CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION—Continued

Report	Close of books [1]	Reg./cert. & overnight mailing date	Filing date
Pre-General	10/18/06	10/23/06	10/26/06
Post-General	11/27/06	12/07/06	12/07/06
Year-End	12/31/06	01/31/07	01/31/07
If Two Elections Are Held, Committees Involved In Only The Special General (11/07/06) Must File:			
Pre-General	10/18/06	10/23/06	10/26/06
Year-End	12/31/06	01/31/07	01/31/07

[1] The period begins with the close of books of the last report filed by the committee. If the committee has filed no previous reports, the period begins with the date of the committee's first activity.

Dated: September 5, 2006.

Michael E. Toner,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company 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 October 6, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. ChoiceOne Financial Services, Inc., Sparta, Michigan; to merge with Valley Ridge Financial Corp., Kent City, Michigan, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Valley Ridge Bank, Kent City, Michigan.

2. Town Bancshares, Inc., Antioch, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Town Community Bank and Trust (formerly Greater North Bank), Antioch, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. Ashley Bancstock Company, Crossett, Arkansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Community Bank of Crawford County, Van Buren, Arkansas.

2. St. Elizabeth Bancshares, Inc., Saint Elizabeth, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Freeburg, Freeburg, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 6, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of August 8, 2006

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on August 8, 2006.[1]

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with maintaining the Federal funds rate to an average of around 5¼ percent.

The vote encompassed approval of the paragraph below for inclusion in the statement to be released shortly after the meeting:

The Committee judges that some inflation risks remain. The extent and timing of any additional firming that may be needed to address these risks will depend on the evolution of the outlook for both inflation and economic growth, as implied by incoming information.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, August 31, 2006.

Vincent R. Reinhart,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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[1] Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee Meeting on August 8, 2006, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT) September 18, 2006.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Parts will be open to the public and parts closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Parts Open to the Public

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2006 Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Annual budget report.

4. Barclays and Watson Wyatt announcements.

Parts Closed to the Public

5. Procurement.
6. Personnel.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.

Dated: September 7, 2006.

Thomas K. Emswiler,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the ninth meeting of the American Health Information Community (''Community'') Consumer Empowerment Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

DATES: September 18, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building (200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 800 (Please bring your photo identification to enter a Federal building.)

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting, the Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup will discuss recently received information about personal health records, discuss the Workgroup's plan of work for the coming year, and receive information on personal health records (PHRs) and related matters.

Part of the meeting will be conducted in hearing format, in which the Workgroup will gather information about how to engage consumer interest in PHRs, health literacy, clinician and consumer incentives for using PHRs, and government policies related to PHRs. The Workgroup will invite representatives who can provide information about these matters. The format for the meeting will include two invited panels and time for questions and discussion. The meeting will include a time period during which members of the public may deliver brief (3 minutes or less) oral public comment. To be included on the public comment portion of the agenda, please contact Vernette Roberts via e-mail at *vernette.roberts@hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public input, in the form of written testimony, is sought on the following issues:

1. Are there social marketing techniques or methodologies that can be applied to encourage the widespread use of personal health records?
2. Should a consumer outreach and education program be a coordinated public-private initiative and, if so, what are the logical steps to consider in the planning and implementation? Should there be an incremental approach to consumer education and outreach given the state of the marketplace and the current level of public awareness? What would be an appropriate role for the public sector?
3. Are there lessons learned from nationwide efforts (*e.g.* anti-smoking) or statewide efforts (*e.g.* car seat belt usage) to influence consumer behavior that are applicable to consumer education of PHRs?
4. How can health literacy be advanced through adoption and use of PHRs?
5. What incentives have been successfully to influence consumer adoption of PHRs? Are these one-time rewards, or is there a need to repeat these awards or to offer different incentives to encourage consumers to actively use their PHRs over time?
6. What incentives have been used successfully to influence clinician adoption of PHRs?
7. What consumer needs are not likely to be filled by market-driven solutions alone and should be addressed by public policy and public-private collaborations?
8. What public policy options for encouraging adoption of personal health records by consumers and for enabling interoperable data exchange are available and feasible to implement in the short-term and over the long-term?

Persons wishing to submit written testimony only (which should not exceed five double-spaced typewritten pages) should endeavor to submit it by September 18, 2006. Unfilled slots for oral testimony will be filled on the day of the meeting as time permits. Please consult Ms. Roberts for further information about these arrangements.

Further information about the Community's Consumer Empowerment Workgroup may be found at: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/ce_main.html.* The meeting will be available via Web cast at *www.eventcenterlive.com/cfmx/ec/login/login1.cfm?BID=67.*

If you have special needs for the meeting, please contact (202) 690–7151.

Dated: September 1, 2006.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) announces the following Federal Committee meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Times and Dates: October 25, 2006, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., October 26, 2006, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Global Communications Center, Room 232, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting space accommodates approximately 330 people. Overflow space for real-time viewing will be available.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the Committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding the appropriate periodicity, dosage, and contraindications applicable to the vaccines.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will include discussions on immunization safety, vaccine financing, herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine, rabies vaccine, meningococcal vaccine (MCV4), influenza vaccine, human papillomavirus vaccine follow-up, evidence-based methods for development of ACIP recommendations, and agency updates. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Additional Information: In order to expedite the security clearance process at the CDC Roybal Campus on Clifton Road, all ACIP attendees are required to register on-line at *http://www.cdc.gov/nip/acip.* Registration instructions and forms can be found under the ''Upcoming Meetings'' tab. Please be sure to complete all the required fields before submitting your registration and submit no later than September 29, 2006.