FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 14, 2018.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. Almena Investments, LLC., Almena, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Almena State Bank, Almena, Kansas.


Ann Misback,
Secretary of the Board.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Board Member Meeting

Agenda

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board Meeting Agenda, February 26, 2018, In Person, 8:30 a.m.

Open Session

1. Approval of the minutes for the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting
2. Monthly Reports
   (a) Participant Activity
   (b) Investment Performance
   (c) Legislative
3. Quarterly Reports
   (d) Metrics
   (e) Project Activity
4. Contact Centers
5. OER Annual Report
6. OTS Annual Report
7. FISMA
8. FISMA—OTS
9. Blended Retirement Update

Closed Session

Information covered under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Adjourn

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.


Megan Grumbley,
General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board Oral Argument Before the Commission

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Oral argument; open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) will meet on Thursday, February 22, 2018, in Room 322 of the FTC Building for an Oral Argument In the Matter of Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board.

The public is invited to attend and observe the open portion of the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Oral argument is scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald S. Clark, Secretary, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 202–326–2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Open Meeting

(1) Oral Argument In the Matter of Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, Docket No. 9374.

Closed Meeting

(2) Executive Session to follow Oral Argument In the Matter of Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, Docket No. 9374.

Record of Commission’s Vote

On February 6, 2018, Commissioners Ohlhausen and McSweeny were recorded as voting in the affirmative to close Matter Number Two, and to withhold from this meeting notice such information as is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Commission’s Explanation of Closing

The Commission has determined that Matter Number Two may be closed under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10), and that the public interest does not require the matter to be open.

General Counsel Certification

The General Counsel has certified that Matter Number Two may properly be closed, citing the following relevant exemptive provision: 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

Expected Attendees

Expected to attend the closed meeting are the Commissioners themselves, an advisor to one of the Commissioners, and such other Commission staff as may be appropriate.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.


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