

Meeting Minutes

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty Street
13th Floor, Main Conference Room

Thursday, April 7, 2016
8:30 am – 10:30 am (New York time)

Present: James Brown (by phone), David Buchalter, Martha Burke, Sarah Donnelly, Luke Farber (by phone), Terence Filewych (by phone), Pamela Hutson (by phone), Robert Klein, Jeff Lillien, Matthew Lillvis, Ricardo Salaman, Jeffrey Saxon, Lisa Shemie, David Trapani, Hector Velez, Bryan Woodard, Lawrence Young, Jill Hurwitz (by phone)

Federal Reserve Bank of New York (“FRBNY”) participants: Lisa Kraidin, Christina Getz, Joyce Hansen, Michael Nelson, Benjamin Snodgrass, Angela Sun

Other participants: Conrad Bahlke (Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP), Christopher Guhin (Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP), Benjamin Smyser (Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP)¹

Presentation by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP on Blockchain Technology and the Financial System: Legal and Regulatory Issues

Mr. Bahlke, Mr. Guhin, and Mr. Smyser of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP gave a presentation on blockchain technology covering legal and regulatory issues.

Annex A to the 1998 Foreign Exchange and Currency Option Definitions

FRBNY Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Michael Nelson informed the group that the Foreign Exchange Committee (“FXC”) is moving toward discontinuing its role as a Sponsoring Organization of Annex A to the 1998 Foreign Exchange and Currency Option Definitions.

Update on Global FX Code

The group was briefed by Foreign Exchange Committee (“FXC”) Secretary Christina Getz and FRBNY Staff Attorney Benjamin Snodgrass on the status of the development of the Global FX Code. Ms. Getz informed the group about the anticipated dates for the final draft release and comment period. Ms. Getz stated that parts of the Code are expected to be published at the end of May. Mr. Snodgrass, who is working with Ms. Getz on the Code, provided the group with an overview of the comments received on the latest draft that were discussed at the FX Working Group meeting held in Sydney, Australia, on March 2-3, 2016. The group raised and discussed questions regarding compliance with the Code and the types of products covered by the Code.

¹ Mr. Bahlke, Mr. Guhin, and Mr. Smyser were only present for the presentation on blockchain technology.

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David Buchalter, Chair of the Opinions Subcommittee of the FMLG, provided an update on the FMLG's annual legal opinion update project. The committee is finalizing its review of the draft legal opinions.

Administrative Matters

FMLG Secretary Lisa Kraidin asked members whether they had any suggested changes to the draft agenda for the Quadrilateral Meeting of the FMLC/FMLG/FLB/EFMLG to be hosted by the FMLC in London this July. Members suggested changes.

FMLG Treasurer Martha Burke offered a brief update on the group's finances.

Members were presented with minutes from the group's March 3, 2016, meeting and approved them without dissent.

Mr. Lillvis suggested an agenda topic for the next FMLG meeting relating to the CNY-CNH pricing differential.

The next meeting of the FMLG will be held on May 4, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.