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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

December 22, 2008

Pursuant to due notice, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Bank of America Corporation (the "Corporation") was held by telephone at 4:00 p.m. EST on Monday, December 22, 2008.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum: Messrs. William Barnett, III, Frank P. Bramble, Sr., John T. Collins, Gary L. Countryman, Tommy R. Franks, Charles K. Gifford, Kenneth D. Lewis, Walter E. Massey, Thomas J. May, Thomas M. Ryan, O. Temple Sloan, Jr., Robert L. Tillman, and Mmes. Monica C. Lozano, Meredith R. Spangler and Jackie M. Ward.

Also present were: Messrs. J. Steele Alphin, Keith T. Banks, Gregory L. Curl, Bruce Hammonds, Liam E. McGee, Brian T. Moynihan, Joe L. Price, Richard K. Struthers, and Mmes. Amy Woods Brinkley, Barbara J. Desoer, Anne M. Finucane, and Alice A. Herald, officers of the Corporation.

Mr. Lewis chaired the meeting and Ms. Herald kept the minutes.

Mr. Lewis noted that roll call had been taken. Mr. Lewis stated that he had spoken to most of the Directors by telephone earlier in the day regarding the events of the preceding weekend.

Mr. Lewis stated the purpose of the special meeting is to insure that the Board is in accord with management's recommendation to complete the acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"), as scheduled on January 1, 2009, pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement"), dated September 15, 2008, after due consideration of the undertakings and admonitions of the federal regulators.

Mr. Lewis reported that a series of calls had occurred between management of the Corporation and federal regulators as well as individual calls with Mr. Paulsen, Secretary of the Treasury ("Treasury") and Mr. Bernanke, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve ("Fed"). He reported the key points of the calls to be: (i) first and foremost, the Treasury and Fed are unified in their view that the failure of the Corporation to complete the acquisition of Merrill Lynch would result in systemic risk to the financial services system in America and would have adverse consequences for the Corporation; (ii) second, the Treasury and Fed stated strongly that were the Corporation to invoke the material adverse change ("MAC") clause in the merger agreement with Merrill Lynch and fail to close the transaction, the Treasury and Fed would remove the Board and management of the Corporation; (iii) third, the Treasury and Fed have confirmed that they will provide assistance to the Corporation to restore capital and to protect the Corporation against the adverse impact of certain Merrill Lynch assets; and (iv) fourth, the Fed and Treasury stated that the investment and asset protection promised could not be provided or completed by the scheduled closing date of the merger, January 1, 2009; that the merger should close as scheduled; and that the Corporation can rely on the Fed and Treasury to complete and deliver the promised support by January 20, 2009, the date scheduled for the release of earnings by the Corporation.

Mr. Lewis reiterated that he had discussed in detail the content of the previous conversations with federal regulators with the Board. He reported that in addition to the previously described conversations, he had spoken again with Mr. Bernanke who stated that he, Mr. Bernanke, has spoken to other federal regulators, including the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC") and the FDIC, and has confirmed that the OCC, FDIC, the current and incoming Treasury officials, and the incoming economic team of the new administration are informed of the commitment to the Corporation by the Fed and Treasury and that all concur with the commitment of the combined federal regulators ("federal regulators") to the Corporation.

Mr. Lewis stated that, based on his discussions with members of the Board, management recommended that the Corporation not exercise the MAC clause under the Merger Agreement with Merrill Lynch and that the Corporation proceed and close the Merrill Lynch acquisition on January 1, 2009, as originally contemplated. The Board discussed with Mr. Moynihan

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Mr. Lewis stated further that the Corporation will proceed diligently with the work required to document the commitment from the Fed, Treasury and others to facilitate an announcement of the commitment in conjunction with the Corporation's earnings release on January 20, 2009.

Mr. Lewis restated that management's recommendation is based on the following facts: instruction from the Fed and Treasury not to exercise the MAC clause in the Merger Agreement; the assurance of the Fed and Treasury that the Corporation can complete the acquisition of Merrill Lynch on the verbal commitment of the Fed and Treasury to have a transaction evidencing the Fed and Treasury's committed assistance in existence no later than January 20, 2009, the scheduled date of the Corporation's earnings release; and Mr. Lewis' comfort with the assurances which have been made by the Fed and Treasury and clarification that funds under the TARP program are available for distribution to the Corporation to fulfill the commitment of the Treasury and Fed.

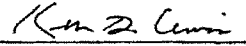
Mr. Lewis noted that no vote was required by the Board, but that he wished to open the recommendation for discussion among the Board and management.

Discussion ensued, with the Board clarifying that it was not persuaded or influenced by the statement by the federal regulators that the Board and management would be removed by the federal regulators if the Corporation were to exercise the MAC clause and fail to complete the acquisition of Merrill Lynch. The Board concurred it would reach a decision that it deemed in the best interest of the Corporation and its shareholders without regard to this representation by the federal regulators.

Further discussion ensued including accurate characterization by the federal regulators of their commitment to the Corporation when announced; the relevant assets of Merrill Lynch; the importance of the timing of the announcement of the commitment of the Fed and Treasury; the Corporation's dividends and incentive compensation; the desirability of a written commitment from the federal regulators; the reliability of the representatives of the federal regulators; the desirability of asset purchases and equity infusions; the Corporation's ability to further negotiate after the consummation of the merger; further inquiry regarding specific assurances by the federal regulators; the Corporation's recent responses to certain requests of federal regulators; REDACTED

After discussion, the Board requested that management obtain further clarification of certain potential terms, conditions and assurances regarding the commitment from the federal regulators.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Kenneth D. Lewis
Chairman of the Board



Alice A. Herald
Secretary