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ACTIVITY REPORT

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This notice serves to inform you concerning activity involving hearings, decisions, and matters pending before either the Commissioner of Banks or the Board of Bank Incorporation.

DIVISION OF BANKS

Decisions

East Boston Savings Bank, East Boston – notice to establish a branch office at 331 Montvale Avenue, Woburn – non-objection issued November 7, 2019.

Hingham Institution for Savings, Hingham – permission to close its branch office located at 32 Pleasant Street, Weymouth – approved November 12, 2019.

Needham Bank, Needham – notice to establish a branch office at 1457 Tremont Street, Roxbury – non-objection issued November 26, 2019.

Applications/Notices Pending

Brookline Bank, Brookline and First Ipswich Bank, Ipswich – permission for First Ipswich Bank to merge with and into Brookline Bank under the charter, by-laws and name of Brookline Bank. The main office of Brookline Bank would remain the main office of the continuing institution, and the banking offices of First Ipswich Bank would be retained as branch offices of Brookline Bank. Comment period ends December 10, 2019.

Century Bank and Trust Company, Somerville – notice to establish a branch office at 365 South Broadway, Salem, New Hampshire. Filed October 28, 2019.

East Boston Savings Bank, East Boston – notice to establish a branch office at 473 Harvard Street, Brookline. Filed November 4, 2019.

East Boston Savings Bank, East Boston – notice to establish a branch office at 193 Washington Street, Salem. Filed November 4, 2019.

Fidelity Co-operative Bank (Fidelity), Fitchburg and Family Federal Savings, F.A. (Family Federal), Fitchburg – permission for Family Federal to merge with and into Fidelity under the charter, by-laws and name of Fidelity. The main office of Fidelity would remain the main office of the continuing institution immediately following consummation of the proposed merger, and the banking offices of Family Federal would be retained as branch

offices of Fidelity. Separately, Fidelity has petitioned the Division to close its main office location following the proposed merger and to designate an existing branch office location in Leominster, Massachusetts as the main office of the continuing institution as further discussed below. Comment period ended October 18, 2019.

Fidelity Co-operative Bank, Fitchburg – permission to redesignate its main office from 675 Main Street, Fitchburg to 9 Leominster Connector, Leominster and, in connection therewith, close its current main office of 675 Main Street, Fitchburg. Comment period ends December 6, 2019.

Freedom Credit Union, Springfield – permission to amend its by-laws to expand the associations which qualify persons for membership. The amendment relative to membership eligibility proposes to (1) add membership for persons who work, reside, or attend school in the Connecticut counties of Hartford and Tolland, as well as family members of such persons; and (2) modify membership eligibility by removing the specific reference to the telecommunications industry. Comment period ended November 1, 2019.

Merrimack Valley Credit Union (Merrimack Valley), Lawrence – permission to (1) merge with Ocean Spray Employees Federal Credit Union (Ocean Spray), Bridgewater; and (2) as part of this merger transaction, amend the by-laws of Merrimack Valley to include Ocean Spray's current membership eligibility. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement and Plan of Merger, Ocean Spray will merge with and into Merrimack Valley under the charter, by-laws and name of Merrimack Valley. The main office of Merrimack Valley would remain the main office of the continuing credit union, and banking services would continue to be offered at the Bridgewater location of Ocean Spray's sole office through Merrimack Valley's existing branch office at the same location. Comment period ended September 30, 2019.

Needham Bank, Needham – permission to reorganize into a mutual holding company, NB Financial, MHC with a mid-tier holding company, NB Financial, Inc., in a multi-step transaction. Comment period ended September 25, 2019.

North Shore Bank, a Co-operative Bank, Peabody – permission to relocate a branch office within the Big Y Supermarket, 637 Lowell Street, Peabody to a stand-alone location at 637 Lowell Street, Peabody. Comment period ended October 29, 2019.

North Shore Bank, a Co-operative Bank, Peabody – notice to establish a branch office at 31 Harnden Street, Reading. Filed November 15, 2019.

Polish National Credit Union, Chicopee – permission to close its branch office located 244 Exchange Street, Chicopee. Comment period ends December 5, 2019.

Pressers Union Local 12 ILGWU Credit Union (Pressers), Boston – permission to merge with Somerville Municipal Federal Credit Union (Somerville Municipal), Somerville. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Pressers will merge with and into Somerville Municipal under the charter, by-laws and name of Somerville Municipal. The main office of Somerville Municipal would remain the main office of the continuing credit union, and the sole banking office of Pressers would not be retained as a branch office. Comment period ended November 1, 2019.

Sharon Credit Union (Sharon), Sharon – permission to (1) merge with Crescent Credit Union (Crescent), Brockton; and (2) as part of this merger transaction, amend the by-laws of Sharon to include Crescent's current membership eligibility and change the name of the credit union to Sharon & Crescent United Credit Union. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement and Plan of Merger, Crescent will merge with and into Sharon under the charter and by-laws of Sharon. The main office of Sharon would remain the main office of the continuing credit union, and all banking offices of Crescent would be retained as branch offices. Comment period ended July 23, 2019.

State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston – permission to close its branch office located at Lime Grove House, Green Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. Comment period ended November 13, 2019.

Waltham Municipal Employees Credit Union (Waltham Municipal), Waltham – permission to merge with RTN Federal Credit Union (RTN), Waltham. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Waltham Municipal will merge with and into RTN under the charter, by-laws and name of RTN. The main office of RTN would remain the main office of the continuing credit union, and the sole banking office of Waltham Municipal would not be retained as a branch office. Comment period ended September 30, 2019.

DECEMBER 2019 FILING DATE

Complete applications for the December Activity Report must be received by the Division or the Board on or before 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2019.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT DESCRIPTIVE RATINGS AND EVALUATIONS
WHICH BECAME PUBLIC DURING THE MONTH

The following state-chartered banks and credit unions and licensed mortgage lenders have Community Reinvestment Act descriptive ratings and evaluations describing the basis for the rating issued by the Division of Banks. The ratings, as set out in statute, for a bank's or credit union's record of meeting community credit needs are: Outstanding (O); High Satisfactory (HS); Satisfactory (S); Needs to Improve (NI); and Substantial Noncompliance (SNC). Licensed mortgage lenders are also assigned one of these ratings to describe their record of meeting the mortgage credit needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A consolidated list of all ratings can be found at www.mass.gov/dob.

A copy of an individual CRA evaluation is available directly from the bank, credit union, or mortgage lender which is required by law to make the material available upon request, or from the Division's web site.

<u>BANK/CREDIT UNION</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>DATE OF EXAMINATION</u>
Clinton Savings Bank, Clinton	S	8/19/2019
Freedom Credit Union, Springfield	S	8/26/2019
Holyoke Postal Credit Union, Holyoke	S	9/23/2019
Lee Bank, Lee	S	7/29/2019
State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston	O	8/12/2019
The Provident Bank, Amesbury	S	7/22/2019
The Savings Bank, Wakefield	S	8/19/2019

REGULATIONS

The Division held a public hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 to receive oral comments relative to the adoption of proposed amendments to regulation 209 CMR 41.00: The Licensing of Mortgage Loan Originators and 209 CMR 45.00: The Licensing and Regulation of Money Services Businesses.

The purpose of 209 CMR 41.00 is to establish procedures and requirements for the licensing and supervision of mortgage loan originators pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 255F. The proposed amendments would update the regulation to reflect amendments to M.G.L. chapter 255E and M.G.L. chapter 255F which were included in St.2018, c. 284. The proposed amendments to 209 CMR 41.00 would define "bona fide nonprofit affordable homeownership organization" and add a definition to clarify the term "instrumentality created by the United States or any state." In addition, the proposed amendments would exempt any person who otherwise would meet

the definition of a mortgage loan originator who is employed by a bona fide nonprofit affordable homeownership organization or an instrumentality created by the United States or any state from licensure under 209 CMR 41.00.

The purpose of 209 CMR 45.00 is to establish procedures and requirements for the licensing, regulation, and supervision of licensees pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 167F, § 4, chapter 169, and chapter 169A. The first proposed amendment would reflect that the Division will accept quarterly and annual reports from check sellers through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System & Registry (NMLS). The second proposed amendment, regarding foreign transmittal agencies, would reflect the Division's position that commercial transmissions are excluded from the licensure requirement, as well as transactions for the purchase of goods or services where the recipient/payment processor is the agent of the payee.

The comment period ended on November 27, 2019. The proposed amendments are posted on the Division of Banks website at www.mass.gov/dob.

Amendments Pending

Proposed amendments to regulation 209 CMR 50.00: *Parity with Federal Credit Unions* were filed with the House Clerk on August 22, 2019 and remain pending. Additional updates will be posted on the Division's website at www.mass.gov/dob.

BANK AND CREDIT UNION APPLICATION PROCESS TIMING

As a general rule, applications by banks and credit unions other than those that are subject to a review period set out in statute are intended to be processed and completed within the monthly cycle for which the bank and credit union applies. That review period for such processing is approximately 45 days or less from the date the application is filed with the Division. A decision on the application is generally issued within 5 business days after the review period is completed. The decision then will be reported on the monthly Activity Report for the month in which the decision was issued. The timing of the overall review process including the issuance of a decision and the listing on the monthly Activity Report will be dependent on the applicant's compliance with all statutory, regulatory and administrative requirements. Applications before the Massachusetts Board of Bank Incorporation are subject to separate timing schedules as set out in the applications of the Board.

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