**Legislative and Regulatory Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting via WebEx**

The Legislative and Regulatory Committee of the State Board of Financial Institutions met on February 25, 2025.

Mr. Larkin took roll. Members present: Mrs. Addy, Mrs. Michaels and Mssrs. Ham (Chair), Walters, and Bouchette.

Staff in attendance: Commissioner Ron Bodvake, Commissioner Kathy Bickham, Deputy Commissioner Janeen Hughes, Deputy Commissioner Amy Gelhaus, Deputy General Counsel Shawn Eubanks, and Fiscal Analyst Cameron Larkin

The **February 25, 2025 Agenda** was approved by General Consent.

The **December 19, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes** were approved by General Consent.

There were no member **recusals or conflicts of interest** disclosed or identified.

**Commissioner Bickham** covered highlights of the Banking Division Legislative Tracking spreadsheet. Mr. Ham commented on a proposed bill involving credit unions’ ability to accept deposits from local governments and asked that it be noted for the minutes Commissioner Bickham’s response regarding the potential impact of this bill on institutions. Ms. Bickham stated that the bill would not have an immediate safety and soundness impact on banks that currently hold public deposits but that it could cause banks to change their business strategies if their ability to hold public deposits is affected. Commissioner Bickham covered four operational instructions that need to be rescinded due to the inclusion in recent codified regulations.

***On motion of Mr. Walters and duly seconded by Mrs. Addy, the Committee voted to recommend that the Full Board approve rescinding the operational instructions issued by BOFI on February 1, 2006 and April 4, 2007 in light of codification in Regulation 15-1, the operational instruction issued by BOFI on January 9, 2013, in light of codification in Regulation 15-25, and the operational instruction issued by BOFI on November 6, 2019, in light of codification in Regulation 15-26.***

Commissioner Bickham covered recent changes made to the division’s bank and credit union branch application forms.

**Commissioner Bodvake** provided the Committee with a legislative tracking spreadsheet and covered highlights of the spreadsheet. Commissioner Bodvake and Mr. Walters discussed potential impacts of a bill that would move the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Department of Administration.

Mr. Ham announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd (later changed to April 15th), 2025. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:27 AM.