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



# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD October 10, 2024

These minutes reflect the business transacted at the October 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and the regulations of the 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. The meeting was a hybrid physical/virtual meeting.

Members of the Board present were:

Vincent G. Logan, Chairman and CEO Jeffery S. Hall, Board Member Glen R. Smith, Board Member

The above named constitute the full Board.

Others present included **Ashley Waldron**, Secretary to the Board; **David Grahn**, General Counsel; and staff of the FCA and Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC). There were 21 members of the general public in attendance. (A list of Board and staff attendees is attached as Exhibit A.)

**Chairman Logan** called the meeting to order.

**Chairman Logan** read aloud a written statement in recognition of National Farmer's Day. **Chairman Logan** requested that the Secretary include this statement in the minutes. (Chairman Logan's statement is attached as Exhibit F.)

The **Secretary** addressed technical and protocol items and read a statement that announced the meeting would be conducted according to Government in the Sunshine Act requirements.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**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.

#### CONSIDERATION TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF THE MEETING

**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 12, 2024

(BM-10-OCT-24-01)

**Mr. Hall** moved to approve the minutes for the September 12, 2024, FCA regular board meeting, as presented.

**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-10-OCT-24-01)** 

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

#### **New Business**

## Proposed Rule – Annual Independent Audits and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Requirements

(BM-10-OCT-24-02)

**Aaron Livernois** of the **Office of Regulatory Policy** and **Andra Grossman** of the **Office of General Counsel** presented the Proposed Rule – Annual Independent Audits and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Requirements.

**Chairman Logan** asked the staff to provide their recommendation.

**Staff** provided their recommendation.

**Mr. Smith** moved to approve the staff's recommendation regarding the Proposed Rule – Annual Independent Audits and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Requirements.

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. **(BM-10-OCT-24-02)** 

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Before moving the meeting into closed session, **Chairman Logan** read aloud a written statement in acknowledgement of Trevor Reuschel. **Chairman Logan** requested that the Secretary include this statement in the minutes. (Chairman Logan's statement is attached as Exhibit G.)

**Chairman Logan** noted that the meeting was moving into closed session and asked the members of the public and staff who were not observing the closed session to leave the meeting.

**OIT staff** confirmed that the public and those staff had disconnected from the virtual portion of the meeting.

**Chairman Logan** convened the closed session of the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

**OIT staff** confirmed that the proceedings of the closed session were being recorded, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f).

The **Secretary** confirmed she had the certification from the General Counsel, 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. (Attendees are listed on Exhibit A.) (A copy of the General Counsel's certification is attached as Exhibit H.)

#### Reports

#### Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report

**Bruce Hudson** and **Brianna McGee** of the **Office of Secondary Market Oversight** presented the Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report.

#### **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.

There being no further discussion, **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 three notational vote actions approved by the FCA Board from September 12, 2024, through October 9, 2024.

Item Number	Action Date	Voting Results	Subject
NV 24-17	9/17/2024	Approved	Annual Update of FCA Board Policy Statement 62 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity
NV 24-18	9/17/2024	Approved	Fall 2024 Abstract of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions and Fall 2024 Regulatory Plan
NV 24-19	9/24/2024	Approved	Fiscal Year 2025 Office of Examination Oversight and Examination Plan

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 10, 2024.

/s/ /s/ /Shincent G. Logan Ashley Waldron Chairman and CEO Secretary to the Board

Approved: November 14, 2024

# BOARD AND STAFF PRESENT AT THE FCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING October 10, 2024

Vincent G. Logan, Chairman and CEO 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	X
Lewandrowski, Barbara	X	X
Waldron, Ashley	X	X
ocos		
Duran, Maribel	X	X
Coleman, Robert	X	X
Scribner, Tyler	X	
Cunningham, Lesley	X	
OEEOI		
Burlew, Thais	X	X
Fish, Tyler	X	X
Major, Sara Lynn	X	X
OIT		
Versace, Jerry	X	X
Matos, Ricardo	X	X
Rana, Ben	X	X
ОСРА		
Reuschel, Trevor	X	X
Rezendes, Andrew	X	X
OGC		
Grahn, David	X	X
Grossman, Andra	X	X
Cohn, Jennifer	X	X
OE		
Duffy, Mike	X	X
Fennewald, Dan	X	X
Greenlee, Angela	X	X
ODAE		
D'Antoni, Jeremy	X	X
OIG		
Griffin, Ward	X	X

ATTENDEES	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
Miller, Kevin	X	X
OSMO		
Fay, Thomas	X	X
Hudson, Bruce	X	X
McGee, Brianna	X	X
ORP		
Kramp, Kevin	X	X
Agans, Autumn	X	X
Livernois, Aaron	X	
OCFO		
Gandy, Doug	X	X
Soares, Ily	X	X
OAS		
Bell, Vonda	X	X
FCSIC		
Grimaldi, Andrew	X	X
Simonson, John	X	X
Wynn, Wade	X	
Bowen, Mark	X	X
GENERAL PUBLIC	21	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 10, 2024

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, October 10, 2024.

**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 12, 2024
- Proposed Rule Annual Independent Audits and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Requirements

#### PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

• Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report<sup>1</sup>

**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	<u>September 24, 2024</u>
Secretary to the Board	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

BM-10-OCT-24-01

Effective Date: October 10, 2024

**Impact on Prior Board Actions:** None

#### THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

• Approves the minutes for the September 12, 2024, regular Board meeting, as presented.

DATED THIS  $10^{th}$  DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

/s/ Ashley Waldron Secretary to the Board

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#### **BOARD ACTION ITEM**



#### **FCA BOARD ACTION ON**

### Proposed Rule – Annual Independent Audits and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Requirements

BM-10-OCT-24-02

Effective Date: October 10, 2024

#### THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

- Approves the proposed rule that would revise FCA Regulations at 12 CFR § 620.3 and § 630.5(d)(2) to require integrated audits under certain conditions.
- Authorizes staff to make any technical or grammatical changes to this proposed rule that may be necessary prior to publication in the *Federal Register*.

DATED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2024 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

/s/ Ashley Waldron Secretary to the Board

# Annual Independent Audits and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Requirements



October 10, 2024





# System Data – 2006 vs. 2023

Dollars in billions	12/31/2006	12/31/2023	Change	Percentage Change
System Associations	95	56	(39)	(41%)
Total System Assets	\$162.9	\$507.8	\$344.9	212%
Average Association Total Assets	\$1.1	\$5.5	\$4.4	420%
Median Association Total Assets	\$0.5	\$1.8	\$1.3	285%
Total Assets of Associations Holding 1% or More of Total System Assets	\$57.6	\$236.1	\$178.6	310%
Associations with 1% or more of System Assets – Percentage of All System Assets	35%	46%	N/A	29%
Percentage of Bank Direct Loans to Associations Holding 15% or more of their Banks Direct Loans	42%	60%	N/A	43%



## Questions?

- Aaron Livernois, Sr. Policy Accountant
- Andra Grossman, Attorney-Advisor

#### Statement on National Farmer's Day

# Vincent G. Logan FCA Chairman and CEO Farm Credit Administration Board Meeting October 10, 2024

Saturday, October 12, is National Farmer's Day. On this day, we recognize the significant contributions that farmers make to our nation.

As Chairman and CEO of the Farm Credit Administration, I am honored to acknowledge the farmers, ranchers, and all the agriculture workers who produce food for our nation and much of the world.

Farmers and ranchers face a host of challenges, with extreme weather being one of the greatest. As we have seen over the past couple of weeks, flood waters have destroyed crops, killed livestock, and wrecked farms across the Southeast. Storms like these can threaten not only the production of a single season but the very survival of a farming operation.

Despite these challenges, our farmers and ranchers have helped make our nation's economy one of the strongest in the world.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving the individuals who produce our food and contribute to the strength of our nation's economy.

#### **Statement on Trevor Reuschel**

# Vincent G. Logan FCA Chairman and CEO Farm Credit Administration Board Meeting October 10, 2024

I would like to acknowledge Trevor Reuschel who will depart FCA this month. Trevor first joined FCA in January 2023 as Senior Advisor and later, Director for the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs.

One of his early tasks was helping me with my first major address to the Farm Credit System in San Diego, California in early 2023. He hit the ground running, literally joining me as I traveled across the country to meet with System personnel, including representation from every bank district and many associations in those first six months of last year.

Since then, under Trevor's leadership, we have increased engagement through social media, continued to work with Congress to secure our agency's budget requests, strengthened our crisis communications, and continued the important work on borrower complaints.

I want to thank Trevor for his dedication and contributions and on behalf of the Board, wish him all the best.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING**

The General Counsel, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f)(1), hereby certifies that the Farm Credit Administration Board regular meeting of October 10, 2024, was properly closed to the public on the basis of the exemption set forth below:

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	<u>ctober 10, 2024</u> ate	/s/ David Grahn
		General Counsel