

Vincent G. Logan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffery S. Hall, Board Member
Glen R. Smith, Board Member



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD
October 12, 2023**

These minutes reflect the business transacted at the October 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (FCA Board) pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and the regulations of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) adopted thereunder.

The meeting was held at the FCA office in McLean, Virginia. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 10:55 a.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Vincent G. Logan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffery S. Hall, Member
Glen R. Smith, Member

The above named constitute the full Board.

Others present included **Ashley Waldron**, Secretary to the Board (Secretary); **David Grahn**, General Counsel; and staff of the FCA and Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC). There were 20 members of the general public registered to attend. (A list of Board and staff attendees is attached as Exhibit A.)

Chairman Logan announced that this meeting of the Board was a hybrid physical/virtual meeting.

Chairman Logan asked everyone to say the Pledge of Allegiance with him as the flag was displayed on the presentation screen.

Chairman Logan asked the Secretary to address technical and protocol items.

The **Secretary** addressed technical and protocol items.

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

Chairman Logan reviewed the published agenda. (A copy of the Public Announcement publishing the agenda for the meeting is attached as Exhibit B.)

Mr. Hall moved to adopt the agenda as published.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Logan** called the question.

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

Mr. Smith noted that the agenda did include portions of the meeting that should be closed to the public as permitted by the Government in the Sunshine Act and therefore moved that the meeting be closed at that point as shown on the agenda.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Logan** called the question.

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

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for September 14, 2023

(BM-12-OCT-23-01)

Mr. Hall moved to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2023, FCA Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Logan** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously. **(BM-12-OCT-23-01)**

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

New Business

Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule

(BM-12-OCT-23-02)

Jessica Potter of the **Office of Regulatory Policy** and **Hazem Isawi** of the **Office of General Counsel** presented the Young, Beginning, and Small (YBS) Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule.

Chairman Logan asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board.

Mr. Hall made comments supporting the importance of YBS programs.

Chairman Logan and **Mr. Smith** had written statements, highlighting part of them at the meeting. **Chairman Logan** and **Mr. Smith**, respectively, asked the Secretary include their written statements in the minutes. (Chairman Logan's written statement is attached as Exhibit E and Mr. Smith's written statement is attached as Exhibit F.)

There being no further comments or questions, **Chairman Logan** asked the staff to provide their recommendation. The **staff** provided their recommendation.

Chairman Logan called for a motion on the staff's recommendation.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the staff's recommendation regarding the YBS Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Chairman Logan asked if there was any further discussion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Logan** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members and the motion carried unanimously. **(BM-12-OCT-23-02)**

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

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Logan thanked the members of the public for attending and noted that the meeting was moving into closed session.

Chairman Logan asked the members of the public and the FCA and FCSIC staff who were not observing the closed session to exit the Board Room or disconnect from the virtual portion of the meeting.

Chairman Logan asked the Office of Information Technology (OIT) staff to confirm that the public had been disconnected from the virtual portion of the meeting. **OIT staff** provided that confirmation.

Chairman Logan convened the closed session of the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and asked OIT staff to confirm that the proceedings of the closed session were being recorded as required by the Government in the Sunshine Act. **OIT staff** provided that confirmation.

Chairman Logan then instructed the **General Counsel** to furnish the **Secretary** with a certification, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f), that the portions of the meeting held in closed session may be properly closed to the public.

The **Secretary** noted the start time of the closed session and indicated she had the certification from the General Counsel. (Attendees are listed on Exhibit A.) (A copy of the General Counsel certification is attached as Exhibit G.)

Reports

Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report

Bruce Hudson, Elu Thomas, and Tiffany West of the **Office of Secondary Market Oversight** presented the Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report.

Chairman Logan asked if there were any questions or further discussion from the Board.

There were no further questions or discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Chairman Logan** indicated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Chairman Logan called the question.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

NOTATIONAL VOTE ACTIONS

There were seven notational vote actions approved by the FCA Board from September 14, 2023, through October 11, 2023.

Item Number	Action Date	Voting Results	Subject
NV 23-26	09/19/2023	Approved	Annual Update of Board Policy Statement 62 Concerning Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity
NV 23-27	09/19/2023	Approved	Farm Credit Administration Budget Reallocation
NV 23-28	09/25/2023	Approved	Cyber Risk Management Final Rule
NV 23-29	09/29/2023	Approved	Office of Examination Oversight and Examination Plan for Fiscal Year 2024
NV 23-30	09/29/2023	Approved	Farm Credit Administration Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
NV 23-31	09/29/2023	Approved	Farm Credit Administration Budget Reallocation
NV 23-32	10/04/2023	Approved	Compeer Financial, ACA Request to Redeem Certain Preferred Stock

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are the official minutes of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board held on October 12, 2023.

_____/s/_____
Vincent G. Logan
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

_____/s/_____
Ashley Waldron
Secretary to the Board

Approved: November 9, 2023

**BOARD AND STAFF PRESENT AT THE
FCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2023**

Vincent G. Logan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 Jeffery S. Hall, Board Member
 Glen R. Smith, Board Member

ATTENDEES	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
Office of the Board		
Logan, Vincent	X	X
Hall, Jeffery	X	X
Smith, Glen	X	X
Lund, Zachary	X	X
Donner, Mary Alice	X	X
Stokke, Michael	X	X
Greer, Kristin	X	X
Calhoun, Gaye	X	
Lewandrowski, Barbara	X	X
Waldron, Ashley	X	X
Hoffman, Bill	X	X
OCOS		
Duran, Maribel	X	X
Coleman, Robert	X	X
Cunningham, Lesley	X	
OEEOI		
Burlew, Thais	X	X
OIT		
Golley, Jerry	X	X
Versace, Jerry	X	X
Matos, Ricardo	X	X
Rana, Ben	X	X
OCPA		
Reuschel, Trevor	X	X
Middleton, Russell	X	X
OGC		
Grahn, David	X	X
Griffin, Ward	X	X
Isawi, Hazem	X	
Cohn, Jennifer	X	X
Grossman, Andra	X	X
Baker, Jacqueline	X	X
OE		
Duffy, Mike	X	X
Fennewald, Dan	X	X
Greenlee, Angela	X	X
Burke, Cindi	X	X

ATTENDEES	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
ODAE		
Shields, Dennis	X	X
Iannetta, Salvatore	X	X
OIG		
Laguarda, Wendy	X	X
Miller, Kevin	X	X
OSMO		
Fay, Thomas	X	X
Hudson, Bruce	X	X
Thomas, Elu	X	X
West, Tiffany	X	X
ORP		
Kramp, Kevin	X	X
Agans, Autumn	X	X
Potter, Jessica	X	
Johansen, Mark	X	X
OCFO		
Gandy, Doug	X	X
OAS		
Bell, Vonda	X	X
Clark, Patrina	X	X
FCSIC		
Grimaldi, Andrew	X	X
Simonson, John	X	X
Bowen, Mark	X	X
GENERAL PUBLIC	20	N/A

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE ACT

Farm Credit Administration Board Regular Meeting October 12, 2023

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023.

PLACE: You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit FCA.gov, select "Newsroom," then select "Events." From there, access the linked "Instructions for board meeting visitors" and complete the described registration process.

STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters will be considered:

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2023
- Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

- Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report¹

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703-883-4009. TTY: 703-883-4056.

/s/
Ashley Waldron
Secretary to the Board

September 26, 2023

¹ Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c)(8) and (9).

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BOARD ACTION ITEM



FCA BOARD ACTION ON

Minutes for September 14, 2023

BM-12-OCT-23-01

Effective Date: October 12, 2023

Impact on Prior Board Actions: None

THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

- Approves the minutes for September 14, 2023.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

_____/s/
Ashley Waldron
Secretary to the Board

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BOARD ACTION ITEM



FCA BOARD ACTION ON

Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule

BM-12-OCT-23-02

Effective Date: October 12, 2023

THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

- Approves the final rule that revises 12 C.F.R. §614.4165 with different requirements and revises a reference in 12 CFR §620.5 governing contents of the annual report to shareholders. The new YBS rule requires annual funding bank review and approval of direct lender association YBS programs, implementation of funding bank internal controls, and enhancement of direct lender association YBS business planning.
- Authorizes staff to make any technical or grammatical changes to the final rule that may be necessary prior to publication in the *Federal Register* or for compliance with the Congressional Review Act.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

_____/s/
Ashley Waldron
Secretary to the Board

**Statement on the Final Rule on Service to
Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers**

**Vincent G. Logan
FCA Board Chairman and CEO
Farm Credit Administration Board Meeting
October 12, 2023**

Today, by unanimous vote, the FCA board approved a final rule to update regulations governing the Farm Credit System's service to young, beginning, and small (YBS) farmers and ranchers.

The vote today would not have been possible without the dedication and countless hours of work from FCA staff members. Thank you. I also want to recognize Board Member Smith for his efforts. This rule would not be before us today without your tireless focus on this issue during your time as chairman. And to Board Member Hall, your contributions and guidance on this rule helped us land in a stronger place.

Congress created the Farm Credit System in 1916 to ensure that credit would be available to farmers and ranchers in both good times and bad. Then, in an obvious outgrowth of this mission, Congress established a mandate in 1980 to address the challenges faced by YBS producers.

And congressional interest in that mandate is as real today as it was then. There was no single topic raised more in my confirmation hearings than how we, as a country, and FCA, as an agency, can continue to improve service to YBS producers.

So, while the rule we passed today was well underway before I joined the agency, I am pleased to play a role in getting it across the finish line. In particular, I am proud that I was able to contribute to this rulemaking by further elevating the important message that, to truly serve all YBS producers, you must focus on reaching traditionally underserved communities. Underserved producers, by and large, are almost all young, beginning, or small.

I will close by recognizing that, in my travels over the past year, it became clear to me that serving YBS producers remains a priority for Farm Credit System institutions. I thank the System for its dedication to these producers.

**Statement on the Final Rule on Service to
Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers**

**Glen R. Smith
FCA Board Member
Farm Credit Administration Board Meeting
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Today is a proud day for our agency and a meaningful step toward ensuring the long-term prosperity of American agriculture. My office staff also informs me that it is National Farmers Day – especially significant given that this is the group we ultimately serve.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to Chairman Vincent Logan and Board Member Jeff Hall for their steadfast efforts to get the final rule across the finish line. And, finally, I would like to convey my deep appreciation to the FCA staff members who have worked tirelessly toward this day.

Why is the rule so important?

Extending credit to young, beginning, and small (YBS) farmers and ranchers may not be considered as efficient as lending to large established entities, and it may also carry increased risk. However, those factors do not diminish the responsibility of Farm Credit System institutions to serve these groups as mandated by Congress in the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended.

That responsibility is just as important today, during relatively prosperous economic times, but even more important during downturns like the one we experienced in the '80s. The final rule we approved here today updates the FCA regulations that address that congressional mandate.

What does the rule accomplish?

Hazem and Jessica did a fine job of describing the mechanics of the rule. But, before going further, I want to say I've been impressed by the commitment many System institutions have shown in serving YBS producers and the men and women who have dedicated their careers to advancing this noble cause. I've seen this firsthand.

During my first two years on the board, I traveled extensively around the country to familiarize myself with different aspects of agriculture. My favorite part of those travels was visiting literally dozens upon dozens of YBS operations and learning what it took to make them successful.

My hope is that the enhanced requirements of the YBS rule will encourage System institutions to share those successes and best practices in serving YBS producers.

How did we get here?

We've come a long way together. This final rule is the culmination of over five years of hard work at the agency, starting with the recognition that the accuracy of the YBS data submitted annually to FCA needed to improve. In February of 2019, the FCA board adopted an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to improve on this process.

When I was named chairman later that year, advancing service to YBS producers became my top priority. Soon thereafter we created the Office of Data Analytics and Economics to improve the collection, evaluation, and reporting of YBS data — a process that continues to this day.

Despite the challenges of COVID in the next couple of years, Board Member Hall and I continued to provide guidance to staff, and FCA issued the proposed rule in June of 2022 following a very successful national YBS Conference in Colorado. When Chairman Logan joined the FCA board a year ago, he contributed his unique perspective and leadership to the rule, particularly in the area of outreach to underserved groups.

What makes this final rule so exciting is that it's a "rule of opportunity." With time and accumulated data analysis, it will represent a valuable tool in helping Farm Credit boards direct their resources to best serve YBS producers in their individual territories. It gives Farm Credit institutions an opportunity to build a strong borrower base for tomorrow's customers. But most of all, it will help fulfill the dreams and aspirations of young, beginning, and small agriculturalists for generations to come.

