

SAFE
Meeting of Board of Directors
November 6, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

RSA Union Room Suite 630, Montgomery, AL
Virtual Meeting Available

Minutes

Pursuant to public notice posted on the Secretary of State website as required by the Open Meetings Law, a meeting of the SAFE Board of Directors was held on November 6, 2025. In accordance and compliance with Act 2022-415, the meeting was held in person and video conference. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Boozer.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

Present:

Mr. Young Boozer Chair
Mr. Mike Hill

Virtual:

Mr. Guy Davis
Ms. Rana Futral
Mr. Mitt Schroeder
Mr. Mark Snead

Absent:

Ms. Allison Edge
Mr. Roger Rendleman

Others Present:

Mr. Chad Wright
Ms. Pam Stevenson
Ms. Carraman Pernel

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Boozer presented the minutes from the meeting of August 7, 2025, for the Board's review. Upon motion made by Ms. Futral, and a second by Mr. Davis, reading

of the minutes was dispensed, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

2. Quarterly Program Report

Ms. Stevenson presented the quarterly report that was included in the Board package and was received as information. She noted the net average public deposits decreased from the previous quarter and that the collateral remains consistent. MBS and FHLB LOCs are the highest percentage in dollars pledged. MBS and Alabama GO, and Revenue securities are highest percentage of collateral by count. She reviewed the SAFE budget as of September 30, showing program expenses of \$336,180. Ms. Stevenson recommended to the Board the FY 2026 SAFE budget of \$363,278. Upon motion made by Mr. Schroeder, and a second by Ms. Futral, the 2026 budget was unanimously approved as distributed.

Ms. Stevenson reported as of September 30, the number of QPD's remained at 122. As of October 30, the number of QPD's decreased to 121.

Ms. Stevenson reported First Community Bank of Cullman was acquired by Legacy Community Federal Credit Union, effective September 30, 2025. By law credit unions may not participate in the SAFE program and are not eligible to hold public deposits; therefore, public deposits were withdrawn from the SAFE program. SAFE staff verified with State Banking and received certification from Legacy confirming public deposits were not acquired by Legacy Community Federal Credit Union. First Community Bank of Cullman (Legacy Credit Union) was made inactive as a QPD effective October 3, 2025.

Ms. Stevenson reported 22nd State Bank, Louisville, AL, changed their name to 22nd State Banking Company effective June 27. The name change was completed on the SAFE system on August 29.

Ms. Stevenson reported Trustmark National Bank, Jackson, MS, changed to a state bank charter and changed their name to Trustmark Bank, effective August 4, 2025. The name change was completed on the SAFE system on October 28th.

Ms. Stevenson reported Pinnacle Bank, Nashville, TN and Synovus Bank, Atlanta, GA will merge pending regulatory approvals. The merger is anticipated to occur January of 2026. The merged brand name will be Pinnacle Financial Partners. Staff is working with both banks on the merger process for SAFE.

Ms. Stevenson reported Cadence Bank, Tupelo, MS, will be acquired by Huntington Bank, Columbus, OH, pending regulatory approval. Huntington Bank is not a QPD. The merger is anticipated to occur in the 1st quarter of 2026. Staff is working with Cadence Bank on the acquisition and QPD application process.

Mr. Hill reported there is a newly organized bank located in Albertville, AL. The new bank should be operational by December. He will provide bank name and information to the SAFE staff. Staff will work with the new bank on QPD application process.

Subsequent Events and Information

Ms. Stevenson reported the Examiners of Public Accounts will begin conducting their annual audit in November. An update will be provided at the February meeting.

Ms. Stevenson reported there were no fines or violations this quarter.

3. Other Business

Chairman Boozer informed the Board he was contacted by the Alabama Bankers Association regarding lowering the SAFE pledge percentages. SAFE started in 2000 with all QPDs pledging at 100%, after a period of time, rates were lowered and then in 2017, pledge rates were lowered again to the lowest percentage the SAFE statute allows. In response to the recent request from ABA, SAFE staff reviewed pledging levels of neighboring states collateral programs. It was determined that the SAFE program pledge levels are in line with other state programs. Chairman Boozer provided the information to ABA.

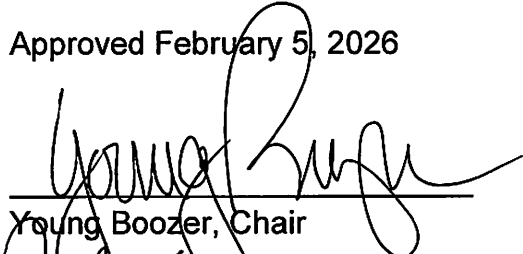
4. Informational Items

Chairman Boozer informed the Board of the 2026 Board meeting dates: February 5, May 7, August 6, and November 5.

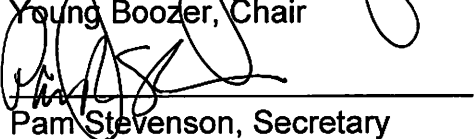
There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made by Ms. Futral and a second from Mr. Davis to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved February 5, 2026



Young Boozer, Chair



Pam Stevenson, Secretary