

STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
MINUTES
January 9, 2013
Columbia, South Carolina

Upon proper call and due notice to all of its members and after having given required public notice, the State Board of Financial Institutions assembled in a meeting this the 9th day of January 2013, with Chairman Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. presiding. Members present were: Messrs. Anderson, Apple, Conley, Hart, Saunders, and Wright. Mr. Williams called in via telephone. Absent were Ms. Marcum and Mr. Hassell. In attendance were Commissioner Louie Jacobs, Interim Commissioner Jim Copeland, Ms. Gayle Fletcher, Program Manager, Consumer Finance Division, Ms. Kathy Bickham, Assistant Commissioner of Banking, Ms. Amy Wright, Secretary to the Board, Ms. Clarissa Adams, Deputy State Treasurer, State Treasurer's Office, Mr. Bill Condon, General Counsel, State Treasurer's Office, and Mr. Bill Leidinger, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office.

On motion of Mr. Saunders, duly seconded by Mr. Conley and unanimously carried, the Board approved minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hart, duly seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Notice Agenda Items (Blue Agenda) as follows:

Consumer Finance Division

Retirement of Regina G. Fletcher, Program Manager I, effective February 1, 2013.

EXAMINING DIVISION

None.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Budget/Policy and Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Conley stated that the budget expense numbers looked fine after discussions with staff. The cash carryforwards look reasonable. The Consumer Finance carryforward was high mainly because of the National Mortgage Settlement.

Legislative and Legal Subcommittee – Mr. Hart stated that the disclosure at the ATMs are no longer required due to the double disclosures now signed by the president. Also he read something about the Privacy Notice may not be required on an annual basis. He will get more information.

REGULAR SESSION

Consumer Finance Division

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Apple and unanimously carried, the Board approved the requests for Supervised Consumer Finance Licenses for In-State as follows:

1. Request of AutoMoney, Inc. dba AutoMoney, Inc. of Crowson Road to operate at 700 Crowson Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29205. **(#active 43)**
2. Request of AutoMoney, Inc. dba AutoMoney, Inc. of Rock Hill #2 to operate at 128 North Anderson Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. **(#active 43)**
3. Request of AutoMoney, Inc. dba AutoMoney, Inc. of Spartanburg to operate at 368 West Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301. **(#active 43)**
4. Request of Car Financial Services, Inc. to operate at 3405 Salterbeck Street, Suite 201, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466. **(New)**
5. Request of Carolina's Best of Easley, LLC dba Carolina's Best Title Loans to operate at 6129-I Calhoun Memorial Highway, Easley, South Carolina 29640. **(New)**
6. Request of Grand Strand Credit Corporation to operate at 520 Highway 17 South, Suite D, Surfside Beach, South Carolina 29575. **(New)**

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Hart and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for Supervised Consumer Finance License for Out-of-State as follows:

7. Request of Turnstile Capital Management, LLC for a Supervised Consumer Finance License to perform certain lending operations in South Carolina from its location at 401 West A Street, Suite 1300, San Diego, California 92101. **(New)**

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for Check Cashing Level II Services as follows:

8. Request of Galaxy 1, LLC dba Winnsboro Package Store for a license to provide check cashing Level II services at 318 South Congress Street, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180. **(New)**
9. Request of HPR of Saluda, Inc. dba RS Services for a license to provide check cashing Level II services at 503 East Main Street, Suite B, Ridge Spring, South Carolina 29129. **(New)**

10. Request of Jaime Luna dba Mexico Lindo for a license to provide check cashing Level II services at 2704 East North Avenue, Anderson, South Carolina 29625. **(New)**

11. Request of Reliance 1, LLC dba Cuz's Corner for a license to provide check cashing Level II services at 419 South Congress Street, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180. **(New)**

12. Request of Richard Brinson dba Brinson's check Cashing Service for a license to provide check cashing Level II services at 311-B West Main Street, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461. **(New)**

Examining Division

On motion of Mr. Conley duly seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried, the Board approved an operational instruction regarding property acquired for future expansion by State chartered banks.

On motion of Mr. Conley duly seconded by Mr. Saunders and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of Neighbors United Credit Union, Greenwood, South Carolina, to convert from a State chartered credit union to a Federal chartered credit union.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Hart and unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to receive and discuss information pertaining to examinations of institutions required to be made by law, matters relating to proposed locations, negotiations incidental to contractual arrangements and information relating to the purchase or sale of property.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded by Mr. Conley and unanimously carried, the Board returned to Regular Session. No other vote was taken in Executive Session.

The following actions were taken in Regular Session on items discussed in Executive Session:

Consumer Finance Division

None.

Examining Division

On motion of Mr. Hart duly seconded by Mr. Apple and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of SCBT, Columbia, for approval to pay a cash dividend.

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Apple and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of First Federal Bank, Charleston, to temporarily relocate its Carolina Forest Kroger Branch from 3735 Renee Drive, Myrtle Beach, to 2005 C Oakheart Road, Myrtle Beach. The Board also approved to relocate this branch from 2005 C Oakheart Road, Myrtle Beach, to Lot 6, Carolina Forest, Myrtle Beach, when construction is completed.

On motion of Mr. Apple duly seconded by Mr. Saunders and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of Argent Financial Group, Inc., Ruston, Louisiana, to acquire 100% of the outstanding stock of East Broad Trust Company, Greenville, South Carolina, through its merger with Argent Trust Company, Memphis, Tennessee, a wholly owned subsidiary of Argent Financial Group, Inc.

On motion of Mr. Anderson duly seconded by Mr. Conley and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request of Santee Cooper Credit Union, Moncks Corner, to relocate its branch at 507 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, to 1232 Farrow Parkway, Suite A, Myrtle Beach.

Mr. Williams asked about Mr. Copeland's authority to act on Ms. Fletcher's position that she is vacating. Chairman Loftis asked Mr. Copeland if he had a plan regarding this matter. Mr. Copeland stated that he did have a succession plan but has not had a chance to talk to Mr. Leidinger and Mr. Condon about it but will do so and report back to the board on progress and what they would like to do.

Mr. Wright asked about the structure of the division heads. Chairman Loftis stated that there were concerns and have been discussions about it and maybe this planning will solve any issues.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that he and Mr. Copeland have reviewed the pay plan and have been working with Mr. Leidinger on it and will hopefully have something soon for the board.

Mr. Apple asked if Commissioner Jacobs has heard of any reaction or negative effects in regards to the end of the TAG program on banks from bankers. Commissioner Jacobs stated that he has not heard of any concerns or negative effects.

The Board, through consensus, scheduled its next meeting for **February 6, 2013**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.