

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE
SYSTEM WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of

JACOB HILTON,

A Former Institution-Affiliated Party of

UNITED BANK,
Fairfax, Virginia

A State Member Bank.

Docket No. 26-009-E-I

Order of Prohibition Issued Upon
Consent Pursuant to Section 8(e) of
the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as
Amended

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Board of Governors”), pursuant to section 8(e) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (the “FDI Act”), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e), issues this Order of Prohibition (the “Order”) upon the consent of Respondent Jacob Hilton (“Hilton”), a former employee and institution-affiliated party, as defined in sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3), of United Bank (the “Bank”), a state member bank;

WHEREAS, Hilton was hired by the Bank on February 10, 2020, and was a manager at the Parkersburg, West Virginia branch until his termination on August 27, 2024;

WHEREAS, between June and August 2024, Hilton embezzled \$39,862 from the Bank’s vault and teller drawers;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2026, following Hilton’s guilty plea, Hilton was convicted of grand larceny by embezzlement in the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, as a result of the conduct described herein;

WHEREAS, Hilton’s conduct constituted violations of law or regulation, breaches of fiduciary duty, and unsafe or unsound banking practices, and involved Hilton’s personal

dishonesty and demonstrated his willful or continuing disregard for the Bank's safety and soundness; and

WHEREAS, by affixing his signature hereunder, Hilton has consented to the issuance of this Order by the Board of Governors and has agreed to comply with each and every provision of this Order, and has waived any and all rights he might have pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818, 12 C.F.R. Part 263, or otherwise: (a) to the issuance of a notice of intent to prohibit on any other matter implied or set forth in this Order; (b) to a hearing for the purpose of taking evidence with respect to any matter implied or set forth in this Order; (c) to obtain judicial review of this Order or any provision hereof; and (d) to challenge or contest in any manner the basis, issuance, terms, validity, effectiveness, or enforceability of this Order or any provision hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, before the filing of any notices, or the taking of any testimony or adjudication of or finding on any issue of fact or law herein, and solely for the purpose of settlement of this matter without filing a formal proceeding and without the necessity for protracted litigation or extended hearings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Hilton, without the prior written approval of the Board of Governors and, where necessary pursuant to section 8(e)(7)(B) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(B), another Federal financial institutions regulatory agency, is hereby and henceforth prohibited from:
 - a. participating in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any institution or agency specified in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A), including, but not limited to, any insured depository institution or any holding company of an insured depository institution, or any subsidiary of such holding company, or any foreign bank or company to which subsection (a) of 12 U.S.C. § 3106 applies and any subsidiary of such foreign bank or company;

- b. soliciting, procuring, transferring, attempting to transfer, voting or attempting to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights in any institution described in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A);
- c. violating any voting agreement previously approved by any Federal banking agency;
- d. voting for a director, or serving or acting as an institution-affiliated party, as defined in sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3), such as an officer, director or employee, in any institution described in section 8(e)(7)(A) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A).

2. All communications regarding this Order shall be addressed to:

a. Richard M. Ashton, Esq. Deputy
General Counsel
David Williams, Esq.
Senior Associate General Counsel
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th & C Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC 20551

b. Jacob Hilton

with copies to

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3. Any violation of this Order shall separately subject Hilton to appropriate civil or criminal penalties, or both, under sections 8(i) and (j) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C §§ 1818(i) and (j).

4. The provisions of this Order shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the Board of Governors, or any other Federal or state agency or department, from taking any other action affecting Hilton; provided, however, that the Board of Governors shall not take any further action against Hilton on any matters concerning or arising from the matters addressed by this Order based upon facts presently known by the Board of Governors. This release and discharge shall not preclude or affect (i) any right of the Board of Governors to determine and ensure compliance with this Order, or (ii) any proceedings brought by the Board of Governors to enforce the terms of this Order.

5. Each provision of this Order shall remain fully effective and enforceable until expressly stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Board of Governors.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, effective this 25th day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

/s/ Jacob Hilton _____ By
Jacob Hilton

/s/ Michele Taylor Fennell _____
Michele Taylor Fennell
Associate Secretary of the Board