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Availa Bank Welcomes Two New Board Members
Appointees Bring New Perspectives, Experience to Availa Bank Board.

Carroll, Iowa (May 22, 2025) – Availa Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors. Torrey Wingert and Ben Frein were unanimously approved by the Board at their April meeting. Both men have years of business and finance experience.

Wingert is the current CEO of Bomgaars Supply Inc., a position he has held since September 2019. Prior to that, he was the company's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for 17 years. During his tenure with the company, he has been actively involved in helping the Bomgaars organization grow to its present footprint of 180 stores in 15 states. He is a 1997 graduate of Briar Cliff College with a degree in accounting and finance. Wingert is a Sioux City native and is an active member of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Frein is an entrepreneur based out of Urbandale. He started a small search engine optimization business while attending the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). After having success with this venture, Frein eventually sold the company to another e-retailer and began reinvesting the proceeds into different investments. Over the last 10 years, he has constructed and sold self-storage facilities, purchased commercial real estate properties, and invested in the construction of residential homes. Frein is active in the community and currently volunteers with the entrepreneur program at UNI.

Jeff Scharfenkamp, President and CEO of Availa Bank, is excited to welcome new members. "I am very pleased to have Torrey and Ben bring their leadership success and insights to the Availa Bank board. They offer diverse experience and backgrounds, which brings new perspectives to the mission of serving the current and future clients of Availa Bank," he says.

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank's roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank's mission — to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Omaha (LPO Only), Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC

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