	Voting Results	Subject
NV 13-04	3/11/2013	Approved	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles References and Other Conforming Amendments: Direct Final Rule

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are the official minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board held March 14, 2013.

Jill Long Thompson
Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Dale L. Aultman
Secretary to the Board

Approved: **April 11, 2013**

**STAFF PRESENT AT THE
FCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2013**

JILL LONG THOMPSON, Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer
KENNETH A. SPEARMAN, Board Member
LELAND A. STROM, Board Member

OFFICE	OPEN SESSION
Office of the Board	
Aultman, Dale	X
Corey, Kathryn	X
Smulkstys, Inga	X
Calhoun, Gaye	X
Middleton, Russell	X
Buccolo, Deb	X
Rubin, Howard	X
COO	
Hoffman, William	X
Bell, Ava	X
OCPA	
Stokke, Mike	X
OSMO	
Rea, Laurie	X
OGC	
Rawls, Charles	X
Strickland, Joy	X
Laguarda, Wendy	X
Pienta, Jeff	X
Donner, Mary Alice	X

OFFICE	OPEN SESSION
OE	
Coleman, Robert	X
Paulsen, Roger	X
Various Dallas Field Office staff, via video conference, including Woman of the Year Award recipient Tuyen Pham and OE Staff Development Director Sharon Wilhite	X
OIG	
Dean, Elizabeth	X
ORP	
Van Meter, Gary	X
Mardock, Barry	X
Dunn, Bill	X
Lewandrowski, Dave	X
Fowlkes, Jerome	X
OMS	
Smith, Stephen	X
Valcour, Doug	X
Kleinwachter, Debbie	X
Chu, Geoffrey	X
von Reyn, John	X
FCSIC	
Glenn, Alan	X
GENERAL PUBLIC	1

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF
MEETING SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE ACT
Farm Credit Administration Board
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2013**

Summary: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b(e) (1)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

Date and Time: The regular meeting of the Board will be held March 14, 2013. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the office of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board may conclude its business.

Address: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

For Further Information Contact: Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board (703) 883-4009. TTY is (703) 883-4056.

Supplementary Information: This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance by contacting Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, at (703) 883-4009. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

OPEN SESSION

- Approval of Minutes**
- 1 February 14, 2013
- New Business**
- 2 Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule
- Reports**
- 3 Ethics Quarterly Report

March 1, 2013
Date

Dale L. Aultman
Secretary to the Board

Farm Credit Administration

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BOARD ACTION ITEM



FCA BOARD ACTION ON

Minutes for February 14, 2013 Board Meeting

BM-14-MAR-13-01

Effective Date: March 14, 2013

Effect on Previous Action: None

THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

Approves the minutes for February 14, 2013, as submitted.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2013

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dale L. Aultman
Secretary to the Board

Farm Credit Administration

1501 Farm Credit Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102-5090
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BOARD ACTION ITEM



FCA BOARD ACTION ON

Liquidity and Funding – Final Rule

BM-14-MAR-13-02

Effective Date: March 14, 2013

Effect on Previous Action: None

THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

- Approves the final rule amending FCA regulation 12 C.F.R. 615.5134, entitled Liquidity Reserve Requirement, and
- Also authorizes staff to make any technical or grammatical changes that may be necessary prior to publication in the *Federal Register*.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2013

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dale L. Aultman
Secretary to the Board



Ethics Quarterly Report

Wendy Laguarda, DAEO

Charlie Rawls, ADAEO

Jeff Pienta, DEO

- Office of Government Ethics (OGE) 2011 Review of Program
 - OGE prior reviews in 1993, 1997, and 2002
- OGE 2011 Benchmarking Study
 - FCA program benchmarked against 15 other regulatory agencies

Recent Accomplishments in the Ethics Program

- FCA Develops Electronic Filing Systems for OGE 278 and 450 Reports
- FCA Board Adopts Policy 81 on *Ethics, Independence, Arm's Length Role, Ex Parte Communications, and Open Government*

Recent Accomplishments in the Ethics Program

- External FCA Ethics Page on FCA.gov
- Internal FCA Ethics Resource Site on SharePoint

Strategic Priorities for 2013 Ethics Program

- Stock Act Implementation and Guidance
 - Signed into law on April 4, 2012
 - All public filers must report negotiations or agreements for future employment or compensation to DAEO within 3 days and recuse if necessary
 - Board Members now report personal mortgages
 - All public filers must avoid purchasing securities at initial public offerings in ways not available to the general public
 - All filers must engage in continuous transaction reporting (278-T) for self, spouse, and dependent children
 - Agencies must make public financial disclosure reports available to the public online

Strategic Priorities for 2013 Ethics Program

- Implementation of FCA Board Policy 81
 - FCA's Role as an Arm's Length Regulator

Strategic Priorities for 2013 Ethics Program

- Ethics Program Benefits from Strong FCA Board Support and Leadership
- Questions

Conclusion
