

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the San Francisco Head Office. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. (Pacific).

PARTICIPANTS:

San Francisco Head Office Directors

David P. White, Chair
Russell A. Childs, Deputy Chair
Mario Cordero
Maritza Diaz
Karin Kimbrough
Simone Lagomarsino
Arthur F. Oppenheimer
Clint E. Stein
Laura Lee Stewart

Visiting Branch Board Directors

Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Los Angeles Branch Director
Stacey M.L. Dodson, Portland Branch Director
Lisa A. Grow, Salt Lake City Branch Director
Pallavi Mehta Wahi, Seattle Branch Director

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Participants

Mary C. Daly, President and Chief Executive Officer
Sarah E. Devany, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Mark A. Gould, Chief Payments Executive, Federal Reserve Financial Services
Deborah M. Awai, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Finance, Data Insights and Analytics, and External Communications
Laura Choi, Executive Vice President, Public Engagement and Office of the Secretary
Michael J. Fernandez, Executive Vice President, Operations and Safety (Interim)
Sylvain Leduc, Executive Vice President and Director of Economic Research
Laura Monfredini, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Legal and Risk
Shari Novik, Senior Vice President and General Auditor, Audit
Rob Valletta, Senior Vice President and Associate Director of Economic Research
Justin Wray, Group Vice President, Supervision and Credit
Vanessa Yanez, Group Vice President, External Communications
Qiana Charles, Vice President and Los Angeles Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Stephen DeLay, Vice President and San Francisco Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Nicole Frisch, Vice President, Government and Civic Relations, Public Engagement
Ian Galloway, Vice President and Portland Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Adam Healy, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Executive Office
Zheng Liu, Vice President, Economic Research
Fernanda Nechio, Vice President, Economic Research
Nicolas Petrosky-Nadeau, Vice President, Economic Research
Becky Potts, Vice President and Salt Lake City Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Christina Prkic, Vice President and Seattle Regional Executive, Public Engagement

FRBSF Participants (continued)

Mark Spiegel, Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Research

Christopher Vignoles, Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, Legal and Risk

Jennie Held, Assistant Vice President, External Communications

Golnaz Motiey, Assistant Vice President and Secretary of the Board, Office of the Secretary

Amy Ferraz, Manager and Associate Secretary of the Board, Office of the Secretary

Heather Lee, Assistant General Counsel, Legal and Risk

Kevin Ortiz, Deputy Chief of Staff, Executive Office

Hamza Abdelrahman, Senior Economic Analyst, Economic Research

Leila Bengali, Regional Policy Economist, Economic Research

Tina Chong, Senior Executive Communications Advisor, External Communications

Karen Lau, Lead Project Analyst, Office of the Secretary

Huiyu Li, Research Advisor, Economic Research

Luiz Oliveira, Lead Associate Economist, Economic Research

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1. Welcoming Remarks:** Chair David White and President Daly welcomed Directors and guests.
- 2. Report on Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC) Meeting:** ARMC Chair Oppenheimer reported on the March 13, 2024 ARMC meeting.
- 3. First Vice President's Report:** Ms. Devany provided her First Vice President's Report and responded to questions. Subjects included the Bank's financial performance and staffing.
- 4. Recent Economic Developments and the Outlook:** Economic Research staff presented on recent economic developments and the outlook, discussing inflation, economic activity, the labor market, and financial markets, and responded to questions from the directors.

[Mr. Gould joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m.]

- 5. Director's Economic Discussion:** Discussion ensued among Directors about global supply chain developments.

[Mr. Cordero joined the meeting at 2:24 p.m.]

- 6. Monetary Policy Comments: President Daly discussed recent economic developments and noted that she** expects inflation to fall slowly to the average goal of 2 percent over the next few years. President Daly observed risks to inflation as broadly balanced. Strong overall demand may persist, and supply chains may be hampered by geopolitical, climate, and re-shoring factors, keeping inflation elevated. However, favorable supply developments may continue and create additional slack in the economy. President Daly additionally viewed risks to economic activity as broadly balanced. On the upside, she noted a strong labor market and generally healthy household balance sheets may continue to support consumer spending and overall economic activity; while on the downside, global monetary policy tightening, a possible slowdown abroad, and decreased household excess savings may constrain growth.

[[Non-designated personnel left the meeting prior to the next agenda item.]]

- 7. Rates of Discount:** Based on her monetary policy comments, President Daly recommended that the discount rate be maintained at 5.50 percent for primary credit.

Directors Vassiliadis, Dodson, Grow, and Wahj reported the votes on the management recommendation from their respective branch board meetings indicating that each was unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Head Office Board of Directors

VOTED unanimously to maintain the rate of discount, subject to final approval by the Board of Governors:

- (a) Rate for discounts and advances under the

Primary credit program.....5.50%

- (b) Formulas for calculating the rates applicable to discounts and advances under the secondary and seasonal credit programs:

Secondary credit rate: primary credit rate plus 50 basis points

Seasonal credit rate: the average of the effective federal funds rate and ninety-day secondary market CD rate averaged over the preceding maintenance period.

[[Branch directors and non-designated personnel left the meeting prior to the Executive Session.]]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Director Development Update:** Ms. Choi provided an update on director development efforts and the 2024 Director Election.
- 2. Report on Conference of Chairs Meeting:** Chair White reported on the February 7, 2024 Conference of Chairs Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. (Pacific).

Secretary of the Board