



Michigan Bankers Association

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### **Michigan Bankers Association Announces New Board Chairman, Ray Biggs, President & CEO, West Shore Bank**

**LANSING, Mich.-** The Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) announces the election of Ray Biggs, president & CEO, West Shore Bank as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Ray is a talented business leader and seasoned board member," stated T. Rann Paynter, president and CEO of the MBA. "His extensive industry knowledge will be an invaluable asset and resource to the MBA and our members."

Biggs has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of West Shore Bank since 2009. He also serves on all West Shore Bank Board Committees.

West Shore Bank is a \$750 million bank with ten locations headquartered in Ludington, Michigan. Biggs has worked in the banking industry for over 33 years and has extensive experience in commercial banking and lending, with proven skills in acquisition and integration, as well as driving new business development. He is an effective leader who builds cohesive teams while leveraging a hands-on management style to foster collaborative efforts toward goals.

Previously Biggs has been involved in the MBA for many years and has been on the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Bank Management Committee. Ray is the current Chairman of the MiBankPAC Board for the MBA. Additionally, Biggs served on the MBA Service Corporation Board for several years. Additionally, he served as the Chair of the Mason County Chamber Alliance, Chair of the West Shore Community College Foundation, and as President of the West Michigan Economic Club. Biggs has served as Chair of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is currently on the PAC Board of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Biggs has received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Alma College and his MBA in Finance from the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Being elected by my peers as MBA Chairman is an honor," said Biggs. "I am eager to collaborate with this talented and respected group of officers and board members to ensure the Michigan Bankers Association continues to be a valuable resource for the state's banks, their customers, and Michigan's communities."

The 2024-2025 Michigan Bankers Association executive committee includes in addition to Biggs; Eric Beckhusen, Chair-Elect, president & CEO, Century Bank and Trust; Matthew Keene, Treasurer, president & CEO, Citizens National Bank of Cheboygan; Roxanne Daust, Immediate Past Chairman, president & CEO, Range Bank; Rann Paynter, president and CEO, Michigan Bankers Association.

**Attachment:** Photo of Ray Biggs

#### **About the Michigan Bankers Association**

*The Michigan Bankers Association (MBA), the voice of the banking industry since 1887, consists of Michigan financial institutions with more than 2,800 branches located throughout the state. The MBA promotes strong communities and economic activity in Michigan by advancing a positive business environment. MBA assists banks by offering products and services to reduce expenses and increase profitability through the strength of the association.*

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