



Chairman McWilliams Speaks at CBAO Annual Convention

The Community Bankers Association of Oklahoma's Annual Convention was held September 11-13 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City with a distinguished slate of speakers and record-setting attendance. Attendees heard from Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams, and Oklahoma Bank Commissioner Mick Thompson, as well as top federal and state regulators and leadership from ICBA.

McWilliams' visit to Oklahoma marks the first time that the sitting Chairman of the FDIC has come to Oklahoma to address and meet with bankers.

pictured above: Bank Commissioner Mick Thompson, FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams, and Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt



Examiners Attend GSBC Workshop on Community Bank Investments & Asset Liability Mgmt

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Oklahoma State Banking Department Examiners Monty Brant, Doyle Jones, Lance Lassiter, and Ashley Wilson attended the 2019 Graduate School of Banking at Colorado lead workshop on Community Bank Investments and Asset Liability Management. The workshop's focus was on the variables found in the overall economic environment. These include volatility in interest rates in both the long and short terms, yield curve predictability and positioning the balance sheet for each scenario. The conference also included information regarding investment strategies appropriate for this type of economic environment and the significant challenges to community bankers. These current issues are a high priority with regulators as we assess this vital area of their institutions.

The speakers provided an analysis of current investment

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alternatives, examined the trade-offs between different funding alternatives, offered contingency funding planning analysis and described strategies to enhance portfolio performance and aggregate interest rate risk management practices. The conference also touched on matters regarding the Current Expected Credit Loss or CECL and its impact on the entire balance sheet including the investment portfolio. These areas are a continued concern for regulators for the safety and soundness examination process. This workshop continues to be an excellent source for bankers and regulators alike in that it provides up to date information for an extremely important aspect of the banking industry.

pictured above: Lance Lassiter, Doyle Jones, Ed Krei (First Bankers' Banc Securities and GSBC Faculty Member), Ashley Wilson, Monty Brant, and Tim Koch (President, GSBC)

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