



SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox

161st Assembly for Bank Directors

January 29–February 1, 2026
The Ritz-Carlton O‘ahu, Turtle Bay, Oahu, Hawaii



Thursday, January 29, 2026

5–6:30 p.m. **Registration and Welcome Reception** (with spouses), Bay View Lawn

Friday, January 30, 2026

7:30–8 a.m. **Breakfast** (with spouses), Kahuku Foyer

8–8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Program Announcements** (with spouses), Kahuku Ballroom, *William T. Chittenden, Ph.D., President and CEO, SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox*

8:15–9:15 a.m. **Session 1: 10 Significant Issues Facing Directors of Banks**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Greyson E. Tuck, president of Gerrish Smith Tuck, PC and Gerrish Smith Tuck Consultants, LLC*

9:15–9:30 a.m. **Session 1 Q&A**

9:30–9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

9:45–10:45 a.m. **Session 2: Gathering Deposits**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Sean C. Payant, Ph.D., President, Habersfeld*

10:45–11 a.m. **Session 2 Q&A**

11–11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. **Lunch sponsored by Commerce Street Capital, Keynote Address by Federal Reserve Vice Chair Michelle W. Bowman** (with spouses), Kuilima 1

12:45–1 p.m. **BREAK**

1–2 p.m. **Session 3: Recent Stories from Loan Review**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Steve Krase, Principal, Crowe*

2–2:15 p.m. **Session 3 Q&A**

2:15–2:30 p.m. **BREAK**, Beacon Ballroom Foyer A

2:30–3:30 p.m. **Session 4: Bank Boards and Loan Decisions**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Sandy Brown, Partner, Alston & Bird; Merrill J. Reynolds Jr., Managing Director of Executive Education, SWGSB at SMU Cox; Edmond J. Seifried, Ph.D., Chief Economist, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

3:30–3:45 p.m. **Session 4 Q&A**

Saturday, January 31, 2026

7:30–8 a.m. **Breakfast** (with spouses), Kahuku Foyer

8–9 a.m. **Session 5: Attracting and Retaining Top Talent**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Doug Van Dyke, Founder & CEO, Leadership Simplified*

9–9:15 a.m. **Session 5 Q&A**

9:15–9:30 a.m. **BREAK**

9:30–10:30 a.m. **Session 6: Advocacy—It’s Not Just About the Capitol ... or Capital**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Celeste Embrey, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Texas Bankers Association*

10:30–10:45 a.m. **Session 6 Q&A**

10:45–11 a.m. **BREAK**, Beacon Ballroom Foyer A

11 a.m.–12 p.m. **Session 7: A Bank Director’s Guide to the Economy**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Edmond J. Seifried, Ph.D., Chief Economist, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

Sunday, February 1, 2026

7:30–8 a.m. **Breakfast** (with spouses), Kahuku Foyer

8–9:30 a.m. **Session 8: Economic Forecast**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Edmond J. Seifried, Ph.D., Chief Economist, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

9:30–9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

9:45–10:45 a.m. **Session 9: Deep Dive into Your Institution and Peer Group**, Kahuku Ballroom, *Jamie Sumner, Partner, Velligan-Blaxall Consultants*

10:45–11 a.m. **Closing Comments and National Certified Community Bank Director Certificate Presentations**, Kahuku Ballroom, *William T. Chittenden, Ph.D., President and CEO, SWGSB at SMU Cox; Merrill J. Reynolds Jr., Managing Director of Executive Education, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

Schedule subject to change. All events are business casual. Evenings are at your leisure.