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at **SMU Cox**

# The Nation's *Leader* in Bank Director Education

**NATIONAL CERTIFIED COMMUNITY  
BANK DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM**

**October 19–21, 2026 at SMU Cox**

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lunch, and beverages during breaks.  
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## Outstanding Bank Director Education

The SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox National Certified Community Bank Director's Program (NCCBD) is a comprehensive curriculum *designed for aspiring, new, and experienced bank directors* that addresses the foundations of bank directorship—from duties and responsibilities to board structures, corporate governance, and processes.

NCCBD certification focuses on what makes boards and directors effective, as well as what is expected by regulators, examiners, and shareholders. Upon completion of the requirements, participants are awarded a certificate and can use the NCCBD designation.

### *Requirements for NCCBD Certification*

- Attend the three-day Level 1 NCCBD program presented by SWGSB at SMU Cox
- Attend the three-day Level 2 NCCBD program presented by SWGSB at SMU Cox

Level 1 and Level 2 programs run concurrently and cannot be attended in the same session.

### *Requirements for Recertification*

To maintain the NCCBD designation, directors must attend a minimum of one SWGSB Assembly for Bank Directors every three years.



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## Level 1 Program

*Monday, October 19, 2026*

**7:45–8:00 a.m.** Registration

**8:00–8:15 a.m.** Welcome and Program Announcements—Merrill J. Reynolds

**8:15–10:45 a.m.** Corporate Governance and the Role of a Board Member, Board Culture—Philip K. Smith

**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Board Member, Board Committees, Board Composition—Philip K. Smith

**1:00–2:15 p.m.** Critical Areas of Opportunity—Audit & Compliance—Christy Bussey

**2:30–3:30 p.m.** Operational Risk Management—Mikella Newsom

**3:45–5:00 p.m.** Understanding the Investment Portfolio—Dale S. Sheller

*Tuesday, October 20, 2026*

**8:00–9:00 a.m.** Director's Expectations: Stakeholders and Scorecards—William T. Chittenden, Ph.D.

**9:15–10:15 a.m.** The Board's Role in Information Security and IT Risk Management—Jimmy Sawyers

**10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Understanding Performance Metrics—Tanya Miller

**1:00–2:15 p.m.** Credit Trends—Merrill J. Reynolds

**2:30–3:45 p.m.** Director's Role in BSA and Compliance—Leah Hamilton

**4:00–5:00 p.m.** Today's Most Important Compliance Violations and Fair Lending—Leah Hamilton

**5:00–6:00 p.m.** Reception and Networking Event

*Wednesday, October 21, 2026*

**8:00–10:00 a.m.** Regulatory Panel—Sanford M. Brown, J.D. Moderator

**10:15–11:45 a.m.** Mock Board on Corporate Governance—J. Keith Hughey

**11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Closing Comments and NCCBD Certificate Presentations—Merrill J. Reynolds

*Students cannot attend both Level 1 and Level 2 in the same session as the programs run concurrently. Schedule is subject to change. All events are business casual. Evenings are at your leisure.*

## Level 2 Program

*Monday, October 19, 2026*

**7:45–8:00 a.m.** Registration

**8:00–8:15 a.m.** Welcome and Program Announcements—William T. Chittenden, Ph.D.

**8:15–9:15 a.m.** ALCO for Directors—William T. Chittenden, Ph.D.

**9:30–10:45 a.m.** Director's Role in Credit Risk Management—Matthew Earl

**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Director's Role in Credit Risk Management (continued)—Matthew Earl

**1:00–3:30 p.m.** Corporate Governance—Josh McNulty

**3:45–5:00 p.m.** Strategic Performance – How Does Your Institution Measure Up?—Tanya Miller

*Tuesday, October 20, 2026*

**8:00–10:00 a.m.** Maximizing the Investment Portfolio, Understanding Interest Rate Risk, and Managing Liquidity—Dale S. Sheller

**10:15–11:00 a.m.** Balance Sheet Strategies—Dale S. Sheller

**11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.** Real-World Cybersecurity from Ransomware to Wire Fraud: How to Prepare for the Incidents Impacting Banks Today—Jimmy Sawyers

**1:15–2:15 p.m.** Real-World Cybersecurity continued—Jimmy Sawyers

**2:30–3:30 p.m.** Strategic Planning: The Ins and Outs—Jamie Sumner

**3:45–5:00 p.m.** 10 Ways to Impact the Bottom Line—Jamie Sumner

**5:00–6:00 p.m.** Reception and Networking Event

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**10:15–11:15 a.m.** Mock Board Meeting—Sanford M. Brown, J.D.

**11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.** When Things Go Wrong—Sanford M. Brown, J.D.

**12:15–12:30 p.m.** Closing Comments and NCCBD Certificate Presentations—Merrill J. Reynolds



# 2026 NCCBD Faculty



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