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U.S. Faster Payments Council Introduces 2024 Board Advisory Group

July 31, 2024 – The [U.S. Faster Payments Council](#) (FPC), a membership organization devoted to advancing safe, easy-to-use faster payments in the United States, today announced the members of its 2024-2025 FPC Board Advisory Group. This ongoing body, sanctioned by the FPC Board of Directors, encompasses a wide array of experts from the payments landscape, including representatives from financial institutions, technology providers, business end users, payment network operators, consultant groups, and payments associations.

New members of the FPC's Board Advisory Group include **Utkarsh Agarwal**, JPMorgan Chase; **Kevin Clark**, Corporate One Federal Credit Union; **Peter Davey**, Alloy Payments Founders; **Gary Dawson**, Nasdaq Verafin; **Robert Lewis**, Open Payment Network; **Ross McFerrin**, Trustly; **Robert Newman**, GBank; **Jason Park**, Wells Fargo; **Vishal Pasari**, Euronet Worldwide; **Yamini Sagar**, Instarails; **James Sellick**, Ripple; and **Caroline Serejo Cypriano**, JJ4Tech.

Returning members include **Tony Cook**, FirstBank; **John Drechny**, Merchant Advisory Group; **Mary Gilmeister**, Macha; **Andrew Gómez**, Lipis Advisors; **Deepak Gupta**, Volante Technologies; **Bridget Hall**, ACI Worldwide; **Scott Harkey**, Endava; **Jorge Jimenez**, Juniper Payments – A PSCU Company; **Stephany Kirkpatrick**, Orum; **John Laffoon**, The Home Depot; **Mark Majeske**, Alacriti; **Judy Nguyen**, American Express; **Dean Nolan**, Strategic Resource Management; **Sheila Noll**, PCBB; **Sam Pate**, Citizens Bank & Trust; **Stephanie Prebish**, Nacha; **Kassandra Quimby**, Federal Reserve Financial Services; **Jonathan Shiery**, Guidehouse; **Michael Sklow**, Goldman Sachs Bank USA; **Tristan Thompson**, Arvest Bank; **Kirsten Trusko**, Payments as a Lifeline; **Keith Vander Leest**, Cross River; and **James Watts**, Mitek Systems, Inc.

"We're thrilled to welcome such a talented and diverse group of experts to the FPC's Board Advisory Group," said FPC Board Chairperson Carl Slabicki. "Their collective experience and insights will be instrumental in driving our mission forward and ensuring that we remain at the forefront of innovation in the faster payments landscape."

The Board Advisory Group plays a crucial role in offering the FPC Board of Directors and staff valuable insights beyond those available within the Board. Their expertise aids the FPC in recognizing and leveraging trends in the faster payments market. Established in 2020, the Advisory Group has contributed significantly to discussions on various topics, including barriers to adoption, the formation of new work groups, and successful use cases for faster payments.

"Our Board Advisory Group brings extensive expertise and a shared dedication to advancing faster payments in the United States," said FPC Executive Director Reed Luhtanen. "We deeply value their commitment to our mission, and together, we will continue to drive forward the adoption and innovation in the faster payments ecosystem, ensuring it meets the evolving needs of our industry and users."



The FPC remains committed to fostering an inclusive environment to address complex topics, develop real-world solutions for faster payments adoption, manage security and fraud risks, and overcome barriers to financial inclusion and cross-border payments.

For more information on the FPC, its current work efforts or to join, visit FasterPaymentsCouncil.org.

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About the U.S. Faster Payments Council (FPC)

The FPC is an industry-led membership organization whose vision is a world-class payment system where Americans can safely and securely pay anyone, anywhere, at any time and with near-immediate funds availability. By design, the FPC encourages a diverse range of perspectives and is open to all stakeholders in the U.S. payment system. Guided by principles of fairness, inclusiveness, flexibility and transparency, the FPC uses collaborative, problem-solving approaches to resolve the issues that are inhibiting broad faster payments adoption in this country. For more information, please visit FasterPaymentsCouncil.org.

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