

Faster Payments Task Force Meeting

Conference Call

August 18, 2015, Meeting Summary

Welcome and Leadership Update

Gordon Werkema, Payments Strategy Director, opened the meeting by thanking the task force for its efforts to date, as well as for the commitment of the members and the organizations that support them.¹ Mr. Werkema announced that Sean Rodriguez was selected as Faster Payments Strategy Leader, and Ken Isaacson was named Faster Payments Strategist. A Secure Payments Strategy Leader has not yet been selected.

CFPB Vision of Consumer Protection in a Faster Payments System

Gary Stein, Deposit Markets Program Manager, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), provided background and an overview of the CFPB's consumer protection principles. He noted that the principles were, in part, developed because of feedback from stakeholders that it would be easier to design a system with consumer protection principles in mind than to incorporate these into a system at a later date. Mr. Stein indicated that the principles should be viewed as conceptual and aspirational in nature. He also noted that the principles are not as broad as the task force's criteria for evaluating approaches for implementing faster payments capabilities because they are exclusively focused on consumer protection. In response to a question, Mr. Isaacson said that the task force's criteria would incorporate the CFPB's principles where possible.

Decision-making Framework Status

Mr. Isaacson provided an overview of the timeline for developing and approving the task force's decision-making framework. He also provided preliminary results from the task force's vote on whether to approve the framework: of the 60 percent of registered task force members that voted, 71 percent consented, 12 percent stood aside, 10 percent objected, and 7 percent did not respond. The results from the vote will be published on FedPaymentsImprovement.org. In response to a question, Mr. Rodriguez indicated that the Steering Committee is exploring ways to approach inactive task force participants.

Criteria Development Update

Mr. Isaacson provided an update on development of the evaluation criteria. He noted that the criteria drafting team is reading every comment and is working on ways to communicate better how the feedback is incorporated into each draft of the criteria. Mr. Isaacson also provided an overview of the schedule and a summary of results from the survey related to Draft 2. The survey indicated that task force members felt that the majority of criteria are critical and very clear, and that the level of detail across all criteria is just right. Mr. Isaacson relayed that David Walker, President and CEO, ECCHO, will chair a new work group that will review the legal criteria. The work group will complete its review and provide recommendations to the task force by September 18.

¹ Veronica Sellers, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, reminded those in attendance to participate in a manner consistent with antitrust and other applicable laws.

Work Plan Status and Phase One Deliverables

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the high-level work plan status. He reviewed the work products associated with phase one of the work plan's three phases. One of the work products Mr. Rodriguez highlighted was the glossary of terms. He noted that terms for the glossary were being sourced from Steering Committee members, task force members, payment industry glossaries and publications, and key project deliverables. A draft would be circulated to the Steering Committee. In response to a question, Mr. Rodriguez indicated that a proposal assessment architecture, including a proposal template, is currently under development.

The next task force meeting will take place on September 21 and 22 in Chicago. Pre-work assignments and materials will be distributed mid-September.