

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was held on Thursday, July 18, 2024, via videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific).

PARTICIPANTS:

San Francisco Head Office Board of Directors

David P. White, Chair
Russell A. Childs, Deputy Chair
Maritza Diaz
Arthur F. Oppenheimer
Clint E. Stein
Laura Lee Stewart

Absent:

Mario Cordero
Karin Kimbrough

Branch Board Directors

J. Zachary Moon, Los Angeles Branch Director
Graciela Gomez Cowger, Portland Branch Director
José Enriquez, Salt Lake City Branch Director
John Wolfe, Seattle Branch Director

Federal Reserve Participants

Sarah E. Devany, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Rita Aguilar, Executive Vice President, People and Culture
Laura Choi, Executive Vice President, Public Engagement and the Office of the Secretary
Sylvain Leduc, Executive Vice President and Director of Economic Research
Laura Monfredini, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Legal and Risk
Niel Willardson, Executive Vice President, Supervision and Credit (Interim)
Louise Willard, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Information and Technology Services
Shari Novik, Senior Vice President and General Auditor, Audit
Rob Valletta, Senior Vice President and Associate Director of Economic Research
Vanessa Yanez, Senior Vice President, External Communications
Òscar Jordà, Senior Research Advisor, Economic Research
Justin Wray, Group Vice President, Supervision and Credit
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
Abby McLennan, Vice President and Salt Lake City Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Thomas Mertens, Vice President, Economic Research

Federal Reserve Participants (continued)

Nicolas Petrosky-Nadeau, Vice President, Economic Research
Christina Prkic, Vice President and Seattle Regional Executive, Public Engagement
Adam Shapiro, Vice President, 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
Tina Chong, Senior Manager, External Communications
Amy Ferraz, Manager and Associate Secretary of the Board, Office of the Secretary
Kelly Hoeckelberg-Young, Business Operations Manager, Public Engagement
Heather Lee, Assistant General Counsel, Legal and Risk
Hamza Abdelrahman, Senior Economic Analyst, Economic Research
Leila Bengali, Regional Policy Economist, Economic Research
Evgeniya Duzhak, Regional Policy Economist, Economic Research
Christopher Kennedy, Senior Executive Communications Advisor, External Communications
Karen Lau, Corporate Governance Specialist, Office of the Secretary
Luiz Oliveira, Lead Associate Economist, Economic Research

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **Welcoming Remarks:** Chair David P. White welcomed Directors and guests.
2. **Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC) Report:** Committee Chair Arthur F. Oppenheimer reported on the July 17, 2024 ARMC meeting.

[Mr. Oppenheimer left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.]
3. **Conference of Chairs (COC) Report:** Chair White and Deputy Chair Childs reported on the May 8-9, 2024 COC Meeting.
4. **First Vice President's Report:** Ms. Devany provided her First Vice President's Report and responded to questions. Subjects included updates on the Bank's financial performance, staffing, and NextGen.
5. **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.
6. **Directors' Economic Discussion:** Discussion ensued among Directors about real estate market conditions.
7. **Monetary Policy Comments:** Executive Vice President and Director of Economic Research Sylvain Leduc observed that despite some signs of easing, economic activity and the labor market remain solid, and inflation remains elevated. He noted that risks to achieving the dual mandate have moved into balance over the past year but emphasized that the economic outlook is uncertain. He views risks to the inflation path as

skewed to the upside. He noted solid overall demand may persist, and supply chains may be hampered by geopolitical, climate, and re-shoring factors, keeping inflation elevated. Mr. Leduc also stated that although inflation eased notably in 2023, progress on inflation has been uneven so far in 2024. He therefore emphasized the importance of a tight monetary policy stance to keep inflation expectations well anchored. Mr. Leduc reiterated that policy remains data dependent and highlighted the importance of maintaining optionality in responding to emerging risks and incoming information on the economy and inflation.

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

[Mr. Oppenheimer rejoined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.]

- 8. Rates of Discount:** Based on his monetary policy comments, Mr. Leduc recommended that the discount rate be maintained at 5.50 percent for primary credit.

Directors Moon, Gomez Cowger, Enriquez, and Wolfe reported their respective branch boards voted unanimously in favor of the management 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 next agenda item.]]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

{GCR staff joined the meeting.}

- 1. Public Engagement Updates:** Ms. Choi gave an update on Public Engagement initiatives and Government and Civic Relations staff provided an overview of their work.

{GCR staff left the meeting at this time.}

2. **Board of Directors Slate Update:** Ms. Choi provided a status on director development efforts for 2025.

3. **Executive Officer Approval Request:**

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The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. (Pacific).

Secretary of the Board