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2025 Fund Governance & Regulatory Insights Conference

Thursday, March 6

8:00 – 8:45	Registration and Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome Remarks Carolyn McPhillips, MFDF	Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	Innovations in ETF Danielle Rutsky, Nasdaq (Moderator) Ward Bortz, Angel Oak Capital Advisors Martin Dean, Ultimus, Northern Lights Compliance Services Jeanne LaPorta, SSGA Scott Weiner, Oxbridge ETF Academy	Ballroom
10:00 – 10:30	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:30 – 11:30	The Evolution of the Board-CCO Relationship Dianne Descoteaux, MFDF (Moderator) Hope Brown, Calamos/Morgan Stanley Pete Driscoll, PwC DJ Gorman, Jackson National Asset Management	Ballroom
11:30 – 12:00	Fireside Chat with SEC Director of Division of Investment Management Carolyn McPhillips, MFDF Natasha Vij Greiner, US Securities and Exchange Commission	Ballroom
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch	Seasons Restaurant
1:15 – 2:45	Leading Through Influence: Building Collaboration and Culture Jason Sudy, ImprovEdge	Ballroom
2:45 – 3:15	Break	Ballroom Foyer

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3:15 – 4:15	<p>Building Effective Board Relationship with Management</p> <p>Andy Simonoff, (Moderator) Anthony Ghoston, Diamond Hill Funds Rob Helm, Fidelity Rick Salomon, Tweedy Brown Company LLC</p>	Ballroom
4:15 – 5:15	<p>Board Effectiveness Breakout Options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Materials Julien Bourgeois, Dechert 2. Effective Board Oversight of Regulatory Changes Lance King, Seward & Kissel Robert Kurucz, Seward & Kissel 3. Optimizing Interviewing to Build an Effective Board Julie Wolf, RHR International Matt Betts, RHR International 	<p>Algonquin</p> <p>Douglass</p> <p>Smithson</p>
5:15 – 6:15	<p>Optional session – Board Journeys</p> <p><i>An optional session open to current board directors and board candidates focused on the path to the boardroom. Highlights from MFDF's recent Board Recruitment Trends Survey results will be shared during this session.</i></p>	Algonquin
6:30– 8:30	<p>Welcome Reception (Dinner is included)</p> <p><i>Attendees are welcome to bring guests to the reception.</i></p>	Seasons Restaurant

Friday, March 7

7:00 – 8:00	Directors Only Breakfast	Douglass
7:00 – 8:00	General Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 – 8:50	Washington Update Sara Vargo, MFDF (Moderator) Christopher Cafiero, JP Morgan Chase Sean Dillon, Office of Rep. Bill Huizenga Mahlet Makonnen, Williams & Jensen PLLC	Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	Breakout Sessions 1. Audit Committee Chair 101 David Roeber, Stradley Ronon John Braun, Cohen & Co. 2. Digital Assets Jeremy Senderowicz, Goodwin LLP 3. Oversight of Alternative Product Development	Algonquin Douglass Smithson
10:00 - 10:20	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:20 – 11:00	Changing Dynamics in a Competitive Industry Jeff Stakel, Casey Quirk by Deloitte	Ballroom
11:00 – 12:00	From Burden to Advantage: How to Leverage AI in Asset Management Lloyd Wennlund, Calamos Investment Trust (Moderator) Phil Beattie, Daizy AI	Ballroom
12:00	Ask Anything - Brown Bag Lunch with Daizy AI Phil Beattie, Daizy AI **To-Go lunch bags will be available for attendees who cannot stay for the extended Q&A session with Daizy AI.**	Ballroom/Foyer