



**Minutes of the Foreign Exchange Committee Meeting**

Meeting, January 13, 2016

Host: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

**FXC Attendees:**

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| ADNAN AKANT        | Fischer Francis Trees & Watts |
| ANTHONY BISEGNA    | State Street                  |
| ROBERT BOGUCKI     | Barclays                      |
| ROBERT CATALANELLO | Credit Agricole CIB           |
| MARIA DOUVAS       | Morgan Stanley                |
| ROBERT EBY         | Wells Fargo                   |
| MOHAMMED GRIMEH    | Standard Chartered            |
| TAHREEM KAMPTON    | Microsoft                     |
| RUSSELL LASCALA    | Deutsche Bank                 |
| GIL MANDELZIS      | EBS                           |
| MICHAEL O'BRIEN    | Eaton Vance                   |
| TROY ROHRBAUGH     | JP Morgan Chase               |
| CHRIS TAENDLER     | Goldman Sachs                 |
| KOICHI TAKENAKA    | Mizuho                        |
| CHRIS VOGEL        | Blackrock                     |
| PHIL WEISBERG      | Thomson Reuters               |

**Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees:**

JAMES BERGIN  
CHRISTINA GETZ  
JANET HAWKINS  
LORIE LOGAN  
RADHIKA MITHAL  
ANNA NORDSTROM  
JAMIE PFEIFER  
SIMON POTTER  
NATHANIEL WUERFFEL  
MICHAEL NELSON, Counsel

ALAIN CHABOUD, Board of Governors



## 1. Welcome to incoming members by FXC Chair

The FXC Chair, Troy Rohrbaugh, welcomed new FXC members including Maria Douvas, Global Co-Head of Institutional Fixed Income Legal Coverage at Morgan Stanley and Robert Eby, Global Head of International Operations at Wells Fargo. The addition of members with legal and operations expertise is consistent with changes made to the FXC Charter last year. The updated Charter contemplates members with a wider range of backgrounds, including legal and operations, to better position the Committee in its ongoing work to develop and implement best practices. New members introduced themselves to the Committee.

## 2. Antitrust guidelines review and renewal of FXC Charter for 2016

Counsel discussed the Committee's antitrust guidelines as part of the standard procedure for the first FXC meeting of the year. Counsel highlighted particular behaviors that are inappropriate and unlawful for the Committee – such as efforts to set prices or to limit access to the market. Counsel noted that it is appropriate for the Committee to work together in support of best practices. Counsel also directed the members to review the guidelines and to reach out to the Committee Counsel or to their own firm's internal counsel should they have questions. Members were also directed to circulate the document with those in their organization that may assist in Committee efforts.

## 3. FXC Best Practices efforts

Private sector members endorsed the updated version of the Execution-to-Settlement Recommendations for Non-Dealer Participants.

## 4. Update on implementation of FSB recommendations for FX Benchmarks

Private sector members discussed the effect of the widening of the WM fixing window on the FX market. On February 15, 2014, WM widened the window used to calculate benchmark rates from 1 minute for 'traded' currencies and 2 minutes for 'non-traded' currencies, to 5 minutes for all currencies in response to the FSB FX Benchmark recommendations. The impact of the wider window is also discussed in the [FSB report on progress](#) of implementing the FX benchmark recommendations.

Some private sector members commented that the wider window appears to be helping to achieve the intended outcomes of less volatility during the window and that they will continue to monitor the evolution of trading conditions during the window. Private sector sell-side members commented that the share of fixing orders executed by algorithm appears to have increased and the demand for execution at the fix remains steady among their buy-side clients. Private sector members discussed continuing to monitor the various ways that the wider window might impact the FX market going forward.

## 5. Update on the work sponsored by the BIS' Markets Committee Foreign Exchange Working Group

FXC members discussed the ongoing work to develop a new Global FX Code, which is taking place under the auspices of the [BIS Foreign Exchange Working Group \(FXWG\)](#). Private sector members serving on the Market Participants Group (MPG) provided an update on the work to develop the Code, with a focus on topics related to order handling, execution, information sharing and ethics. The Committee will remain engaged in the Global FX Code process and provide feedback on draft materials as appropriate going forward.



## 6. Market discussion

Private sector members discussed the domestic economic outlook, with a particular focus on employment, inflation and GDP data. In addition, they discussed the outlook for monetary policy around the world, as the recent volatility in the equity and currency markets and potential implications for global growth.

## 7. Other business

The next FXC meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 4:00 PM and hosted by Deutsche Bank.