# **Financial Sector Advisory Council**



### Charter

## **Purpose**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas ("Bank") plays a unique role in conducting research of the financial sector and the potential impact of current and emerging vulnerabilities and risks on financial institutions under its regulatory authority, as well as the U.S. and world economies. In recognition of this important role, the District's Financial Sector Advisory Council ("Council") provides insight to the Bank's President, staff, and Board of Directors on issues related to the financial industry. In particular, the Council provides its views regarding key risks arising in the various sectors of the financial industry, potential interconnectedness between traditional and non-traditional financial firms, and the implications of such vulnerabilities to the overall health of the financial industry and the U.S. economy.

### **Council Membership**

The Council consists of up to 21 members appointed by the President of the Bank and drawn primarily from the ranks of financial industry executives who work within and outside the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. Members are selected to represent various types and sizes of firms based on their capability to provide meaningful input regarding business conditions and challenges for their respective part of the financial sector. In addition, members should have detailed knowledge of their respective market environment, demonstrated success in their field, and a commitment to participate in meetings.

The Bank has sole discretion to appoint and remove members of the Council. Membership will rotate over time to ensure that a range of views and institutions are represented. The normal term of membership will be three years. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms at the Bank's discretion.

If a member wishes to resign from the Council or changes his or her institutional affiliation, the member shall inform the Council secretariat or executive sponsor as soon as practicable. In case of an institutional affiliation change, the Bank may either terminate the member or ask the member to continue membership on the Council with the new affiliation.

## **Meetings**

The Council generally meets twice during the calendar year at such times and places as designated by the Bank. The meetings consist of a discussion led by Council members regarding current and emerging vulnerabilities and risks in the financial sector facilitated by the Council chair and Bank President.

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#### Governance

The Bank President will appoint a Council chair from among the Council's members, an executive sponsor from among the Bank's officers, and a member of Bank staff to act as the Council's secretariat. The Council chair is responsible for conducting Council meetings, advising on its agenda, and overseeing any projects it might sponsor. The executive sponsor will oversee the Council's activities on behalf of the Bank and act as the primary liaison between Council members and the Bank. The Council secretariat shall have responsibility for acting as the official repository of Council documents, including agendas, meeting minutes, and public communications.

## **Council Authority and Responsibilities**

The duties of the Council are to advise the Bank on current and emerging vulnerabilities and risks in the financial sector. The Council's role is not to reach consensus or vote on issues that it considers during meetings. Rather, the Council provides an avenue through which the Bank can assimilate members' views regarding current and emerging vulnerabilities and risks in the financial sector.

#### Antitrust and Bank Staff Guidelines

Council members are expected to follow the Antitrust Guidelines provided by the Bank to ensure that their deliberations and communications do not violate either the spirit or the letter of state and federal antitrust laws.

Bank staff participating on the Council are subject to the Bank's Code of Conduct. Bank staff are prohibited from discussing confidential supervisory information or material non-public information with members of the Council.

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