

2026 PaymentsFirst Leadership Forum

“The rails are already running 24/7. The question is whether your strategy is.”

DATE

Thursday, October 29, 2026

TIME

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

FORMAT

LUNCH PROVIDED

LOCATION

The Westin BWI Airport, Linthicum Heights, MD

7.7M+

FEDNOW TRANSACTIONS,
\$546B, 1H 2026

128M

RTP TRANSACTIONS,
\$480B IN Q1 ALONE

\$300B+

STABLECOIN MARKET CAP,
UP FROM ~\$200B

76%

OF ORGANIZATIONS HIT
BY PAYMENTS FRAUD

Why executives should be there: Three competing rails — instant payments, stablecoins, and now tokenized deposits — are moving onto every institution’s balance sheet at once. The Clearing House (backed by JPMorgan, Bank of America, Citi, and Wells Fargo) is building a bank-owned tokenized deposit network for 2027, while the regional-bank Cari Network is pushing for a retail launch by year end. This forum puts the four people closest to the decisions, the rails, and the regulations in one room for half a day. Leaders who show up leave with a connected view of where payments are headed — leaders who don’t will be reacting to it secondhand.

AGENDA

PART ONE — THE LANDSCAPE

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Registration & Networking

9:00 – 9:15 AM

Opening Keynote — Banking’s Shift to Always-On Infrastructure

Peter Davey, PaymentsJedi Advisory

Banking is moving from a business that runs on banker’s hours to one that never closes. This session sets the frame for the day: what “always-on” really means for a financial institution’s technology, risk posture, and competitive position.

9:15 – 9:45 AM

The Politics & Policies of Payments

William “Bill” Sullivan, Nacha

A view from Capitol Hill on the policy fights shaping payments through 2026 and beyond — and how a divided Congress after November’s midterms could shift the calculus for institutions building their 2027 roadmaps.

- Stablecoin regulation and why it matters beyond the crypto-native players
- Payments fraud legislation gaining real traction in Congress
- What’s actually inside the CFPB’s Section 1033 open banking rule

9:45 – 10:10 AM

Federal Reserve Update — Instant Payments at Scale

Ian Schweid, Federal Reserve Financial Services

The numbers behind FedNow’s growth — volume, adoption, and the use cases actually gaining traction — plus what’s next as the network moves from rollout to full production use.

10:10 – 10:20 AM

Break

10:20 – 10:45 AM

The Clearing House Update — RTP and the Road to Tokenized Deposits

Keith Melton, The Clearing House

RTP’s volume and adoption curve, the fraud and account tokenization work securing the network, and TCH’s own bank-backed tokenized deposit network now in development — two networks, one operator, and a real question about how they’ll coexist.

PART TWO — THE CONVERSATION

10:45 – 11:45 AM	Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A Peter Davey, moderating — with William Sullivan, Ian Schweid & Keith Melton If tokenized deposits deliver instant, programmable, 24/7 settlement, do you still need a separate instant payments rail — or does tokenization make that question obsolete? Bring your questions for: • What's actually driving adoption of faster payments today • The business case for instant payments — deposit growth and cost savings • Fraud and security tools and tactics working right now • Request for Payment: why adoption has lagged, and what's changing that • Instant payments vs. stablecoins vs. tokenized deposits — which rail wins where
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Lunch Program wraps at noon — lunch is provided.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

One Connected View Leave with a single, cross-rail picture of instant payments, stablecoins, and tokenized deposits — instead of piecing it together from three disconnected updates later.	Direct Access to the Decision-Makers Ask your questions straight to the Federal Reserve, The Clearing House, and the policy voice on Capitol Hill — face to face, not through a webinar chat box.
Benchmark Against Your Peers See how other institutions in the region are positioning their strategy against three competing rails and a 76% payments-fraud exposure rate.	Built for Decision-Makers A half day, designed for the people who own payments, risk, operations, or strategy — not a technical deep dive you have to translate for leadership later.

Reserve your seat
Seats are limited — register today to bring your team.

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