

#2003-124

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

Unity National Bank

Houston, Texas

and

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Unity National Bank, Houston, Texas (“Bank”) and the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) wish to protect the interests of the depositors, other customers, and shareholders of the Bank, and, toward that end, wish the Bank to operate safely and soundly and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Comptroller, through his National Bank Examiner, has examined the Bank, and his/her findings are contained in the Report of Examination for the examination that commenced on May 12, 2003 (“ROE”).

In consideration of the above premises, it is agreed, between the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), and the Comptroller, through his/her authorized representative, that the Bank shall operate at all times in compliance with the articles of this Agreement.

ARTICLE I

JURISDICTION

(1) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement entered into with the agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

(2) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement between such depository institution and such agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(1) and 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).

(3) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “formal written agreement” within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii). See 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

(4) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u)(1)(A).

(5) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Agreement shall be forwarded to the:

Assistant Deputy Comptroller
Houston East Field Office
1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3410
Houston, Texas 77010

ARTICLE II

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least five (5) directors, of which no more than two shall be employees of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term “affiliate” is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Agreement

(2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.

(3) Within ninety (90) days of the appointment of the Committee and quarterly thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and
- (b) the results of those actions.

(4) The Board shall forward a copy of the Compliance Committee's report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

ARTICLE III

CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

(1) The Bank shall achieve by December 31, 2003 and thereafter maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3):

- (a) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eleven percent (11%) of risk-weighted assets;
- (b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets.¹

(2) The requirement in this Agreement to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Bank may not be deemed to be “well capitalized” for purposes of 12 U.S.C.

§ 1831o and 12 C.F.R. Part 6 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).

¹ Adjusted total assets is defined in 12 C.F.R. § 3.2(a) as the average total asset figure used for Call Report purposes minus end-of-quarter intangible assets. As further noted in 12 C.F.R. § 3.2(a), a bank may be required to compute and maintain its leverage ratio on the basis of actual, rather than average total assets. This language would have to be modified to reflect that change.

- (3) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a three-year capital program. The program shall include:
- (a) specific plans for the maintenance of adequate capital that may in no event be less than the requirements of paragraph (1);
 - (b) the primary source(s) from which the Bank will strengthen its capital structure to meet the Bank's needs;
 - (c) contingency plans that identify alternative methods should the primary source(s) under (b) above not be available; and
 - (d) a dividend policy that permits the declaration of a dividend only:
 - (i) when the Bank is in compliance with its approved capital program;
 - (ii) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and
 - (iii) with prior written notice to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) Upon completion, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the capital program. The Board shall review and update the Bank's capital program on an annual basis, or more frequently if necessary. Copies of the reviews and updates shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE IV

PROFIT PLAN

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written profit plan to improve and sustain the earnings of the Bank. This plan shall include, at minimum, the following elements:

- (a) identification of the major areas in and means by which the Board will seek to improve the Bank's operating performance;
- (b) realistic and comprehensive budgets, including projected balance sheets and year-end income statements;
- (c) a budget review process to monitor both the Bank's income and expenses, and to compare actual figures with budgetary projections; and
- (d) a description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for major projected income and expense components.

(2) The budgets and related documents shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller upon completion. The Board shall submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller annual budgets as described in paragraph (b) above for each year this Formal Agreement remains in effect. The budget for each year shall be submitted on or before December 15, of the preceding year.

(3) The Board shall forward comparisons of its balance sheet and profit and loss statement to the profit plan projections to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plan developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE V

BONUS INCENTIVE PLAN

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review evaluate and revise the current Bonus Incentive Plan to include measurable, qualitative factors.

(2) Upon completion, the Board shall submit the plan to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the policy developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE VI

MANAGEMENT FEES TO INDIVIDUAL

(1) Prior to the payment of any salary, consulting fee, expense reimbursement or other type of compensation to a principal shareholder, director, (other than the Bank's President and Executive Vice Presidents) or related interest of such as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 215

("Individual"), the Board shall, at a minimum and in writing, determine that such remuneration:

- (a) is reasonable;
- (b) has a direct relationship to, and is based solely upon, the fair value of goods and services received by the Bank; and
- (c) compensates the Individual only for providing goods and services which meet the legitimate needs of the Bank.

(2) In addition to the requirements of the preceding paragraph of this Article, the Board shall review and maintain and submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller:

- (a) written documentation of all services rendered by the Individual;
- (b) records indicating the day(s) and time periods during which the Individual's services were performed;
- (c) expense vouchers and receipts for all reimbursable expenses; and
- (d) an analysis of the services rendered by the Individual to ensure that the Bank has received the full benefit to which it is entitled.

(3) All documentation supporting the payment of any salary, consulting fee, expense reimbursement or other type of compensation to an Individual for the year 2002 and year-to-date shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

ARTICLE VII

LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

(1) The Board shall, within ninety (90) days, develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to improve the Bank's loan portfolio management.

The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to ensure satisfactory and perfected collateral documentation;
- (b) procedures to ensure that extensions of credit are granted, by renewal or otherwise, to any borrower only after obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information;
- (c) procedures to ensure conformance with loan approval requirements;
- (d) a system to track and analyze exceptions;

- (e) procedures to ensure conformance with Call Report instructions;
- (f) procedures to ensure the accuracy of internal management information systems;
- (g) a performance appraisal process, including performance appraisals, job descriptions, and incentive programs for loan officers, which adequately consider their performance relative to policy compliance, documentation standards, accuracy in credit grading, and other loan administration matters; and
- (h) procedures to track and analyze concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios.

(2) Upon completion, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) Beginning December 31, 2003, on a quarterly basis management will provide the Board with written reports including, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (b) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (c) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (d) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;
- (e) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this Article and Paragraph;

- (f) an analysis of concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios; and,
- (g) the identification of loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending and leasing policies, and exceptions to the Bank's lending and leasing policies.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program and systems developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE VIII

CRITICIZED ASSETS

(1) The Bank shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination.

(2) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program designed to eliminate the basis of criticism of assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, or by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." This program shall include, at a minimum:

- (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;

- (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable;
- (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations; and
- (d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment.

(3) Upon adoption, a copy of the program for all criticized assets equal to or exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

(5) The Board, or a designated committee, shall conduct a review, on at least a quarterly basis, to determine:

- (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
- (b) management's adherence to the program adopted pursuant to this Article;
- (c) the status and effectiveness of the written program; and
- (d) the need to revise the program or take alternative action.

(6) A copy of each review shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis in a format similar to Appendix A, attached hereto.

(7) The Bank may extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are

criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed one hundred thousand (\$100,000) only if each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Board or designated committee finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the full Board (or designated committee) approves the credit extension and records, in writing, why such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and
- (b) a comparison to the written program adopted pursuant to this Article shows that the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.

(8) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.

ARTICLE IX

LOAN REVIEW

(1) The Board shall within thirty (30) days employ or designate a sufficiently experienced and qualified person(s) or firm to ensure the timely and independent identification of problem loans and leases.

(2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall establish an effective, independent and on-going loan review system to review, at least quarterly, the Bank's loan and lease portfolios to

assure the timely identification and categorization of problem credits. The system shall provide for a written report to be filed with the Board after each review and shall use a loan and lease grading system consistent with the guidelines set forth in Rating Credit Risk, A-RCR, of the Comptroller's Handbook. Such reports shall, at a minimum, include conclusions regarding:

- (a) the overall quality of the loan and lease portfolios;
- (b) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (c) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (d) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (e) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;
- (f) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (b) through (e) of the Article;
- (g) concentrations of credit;
- (h) loans and leases to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders (and their related interests) of the Bank; and
- (i) loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending and leasing policies, and exceptions to the Bank's lending and leasing policies.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

(4) The Board shall evaluate the internal loan and lease review report(s) and shall ensure that immediate, adequate, and continuing remedial action, if appropriate, is taken upon all findings noted in the report(s).

(5) A copy of the reports submitted to the Board, as well as documentation of the action taken by the Bank to collect or strengthen assets identified as problem credits, shall be preserved in the Bank.

ARTICLE X

ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) The Board shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (“Allowance”) and shall establish a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance. This review and program shall be designed in light of the comments on maintaining a proper Allowance found in the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses booklet, A-ALLL, of the Comptroller’s Handbook, and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:

- (a) results of the Bank's internal loan review;
- (b) results of the Bank's external loan review;
- (c) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each significant credit;
- (d) loan loss experience;
- (e) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (f) concentrations of credit in the Bank;
- (g) present and prospective economic conditions; and
- (h) staffing levels and experience.

(2) The program shall provide for a review of the Allowance by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by

additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE XI
LENDING POLICY

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review and revise the Bank's written loan policy. In revising this policy, the Board shall refer to the Loan Portfolio Management booklet, A-LPM, of the Comptroller's Handbook. This policy shall incorporate, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- (a) a description of acceptable types of loans;
- (b) a provision that current and satisfactory credit information will be obtained on each borrower;
- (c) maturity scheduling related to the anticipated source of repayment, the purpose of the loan, and the useful life of the collateral;
- (d) maximum ratio of loan value to appraised value or acquisition costs of collateral securing the loan;
- (e) collection procedures, to include follow-up efforts, that are systematically and progressively stronger;
- (f) a pricing policy that takes into consideration costs, general overhead, and probable loan losses, while providing for a reasonable margin of profit;
- (g) a definition of the Bank's trade area;
- (h) guidelines and limitations for loans originating outside of the Bank's trade area;
- (i) a limitation on aggregate outstanding loans in relation to other balance sheet accounts;

- (j) distribution of loans by category;
- (k) a prohibition regarding the use of brokered deposits to fund loan growth or support criticized loans;
- (l) guidelines for loans to insiders, including a statement that such loans will not be granted on terms more favorable than those offered to similar outside borrowers;
- (m) guidelines and limitations on concentrations of credit;
- (n) a limitation on the type and size of loans that may be made by loan officers without prior approval by the Board or a committee established by the Board for this purpose;
- (o) measures to correct the deficiencies in the Bank's lending procedures noted in any ROE;
- (p) guidelines designed to improve Board oversight of the loan approval process, specifically with regard to credits exhibiting significant risk. At a minimum, the policy shall:
 - (i) establish dollar limits on extensions of credit to any one borrower, above which the prior approval of the Board, or a committee thereof, would be required;
 - (ii) establish dollar limits on aggregate extensions of credit to any one borrower, above which any new extensions of credit to that borrower, regardless of amount, would require the prior approval of the Board, or a committee thereof; and

- (iii) require that all credits which deviate from the Bank's normal course of business, including all credits which deviate from the Bank's written strategic plan, receive the prior approval of the Board, or a committee thereof.
- (q) guidelines consistent with Banking Circular 181, setting forth the criteria when purchasing loans and loan participations. At a minimum, guidelines should include:
 - (i) written lending policies and procedures governing these transactions;
 - (ii) an agreement by the obligor to make full credit information available to the selling bank;
 - (iii) agreement by the selling bank to provide available information on the obligor to the purchase; and,
 - (iv) written documentation of recourse arrangements outlining the rights and obligations of each party.
- (r) charge-off guidelines, by type of loan or other asset, including Other Real Estate Owned, addressing the circumstances under which a charge-off would be appropriate and ensuring the recognition of losses within the quarter of discovery; and
- (s) guidelines for periodic review of the Bank's adherence to the revised lending policy.

(2) Upon adoption, the policy shall be implemented, the Board shall thereafter ensure Bank adherence to the policy, and a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the policy developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE XII

COLLECTION PROCEDURES

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Bank shall develop, implement and thereafter adhere to a written program designed to improve and strengthen collection efforts. The program shall include specific plans to:

- (a) reduce delinquent loans; and
- (b) improve recovery of charged-off assets.

(2) Upon completion, that Board shall submit a copy of the program to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE XIII

CREDIT AND COLLATERAL EXCEPTIONS

(1) Within ninety (90) days the Board shall obtain current and satisfactory credit information on all loans over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) lacking such information, including those listed in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination.

(2) Within ninety (90) days the Board shall ensure proper collateral documentation is maintained on all loans and correct each collateral exception listed in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination.

(3) Effective immediately, the Bank may grant, extend, renew, alter or restructure any loan or other extension of credit only after:

- (a) documenting the specific reason or purpose for the extension of credit;
- (b) identifying the expected source of repayment in writing;
- (c) structuring the repayment terms to coincide with the expected source of repayment;
- (d) obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis, where loans are to be repaid from operations;
 - (i) Failure to obtain the information in (3)(d) shall require a majority of the full Board (or a delegated committee thereof) to certify in writing the specific reasons why obtaining and analyzing the information in (3)(d) would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank.

- (ii) A copy of the Board certification shall be maintained in the credit file of the affected borrower(s). The certification will be reviewed by this Office in subsequent examinations of the Bank; and
- (e) documenting, with adequate supporting material, the value of collateral and properly perfecting the Bank's lien on it where applicable.

ARTICLE XIV

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

(1) If the Bank determines that an exception to any provision of this Agreement is in the best interests of the Bank, or requires an extension of any timeframe within this Agreement, the Board shall submit a written request to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller asking for relief.

(2) Any written requests submitted pursuant to this Article shall include a statement setting forth in detail the special circumstances that prevent the Bank from complying with any provision, that require the Assistant Deputy Comptroller to exempt the Bank from any provision, or that require an extension of any timeframe within this Agreement. All such requests shall be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation.

(3) The Assistant Deputy Comptroller's decision in granting the request is final and not subject to further review.

ARTICLE XV

CLOSING

(1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or prior determination of no supervisory objection, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.

(2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him/her by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.

(3) Any time limitations imposed by this Agreement shall begin to run from the effective date of this Agreement. Such time requirements may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.

(4) The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties hereto and its provisions shall continue in full force and effect unless or until such provisions are amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties to the Agreement or excepted, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.

(5) This Agreement is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a supervisory “written agreement entered into with the agency” as contemplated by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the OCC or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the OCC may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under its supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the OCC has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no OCC officer or employee has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S.

Treasury Department, the OCC, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the OCC's exercise of its supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Agreement, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller, has hereunto set his/her hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/s/ James F. DeVane, Jr.

Oct 2, 2003

James F. DeVane, Jr.
Assistant Deputy Comptroller
Houston East Field Office

Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

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| Signed | 10-02-003 |
| _____ Harlon Brooks | _____ Date |
| Signed | 10-02-2003 |
| _____ Tommy Brooks | _____ Date |
| Signed | 2 Oct. '03 |
| _____ Larry Hawkins | _____ Date |
| Signed | 10-02-03 |
| _____ Janis Jefferson | _____ Date |
| Signed | 10/02/2003 |
| _____ Limas Jefferson | _____ Date |
| Signed | 2 Oct. 03 |
| _____ Brian Smith | _____ Date |
| Signed | 10-02-03 |
| _____ A. W. Willis | _____ Date |