

KBA CEO Summit 2026

RIG Intelligence — Field Lookbook

01 · The Event & The Play

The KBA CEO & Senior Management Summit is **500+ Kansas community-bank CEOs, presidents, board chairs, and senior management** at The Broadmoor — a CEOs-only room with spouses, policymakers, and regulators in the same hallways. No middle layer: every conversation is with the person who signs.

The play: this year's general session lineup includes **"Navigating AI & Deepfake Challenges in Community Banking"** — the room's AI conversation is risk-first (fraud, deepfakes, supervisory scrutiny), not hype-first. Meanwhile the Fed's SR 26-2 carved generative and agentic AI out of the old model-risk playbook, leaving each bank to govern AI with its own judgment — the blank rulebook. RIG's frame lands cleanly: the blank pages are the assignment; governance is an operating layer, not a PDF for the examiner.

Intel note: KBA's 2026 program page was not yet published at print time; speaker/session detail below is from the official 2025 summit at the same venue (Aug 6-8, 2026 confirmed via the registration portal). Recheck ksbankers.com the week before.

02 · Who's in the Room

Tier	Companies
Premier	FHLBank Topeka, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, KBA Insurance Inc.
Gold	Bankers' Bank of Kansas, BankOnIt, DCI, Integris, UMB
Silver	BHG Financial, Commerce Bank, FTN Financial/First Horizon, Fiserv, Forvis Mazars, Olsen Palmer
Bronze	AGH LLC, American Bankers Association, The Bankers Bank, Cornerstone, Country Club Capital Markets, Equity Bank, FKH Partners, FNB Hutchinson, Intact Insurance, INTRUST Bank, Stinson LLP

Regulators and policymakers in the room: the Kansas State Bank Commissioner (OSBC), Federal Reserve leadership, and the ABA's president — the people who write the expectations you're being measured against.

03 · People Worth Your Time

- **Michelle "Miki" Bowman** (Vice Chair for Supervision, Federal Reserve Board) — the supervisory signal in person; her address tells you exactly what examiners will ask about next.
- **David Herndon** (Kansas State Bank Commissioner, OSBC) — "Update from the OSBC" — state-level supervisory priorities, straight.
- **Cal Roberson** (Integris) — the AI & deepfake general session; the natural ally for a governed-AI workshop for member banks.
- **Doug Wareham** (KBA President & CEO) and **Gene Dikeman** (KBA Chairman, Bank of the Plains) — association leadership; the door to the member-bank channel.

- **Rob Nichols** (ABA President & CEO) and **Sen. Jerry Moran** — the policy backdrop; listen for regulatory-relief specifics.
- **Eric Kelley** (UMB economist) — the closing economic read your CFO audience will quote all fall.

04 · Must-Attend Sessions

- **"Navigating AI & Deepfake Challenges in Community Banking"** (Roberson) — the anchor session; sit with the CEOs, not the vendors.
- **Vice Chair Miki Bowman address** — supervisory expectations, unfiltered.
- **"Update from the OSBC"** (Herndon) — what Kansas examiners will actually ask.
- **"Mountainside Policy Chat"** (Moran, Nichols, Wareham) — ACRE Act, deposit-insurance reform, stablecoin framework.
- **"The Longevity Economy"** (Perry) + **Eric Kelley closing** — the macro frame for every board conversation.

05 · The RIG Angle (30 seconds per persona)

- **For the bank CEO:** "Regulators carved generative AI out of the old rulebook and handed you the blank pages. Your core vendor's AI roadmap becomes your AI strategy by default — unless you decide on purpose. We build the governed layer: one compliance or back-office workflow, exam-ready validation artifacts, 90 days."
- **For the core/provider-side exec (Fiserv, DCI, BankOnIt):** "Your client banks are about to be asked what their AI governance looks like. A white-label governed layer makes your roadmap the defensible answer — and keeps the bank on your stack."
- **For the board chair:** "Three vendors serve 70% of US banks' cores. The question for your next meeting isn't 'are we using AI' — it's 'where's our written judgment about it.' We write that with you, then build it."

06 · Discovery Questions & Objection Handlers

1. Has your board discussed AI governance as an operating decision — or is it filed under "waiting for guidance"?
2. If an examiner asked today which systems use AI and who reviews their output, what would you hand them?
3. How much of your AI roadmap is actually your core vendor's roadmap?
4. Which compliance task eats the most hours for the least judgment?
5. Who at the bank owns a wrong answer from an AI tool?

"We're waiting for regulatory clarity." — Colorado rewrote its entire AI law six weeks before go-live. Clarity is not coming; judgment is the requirement. **"We're too small for AI."** — The examiner won't grade on asset size. One governed workflow, exam-ready artifacts, 90 days — sized for a community bank. **"Our core handles that."** — Your core handles their roadmap. Your governance is your signature. Different document.

07 · The Strike Plan

- **Thu Aug 6 (Day 1):** Registration + opening. Policy chat crowd work. Two CEO conversations at the reception — ask the board question (#1) and listen.

- **Fri Aug 7 (Day 2):** Bowman address + OSBC update + the AI/deepfake session. Three discovery conversations with CEOs of \$200M-\$2B banks. One vendor conversation (Integris or a core).
- **Sat Aug 8 (Day 3):** Kelley closing. Same-day follow-ups referencing the supervisory points each CEO reacted to. Target: three fit calls + one association workshop conversation with KBA staff.