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Priscilla Cude, OBA Chair
President and CEO, First Bethany Bank, Bethany

Priscilla Cude is president and CEO of First Bethany Bank & Trust. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

Cude began her banking career in 1983 while in college. Upon graduation, she worked in the trust department at Lincoln Bank, Ardmore, and joined First Bethany Bank & Trust in 1992. She was named EVP and served on the board since 2002, and was named president and CEO in 2017.

She and Roger, her husband of 41 years, have two grown children, Travis and Madison.



Adrian Beverage, President and CEO
Oklahoma Bankers Association, Oklahoma City

Adrian Beverage started his career at the Association in February 2000 as a government relations assistant. He spent time at the state Capitol working with elected officials on banking issues. In 2010, Beverage assumed the role as vice president of government relations and HR director. He continued in this role until 2015 when he was named chief of staff and executive vice president of government relations.

Beverage started his current role as president/CEO on May 1, 2021. He graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 2000, and is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin. Beverage sits on the board for the Oklahoma Public Resource Center and is a trustee at the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin and the Graduate School of Banking at LSU.

He and his wife, Deanna, have three children: Molly, Grady and Grant.



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Steve Hart, OBA Vice Chair
President, First Fidelity Bank, Oklahoma City

Steve Hart is the president of First Fidelity Bank, in Oklahoma City.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from BYU in 1989. He also graduated from the Graduate Banking School of the South at Louisiana State University.

He began his banking career as a management trainee with FirstBank of Colorado, where he worked for 25 years and served in many management positions. He moved to Oklahoma in 2016 and joined the team at First Fidelity.

Hart has five children with his wife, Dawn and they became "empty nesters" recently year when their youngest daughter headed to the University of Oklahoma.



Troy Appling, OBA First Vice Chair
President and CEO, The Bankers Bank, Oklahoma City

Troy Appling is president and CEO of The Bankers Bank, in Oklahoma City.

With over 30 years of comprehensive banking experience he continues the family legacy established by his father, Charles Appling.

Appling's education includes a finance degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he distinguished himself as a four-year football letterman. He enhanced his professional credentials at the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado, graduating in 2003.

Following graduation, Appling was appointed trustee adviser and chairman of the GSBC alumni association, a role he held with distinction for six years. His commitment to the school continued as he served on the trustee board for nearly a decade, culminating in his appointment as chairman of the board.



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Steve Bagwell, OBA Immediate Past Chair
President and CEO, Vision Bank, Ada

Steve Bagwell is president and CEO of Vision Bank, in Ada. He is a 1987 graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in economics. He has also completed graduate work in planning and community development at the University of Virginia, and is a 2001 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado.

Bagwell has been with Vision Bank since 1998 and worked in operations, lending and branch management. He was elected CEO in 2020. He began his career in the Washington D.C., area as a congressional staff member, and later as director of legislative affairs for an engineering and science trade association.

He married Jeanetta Horne Bagwell in 1991 and they have three daughters: Elizabeth, Emily and Caroline.

