Meeting Between Governor Bowman, Staff of the Federal Reserve Board, and Representatives of the Tennessee Bankers Association
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Participants: Governor Michelle W. Bowman, William Wascher, Matt Lambert, Keith Coughlin, Andrew Willis, Lee Davis, Margaret Miller, Kirk Schwarzbach, Yao-Chin Chao, Megan Drefchinski, and Maria Ling (Federal Reserve Board)


Summary: Representatives of the Tennessee Bankers Association (TBA) met with Governor Bowman and Federal Reserve Board staff to discuss various regulatory and supervisory matters. TBA representatives commented on the proposed community bank leverage ratio (CBLR) (Docket No. R-1638), specifically the proposed requirement that a qualifying community banking organization have a greater than 9 percent leverage ratio to be eligible for the simplified capital regime under the CBLR framework. TBA representatives stated that the 9 percent CBLR level is well above tier 1 leverage requirements for well-capitalized banks and encouraged the federal banking agencies to set the CBLR level at 8 percent, which they asserted would result in a better balance between regulatory relief and the maintenance of significant capital.