

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 application also will 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 December 11, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer), 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *FleetBoston Financial Corporation*, Boston, Massachusetts; to merge with and acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Summit Bancorp, Princeton, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire Summit Bank, Hackensack, New Jersey; Summit Bank, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Summit Bank, Norwalk, Connecticut.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President), 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Sooner Southwest Bankshares, Inc.*, Tulsa, Oklahoma; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The First National Bancorporation of Heavener, Inc., Heavener, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank, Heavener, Oklahoma.

2. *Heritage Group, Inc.*, Aurora, Nebraska; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Heritage Bank, N.A., Doniphan, Nebraska, a *de novo* bank.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President), 2200

North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Mason National Bancshares, Inc.*, Mason, Texas, and Mason National Bancshares of Nevada, Inc., Carson City, Nevada; to become bank holding companies by acquiring Mason National Bank, Mason, Texas.

2. *Shelby Bancshares, Inc.*, Center, Texas, and Shelby Bancshares of Nevada, Inc., Carson City, Nevada; to become bank holding companies by acquiring Shelby Savings Bank, SSB, Center, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 8, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 20, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Future capital framework.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: November 9, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will discuss its draft report *Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research*. Most Commission members will participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on November 22 from 1:00-1:30 pm.

Dates/Times/Location

November 22, 2000, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Building 45 (Natcher Conference Center), Conference Rooms E1 and E2, Bethesda, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1999 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Jody Crank by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below as soon as possible, at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received.

Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the NBAC staff office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at bioethics.gov. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special