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Summary: While it was noted that the Proposed Guidance on Supervisory Expectation for Boards of Directors (the "Proposal") relating to the principles of effective boards of directors only would apply to large financial institutions, several attendees expressed concern that supervisors might in practice view the Proposal as "best practices" for the industry as a whole and therefore may apply the Proposal to smaller institutions. Several attendees noted that many directors for smaller institutions come from the local community and have little banking experience. As such, they emphasized that the quality of management is usually the most important factor for the success of smaller institutions.