

A joint meeting of the Head Office Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and its four Branch Boards was held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 in Renton, Washington. The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. (Pacific).

**DIRECTORS AND VISITORS PRESENT**

San Francisco Head Office Board of Directors

David P. White, Chair  
Russell A. (Chip) Childs, Deputy Chair  
Maritza Diaz  
Karin Kimbrough (via videoconference)  
Arthur F. (Skip) Oppenheimer  
Clint E. Stein

12<sup>th</sup> District Federal Advisory Council Member

Robert (Bob) Harrison

Los Angeles Branch Board Directors

Jack Sinclair, Chair  
Theresa (Terry) Benelli  
Selena Cuffe  
Carlos Gonzalez  
Chang Liu  
Zach Moon

Portland Branch Board Directors

Gale Castillo, Chair  
Alicia Chapman  
Andrew Colas  
Graciela Gomez Cowger  
Stacey M.L. Dodson

Salt Lake City Branch Board Directors

O. Randall (Randy) Woodbury, Chair  
José Enriquez  
Lisa A. Grow  
Mark W. Packard

Seattle Branch Board Directors

Sheila Edwards Lange  
Robert (Bob) Donegan  
Gabriel (Gabe) Kompkoff  
Michael Senske  
Pallavi Mehta Wahi

Also present:

Former San Francisco Head Office Directors and Former Branch Board Directors  
Current and Former Twelfth District Advisory Council Members  
Retired Regional Executives  
Fed Family and Executive Leadership Team Guests

Unable to Participate:

Mario Cordero, San Francisco Head Office Board Director  
Laura Lee (Laurie) Stewart, San Francisco Head Office Board Director  
Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Los Angeles Branch Board Chair  
Patrick Criteser, Portland Branch Board Director  
Maria Pope, Portland Branch Board Director  
Melanie Cox, Salt Lake City Branch Board Director  
Susan Morris, Salt Lake City Branch Board Director  
Eric Pearson, Seattle Branch Board Director  
John Wolfe, Seattle Branch Board Director

**FEDERAL RESERVE 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

Rita Aguilar, Executive Vice President, People and Culture

Laura Choi, Executive Vice President, Public Engagement and the Office of the Secretary

Michael J. Fernandez, Executive Vice President, Operations and Safety

Sylvain Leduc, Executive Vice President and Director of Economic Research and Data Insights & Analytics

Laura Monfredini, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Legal and Risk

Louise Willard, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services

Sum-Yu Chiu, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Financial Management

Summer Cole, Senior Vice President, Supervision and Credit

Sunayna Tuteja, Senior Vice President and System Innovation Officer, Federal Reserve System

Robert (Rob) Valletta, Senior Vice President and Associate Director of Research, Economic Research

Vanessa Yanez, Senior Vice President and Public Information Officer, External Communications

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

Adam Healy, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Executive Office

Abby McLennan, Vice President and Salt Lake City Regional Executive, Public Engagement

Thomas Mertens, Vice President, Economic Research

Fernanda Nechio, Vice President, Economic Research

Nicolas Petrosky-Nadeau, Vice President, Economic Research

Christina Prkic, Vice President and Seattle Regional Executive, Public Engagement

Bina Shrimali, Vice President, Community Development, Public Engagement

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

Joselyn Cousins, Assistant Vice President, Community Development, Public Engagement

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, Digital Channels, External Communications

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

Kelly Hoeckelberg-Young, Manager and Portland Branch Board Secretary, Public Engagement

Kevin Ortiz, Deputy Chief of Staff, Executive Office

Andrea Abrams, Senior Business Analyst and Los Angeles Branch Board Secretary

Hamza Abdelrahman, Senior Economic Analyst, Economic Research

Geraldine (Geri) Achacoso, Assistant to the President, Executive Office

Musadiq Bidar, Senior Public Relations Strategist, External Communications

Deborah Campbell, Regional Engagement Officer, Public Engagement

Chi Elder, Regional Engagement Officer, Public Engagement

Steven Fisher, Senior Project Manager and Seattle Branch Board Secretary, Public Engagement

**FEDERAL RESERVE PARTICIPANTS (continued)**

Christopher Kennedy, Senior Executive Communications Advisor, External Communications

Karen Lau, Corporate Governance Specialist, Office of the Secretary

Heather Lee, Assistant General Counsel, Legal and Risk

Huiyu Li, Research Advisor, Economic Research

Luiz Oliveira, Lead Associate Economist, Economic Research

Remy Pon, Assistant to the First Vice President

Shannon Smith, Regional Engagement Officer, Public Engagement

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

1. **12L Federal Advisory Council (FAC) Report:** Mr. Harrison reported on the September 3-5, 2024 FAC meeting held in Washington, D.C.

[[Mr. Harrison left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.]]

2. **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, staffing, and facilities updates.
3. **Special Presentation – "GenAI: Early Students":** Ms. Tuteja and Ms. Willard presented on the Federal Reserve System's efforts to learn about generative artificial intelligence (GenAI).
4. **Recent Economic Developments and the Outlook:** Mr. Leduc presented on recent economic developments and the outlook, discussing inflation, economic activity, the labor market, and financial markets and then responded to questions from the directors.
5. **Directors' Economic Discussion:** Discussion ensued among Directors about GenAI applications and impacts.
6. **Monetary Policy Comments:** President Daly provided observed that despite some signs of easing this year, economic activity and the labor market remain solid, and inflation is still somewhat elevated. She stated that risks to inflation have attenuated of late and are now broadly balanced, with rising labor supply and slower wage growth helping to ease upward price pressures. President Daly highlighted that the labor market has largely rebalanced, and that additional labor market softening is unwelcome. Given these developments for inflation and the labor market, she provided her views on the preferred path of monetary policy. She emphasized that further easing of monetary policy is appropriate. President Daly 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. President Daly then responded to questions from the directors and other meeting participants.

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

- 7. **Rates of Discount:** Based on monetary policy comments, management recommended that the discount rate be decreased to 4.75 percent for primary credit.

Mr. Sinclair, Ms. Castillo, Mr. Woodbury, and Ms. Mehta Wahi reported their respective branch board votes on the management recommendation. The Los Angeles, Portland, and Salt Lake City branch boards were unanimously in favor of the recommendation; with the Seattle branch board reporting six (6) in favor and one (1) dissent.

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

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

- (a) Rate for discounts and advances under the

**Primary credit program**.....4.75%

- (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 90-day secondary market CD rate averaged over the preceding maintenance period.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. **Approval of 2025 Bank Strategy:** Ms. Devany provided an overview of the Bank’s 2025 Strategy. The Head Office Directors voted and unanimously approved the 2025 Bank Strategy.
- 2. **Approval of 2025 Board Committee Composition & Schedule:** Chair White presented the 2025 Board Committee Composition and Schedule, which the Head Office Directors voted upon and unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of 2025 Branch Board Slates:** Ms. Choi presented the 2025 Branch Board appointments, reappointments, and chair designations for Head Office Board approval as outlined below.

#### New appointments

The Los Angeles Branch Board has a vacancy due to the pending appointment by the Board of Governors of Theresa (Terry) Benelli, executive director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Phoenix to a Board of Governors seat on the Board. Los Angeles branch management requested the appointment of Mr. Michael Jones, president and chief executive officer, Delta Dental of Arizona, to complete two years of Ms. Benelli's unexpired term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

The Los Angeles Branch Board has a second vacancy due to the service of Zach Moon, general manager, California Steel Industries, Inc., concluding on December 31, 2024. Los Angeles branch management requested the appointment of Ms. Maria Hollandsworth, president and chief operating officer of El Pollo Loco, to a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

The Portland Branch Board has a vacancy due to the service of Stacey M.L. Dodson, former market president, U.S. Bank Oregon and Southwest Washington, concluding on December 31, 2024. Portland branch management requested the appointment of Ms. Julia Beattie, president and chief executive officer of People's Bank of Commerce, to a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

The Salt Lake City Branch Board has a vacancy due to the pending appointment by the Board of Governors of Lisa A. Grow, president and chief executive officer, Idaho Power and IDACORP to a Board of Governors seat on the Board. Salt Lake City branch management requested the appointment of Mr. Andy Scoggin, chief executive officer, Scoggin Capital Investment, to a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

#### Re-appointments

Los Angeles Branch management requested the reappointment of Ms. Selena Cuffe, chief growth officer, Blackstone Consulting, who has served on the Los Angeles Branch Board since January 1, 2024, to a full three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Seattle Branch management requested the reappointment of Mr. Michael Senske, chairman and chief executive officer, Pearson Packaging Systems, who has served on the Seattle Branch Board since January 1, 2022, to a second three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

#### Branch Board Chair Designations

Branch Board Chair designations are for one-year terms. The following Branch Directors are eligible, were recommended by their local San Francisco Fed regional executive, and agreed to serve in the capacity of chair of their respective Branch board for the upcoming year from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

#### Los Angeles Branch

Theresa (Terry) Benelli  
Executive Director  
Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) - Phoenix  
Phoenix, Arizona

Ms. Benelli will serve her first term as Los Angeles Branch Board Chair.

Portland Branch  
Graciela Gomez Cowger  
Chief Executive Officer  
Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt  
Portland, Oregon

Ms. Gomez Cowger will serve her first term as Portland Branch Board Chair.

Salt Lake City Branch  
Lisa A. Grow  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Idaho Power and IDACORP  
Boise, Idaho

Ms. Grow will serve her first term as Salt Lake City Branch Board Chair.

Seattle Branch  
John Wolfe  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)  
Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Wolfe will serve his second term as Seattle Branch Board Chair.

4. **Approval of 2025 Twelfth District Federal Advisory Council (FAC) Member Reappointment:** Ms. Choi requested that Robert (Bob) Harrison be reappointed to a second, one-year term as the Twelfth District's FAC member from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Class B and C Directors voted and unanimously approved the actions as presented above, while Class A Directors recused themselves from voting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. (Pacific).

Secretary of the Board