



Federal Housing Finance Agency

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FINAL SUSPENSION ORDER

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, as safety and soundness regulator of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the eleven Federal Home Loan Banks (collectively the “regulated entities”), is issuing this Final Order pursuant to the following legal authorities:

1. Section 1313 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (Safety and Soundness Act) authorizing FHFA to exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary in the supervision and regulation of the regulated entities. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513(a)(2);
2. Section 1313B of the Safety and Soundness Act authorizes FHFA to establish standards for the regulated entities regarding prudential management of risks. FHFA is authorized to issue orders requiring the regulated entities to take any action that will best carry out the purposes of that section. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513b(b)(2)(B)(iii); and
3. Section 1319G of the Safety and Soundness Act authorizing FHFA to issue any orders necessary to ensure that the purposes of the Safety and Soundness Act are accomplished. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4526(a).

Consistent with these authorities, FHFA has determined that any business relationship between Mary Beyer Halsey and the regulated entities would present excessive risk to their safety and soundness.

This determination is based on the following findings:

1. Mary Beyer Halsey was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cecil Bank located in Elkton, Maryland.
2. Cecil Bank's deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the bank was a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.
3. On December 23, 2008, Cecil Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for Cecil Bank, received \$11,560,000 in federal taxpayer funds under the Capital Purchase Program as part of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.
4. Mary Beyer Halsey from 2012 to 2013 conspired with Daniel Whitehurst, an employee of a real estate development company that did business in Maryland, to defraud Cecil Bank and another bank to purchase a home through false pretenses, representations and promises.

5. Mary Beyer Halsey orchestrated the straw purchase of a foreclosed property for her own benefit, causing a Loss to the Bank of approximately \$145,000.
6. Mary Beyer Halsey made false statements to Bank regulators inquiring about foreclosed property.
7. Mary Beyer Halsey was sentenced by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland to imprisonment for a term of 24 months and to five years supervised release.
8. The conduct underlying the conviction described above occurred in connection with a mortgage business and financial transactions.

With this Final Order, FHFA is directing each regulated entity to cease or refrain from engaging in any business relationship with Mary Beyer Halsey, for a term of ten (10) years, beginning on March 30, 2022. This suspension extends to any individual, company, partnership or other group that FHFA determines to be an affiliate of Mary Beyer Halsey.

The Final Order's requirement for regulated entities to cease any business relationship with Mary Beyer Halsey does not apply to the existing or future purchase, sale, modification, foreclosure alternative transaction, or other foreclosure-related transaction of a residential mortgage loan owned by a regulated entity, if Mary Beyer Halsey is the borrower of such residential mortgage loan and the transaction is for the borrower's own personal or household residence.

This Final Order is a final action of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Clinton Jones,
Suspending Official