



Level 1 Program

Monday, October 19, 2026

Breakfast at The Graduate by Hilton

7:45–8:00 a.m. Registration, Collins Center Foyer

8:00–8:15 a.m. Welcome and Program Announcements, Collins 120, *Merrill J. Reynolds, Managing Director of Executive Education, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

8:15–10:00 a.m. Corporate Governance and the Role of a Board Member, Board Culture, Collins 120, *Philip K. Smith, Chairman and CEO, Gerrish Smith Tuck, PC*

10:00–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Board Member, Board Committees, Board Composition, Collins 120, *Philip K. Smith, Chairman and CEO, Gerrish Smith Tuck, PC*

12–1 p.m. Luncheon in the Bank of Texas Dining Room

1:00–2:15 p.m. Critical Areas of Opportunity—Audit & Compliance, Collins 120, *Christy Bussey, Chief Risk Officer, ITX Bank*

2:15–2:30 p.m. Break

2:30–3:30 p.m. Operational Risk Management, Collins 120, *Mikella Newsom, Senior VP, Chief Risk Officer, South Plains Financial, Inc.*

3:30–3:45 p.m. Break

3:45–5:00 p.m. Understanding the Investment Portfolio, Collins 120, *Dale S. Sheller, Senior Vice President, The Baker Group LP*

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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8:00–9:00 a.m. Director's Expectations: Stakeholders and Scorecards, Collins 120, *William T. Chittenden, Ph.D., President and CEO, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

9:00–9:15 a.m. Break

9:15–10:15 a.m. The Board's Role in Information Security and IT Risk Management, Collins 120, *Jimmy Sawyers, Chairman, Sawyers & Jacobs*

10:15–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Understanding Performance Metrics, Collins 120, *Tanya Miller, President and Chief Risk Officer, PrimeBank of Texas*

12–1 p.m. Luncheon in the Bank of Texas Dining Room

1:00–2:15 p.m. Credit Trends, Collins 120, *Merrill J. Reynolds, Managing Director of Executive Education, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

2:15–2:30 p.m. Break

2:30–3:45 p.m. Director's Role in BSA and Compliance, Collins 120, *Leah Hamilton, Director of Educational Services, Sentry Advisors*

3:45–4:00 p.m. Break

4:00–5:00 p.m. Today's Most Important Compliance Violations and Fair Lending, Collins 120, *Leah Hamilton, Director of Educational Services, Sentry Advisors*

5:00–6:00 p.m. Reception and Networking Event, Collins Center Commons

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Breakfast at The Graduate by Hilton

8:00–10:00 a.m. Regulatory Panel, Crum Auditorium, *Sanford M. Brown, J.D., Moderator, Partner, Alston & Bird*

10:00–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15–11:45 a.m. Mock Board on Corporate Governance, Collins Center Commons, *J. Keith Hughey, Founder, JKHCo*

11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Closing Comments and NCCBD Certificate Presentations, Collins 120, *Merrill J. Reynolds, Managing Director of Executive Education, SWGSB at SMU Cox*

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