

**STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS M I N U T E S**  
**May 3, 2017**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

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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 3rd day of May, 2017, with Mr. Williams presiding.

Members present were: Messrs. Conley, Hart, Pennington, Saunders, Strickland, Wright, and Ms. Marcum.

In attendance from the Examining Division were Commissioner Davis; Ms. Kathy Bickham, Assistant Commissioner, Ms. Renee Dzek, Accounting Fiscal Manager; and Ms. Janeen Hughes.

In attendance from the Consumer Finance Division were Commissioner Bodvake, Mr. Carl Jeffcoat, Assistant Commissioner, and Ms. Angelica Meyers.

In attendance from the State Treasurer's Office were Ms. Clarissa Adams, Chief of Staff, Mr. Bert Cassell, General Counsel, and Mr. Tony Kester, Assistant to the Chairman.

Members absent: Chairman Loftis and Mr. Buyck

Members participating by phone: Mr. Hassell

The Agenda was approved by General Consent.

The April 5, 2017 Board Minutes were approved by General Consent.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Steven Gilbert, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

The following Notice Agenda Items were approved by General Consent:

**CONSUMER FINANCE DIVISION**

The following Supervised Consumer Finance Licensees have advised of change of address as follows:

1. Basix Loan, LLC dba Basix from 6636 Hollywood Boulevard to 1377 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

2. Local Finance Co. of Union, LLC from 408-I Duncan Bypass to 408 North Duncan Bypass, Suite I, Union, South Carolina.

The following Supervised Consumer Finance Licensees have advised of change of name as follows:

1. Avio Credit, Inc. from dba Avio Credit, Inc. to Avio Credit, Wichita, Kansas.
2. Hawk Inc. from dba The Loan Center to Lenders Loans, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.
3. Carolina Title Loans, Inc. from dba Carolina Title Loans, Inc. to Carolina Title Loans, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Notification has been received that the following Supervised Consumer Finance Licensees have been voluntarily surrendered for cancellation:

1. Palmetto Loan Company, Inc. dba A Car Title Loan Company, 1136 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
2. Kubota Credit Corporation, U.S.A., 3401 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California.
3. OneMain Financial Group, LLC, 1915 Old Furnace Road, Boiling Springs, South Carolina.
4. Republic Finance, LLC, 1605 Fairlane Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina.
5. TitleMax of South Carolina, Inc. dba TitleBucks, 1158 North Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, South Carolina.
6. TitleMax of South Carolina, Inc. dba TitleMax, 7480 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina.
7. Avant of South Carolina, LLC dba Avant, 225 West Randolph Street, Floor 28, Chicago, Illinois.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Employment of Joseph H. Holland, Financial Institutions Examiner I, effective May 8, 2017.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER UPDATES

### POLICY, PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Pennington reported the Budget, Policy, and Planning Committee met last month to review the Consumer Finance fee structure. He also reported the Committee would have a recommendation to present at the June meeting.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hart gave an update on legislation related to mortgage lending relief efforts.

## REGULAR SESSION

### CONSUMER FINANCE DIVISION

The following Regular Agenda Items (Green Agenda) were approved by general consent:

### IN-STATE

1. Request of Credit Central, LLC dba Credit Central to operate at 6169 St. Andrews Road, Suite 120, Columbia, South Carolina 29212. **(#Active37)**
2. Request of First Heritage Credit of South Carolina, LLC dba 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Credit to operate at 946 Orleans Road, Suite B6, Charleston, South Carolina 29407. **(#Active7)**
3. Request of First Heritage Credit of South Carolina, LLC dba 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Credit to operate at 1120 North Pleasantburg Drive, Suite 304, Greenville, South Carolina 29607. **(#Active7)**
4. Request of First Heritage Credit of South Carolina, LLC dba 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Credit to operate at 722 West Main Street, Lexington, South Carolina 29072. **(#Active7)**
5. Request of First Heritage Credit of South Carolina, LLC dba 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Credit to operate at 3748 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, South Carolina 29418. **(#Active7)**

6. Request of First Heritage Credit of South Carolina, LLC dba 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Credit to operate at 2406-G Augusta Road, West Columbia, South Carolina 29169. **(#Active7)**
7. Request of Macro Financial LLC dba Macro Title Loans to operate at 180 South Cashua Drive, Florence, South Carolina 29501. **(New)**

### **OUT-OF-STATE**

8. Request of Approved Financial, Inc. for a Supervised Consumer Finance License to perform certain lending operations in South Carolina from its location at 175 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1925, Miami, Florida 33130. **(#Active1)**
9. Request of Cash Central of South Carolina, LLC dba Cash Central for a Supervised Consumer Finance License to perform certain lending operations in South Carolina from its location at 6785 Bobcat Way, Dublin, Ohio 43016. **(#Active2)**
10. Request of Meritize Financial, Inc. dba Meritize Financial for a Supervised Consumer Finance License to perform certain lending operations in South Carolina from its location at 6136 Frisco Square Boulevard, Suite 285, Frisco, Texas 75034. **(New)**
11. Request of Meritize Financial, Inc. for a Supervised Consumer Finance License to perform certain lending operations in South Carolina from its location at [www.meritize.com](http://www.meritize.com). **(New)**

### **DEFERRED PRESENTMENT**

12. Request of Cascade Capital, LLC for a license to provide deferred presentment services at 1670 Corporate Circle, Suite 202, Petaluma, California 94954. **(New)**
13. Request of Debt Management Partners LLC for a license to provide deferred presentment services at 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 102, Amherst, New York 14228. **(New)**
14. Request of National Credit Adjusters, L.L.C. for a license to provide deferred presentment services at 327 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. **(New)**
15. Request of Reviver Financial, LLC for a license to provide deferred presentment services at 327 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. **(New)**

## **CHECK CASHING LEVEL II SERVICES**

16. Request of Adalberto Aguilar Gomez dba Pawleys Landscaping for a license to provide Check Cashing Level II services at 67 Waverly Road, Pawleys Island, South Carolina 29585. **(New)**
17. Request of Cutrate Package Shop LLC for a license to provide Check Cashing Level II services at 116 North Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461. **(New)**
18. Request of Harrison Hardware for a license to provide Check Cashing Level II services at 1917 Augusta Road, Warrentonville, South Carolina 29851. **(New)**
19. Request of Kushal H. Patel dba 3 Way Food Mart, Store No. 13 for a license to provide Check Cashing Level II services at 4667 Jefferson Davis Highway, Beech Island, South Carolina 29842. **(New)**
20. Request of S & S Management Investment, LLC dba Crown Petro for a license to provide Check Cashing Level II services at 600 North Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577. **(New)**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bodvake provided an update on upcoming meetings and training. He also provide updates on pending legislation.

## **EXAMINING DIVISION**

Commissioner Davis provided an update on his monthly activities (copy attached). He further discussed his efforts to reclassify positions within the agency.

### COMMISSIONER OF BANKING REPORT

May 3, 2017

#### External Activity

- Met with the following individuals/entities:
  - o Management of:
    - SPC Credit Union
    - Santee Cooper Credit Union
    - First Palmetto Bank
    - Heritage Community Bank
    - South Carolina Community Bank (Board Meeting)

- Enterprise Bank of South Carolina (Board Meeting)
  - Security Federal Bank (Shareholder Meeting and Board Meeting)
- John Moore and Ben Barnhill of Nelson Mullins to begin sorting through the South Carolina banking code, one section at a time, for updating
- Attended and was a speaker at the SCBA 2017 Community Bankers Spring Peer Group Meeting
- Attended second Senate Hearing on credit union bill
- Sent letters to CEOs of all state-chartered banks explaining the new “portfolio model” for the agency’s Review Examiners and informing them of their assigned Review Examiner (discussed at April 5 Board meeting)
- Attended the Conference of State Bank Supervisors District Meeting in Asheville, NC
- Visited the Darla Moore School of Business at USC to discuss recruiting opportunities. I met with the Director, Employer Relations while Renee Dzek met with the Director, Office of Career Management. Rick Green and Deidre Fulmer participated in the Banking Day career fair. Learned that the 2016 average starting salary for USC graduates with a bachelor’s degree in business ranges from a low of \$42,893 (management major) to a high of \$59,111 (economics major). Average salary of graduates hired in South Carolina in 2016 was \$45,915. The Agency’s current starting salary is \$38,460.

#### Internal Activity

- Along with Consumer Finance, held second meeting with the Division of Technology Operations and the Division of Information Security to begin to refine both agencies’ information security programs.

As part of employee retention strategy, did away with restrictive non-state required travel rules.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Saunders, duly seconded by Mr. Pennington, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to receive and discuss information pertaining to information regarding contractual arrangements, examination findings, personnel matters, receive legal advice, discuss documents or information incidental to proposed contractual matters, discuss confidential information or trade secrets of institutions under examination.

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

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

### **EXAMINING DIVISION**

On motion of Ms. Marcum, duly seconded by Mr. Pennington, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application of Southern First Bank, Greenville, South Carolina, to purchase property in Charleston and to relocate its branch at 480 East Bay Street, Suite F, Charleston, to 80 Calhoun Street, Charleston.

On motion of Mr. Hassell, duly seconded by Mr. Hart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application of First Reliance Bank, Florence, South Carolina, to establish a branch at 133 East 1<sup>st</sup> North Street, Suite #4, Summerville, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Conley, duly seconded by Mr. Pennington, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina, Holly Hill, for approval to pay a cash dividend in the amount requested by the bank.

On motion of Mr. Saunders, duly seconded by Mr. Conley, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application of Anderson Brothers Bank, Mullins, South Carolina, to establish a branch at 4705-C Oleander Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Strickland, duly seconded by Mr. Hart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application of Countybank, Greenwood, South Carolina, to establish a branch at 103 North Main Street, Greer, South Carolina.

The Board, through consensus, scheduled its next meeting for June 7, 2016.

Mr. Williams stated that this will be the last meeting he will be attending since his term is ending and he will not be able to attend the June meeting. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a member.

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

An audio copy of the meeting is available upon request.