

TMPG Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2017

TMPG attendees

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| Julia Coronado (Graham Capital) | Gary Kain (AGNC Investment Corp) | Murray Pozmanter (DTCC) |
| Dan Dufresne (Citadel) | Ari Kavour (Wells Fargo) | Jerry Pucci (BlackRock) |
| Deirdre Dunn (Citigroup) | Sheryl King (Bank of Canada) | Ryan Sheftel (GTS) |
| Mike Garrett (Wellington) | Edward McLaren (Bank of America) | Stu Wexler (NEX Group) |
| Beth Hammack (Goldman Sachs) | Sandie O'Connor (JPMorgan Chase) | Thomas Wipf (Morgan Stanley) |

FRBNY attendees

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| Nashrah Ahmed | Lorie Logan | Brett Rose |
| Michelle Ezer | Susan McLaughlin | Janine Tramontana |
| Josh Frost | Radhika Mithal | Nate Wuerffel |
| Frank Keane | Simon Potter | |

U.S. Department of Treasury attendees

Fred Pietrangeli

Fixed Income Clearing Corp attendees

James Hraska Brian Disken

- The meeting commenced with the Chair thanking departing members Julia Coronado from Graham Capital and Steve Meier from State Street Global for their participation on the TMPG. The Chair then introduced representatives from the Fixed Income Clearing Corp (FICC).
- The FICC representatives provided an overview of their proposed initiatives for [centrally clearing securities financing transactions](#) – a new Centrally Cleared Institutional Tri-party Service (CCIT) and an expansion of the existing Sponsoring/Sponsored Member Program. The FICC staff informed the TMPG that both initiatives are pending regulatory approval, which FICC anticipates will occur in the second quarter of 2017.¹

TMPG members inquired about the duration of the onboarding process, specifics around risk management, and general interest in the proposed initiatives. TMPG members expressed support for industry initiatives aimed at reducing credit risk and improving efficiency for a broad range of market participants. Following the discussion, FICC representatives left the meeting.

- The working group on clearing and settlement in government securities markets provided a brief update. The co-chairs of the working group noted that members continue to make progress on fleshing out a white paper on the topic and editing the clearing maps for accuracy and consistency. The group briefly discussed some of the potential risks and current mitigants

¹ Subsequently, on May 2, 2017 the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission [approved](#) both the initiatives.

associated with clearing and settlement. Given time constraints and the preliminary stage of this work, the working group co-chair recommended continued discussion of these issues be taken up at a future TMPG meeting.

- Members then received an update from the information handling working group. The working group chair introduced for discussion an updated draft of the best practice recommendations on information handling reflecting feedback from TMPG member firms. Discussion ensued around proposed guidance related to market participants' understanding of their counterparties' practices for handling confidential counterparty information. The working group agreed to bring a new iteration of the draft best practices for discussion at the next meeting.
- Next, the work group formed after the [February meeting](#) to plan for the TMPG's 10-year anniversary provided an update. It was noted that the group is developing a strategy for the TMPG to increase awareness about the Group's best practices and promote their adoption, and encourage industry participants to bring appropriate issues to the TMPG's attention. The workgroup will provide a further update at the next meeting.
- The TMPG then received an update from New York Fed staff on the second phase of work on the single [Global Code](#) of conduct for the wholesale FX market, as a follow-up to a [prior meeting](#). Members were informed that the second phase covers certain aspects of execution including electronic trading and prime brokerage, governance, risk management, and compliance. Staff noted that the Code is expected to be released on May 25, 2017 in London.
- Finally, the TMPG briefly discussed recent market developments, including reactions to the [March FOMC meeting and minutes](#) and market expectations for the Federal Reserve's reinvestment policy for its MBS and Treasury holdings and the potential impact changes to this policy may have on markets.
- The next TMPG meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 23th, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 PM.