Table 1. Fed Officials on AI—Past Six Months, by Theme

Theme	Official	Title	Voter Status	Date	Source	Key Comments
AI & Growth	Michael Barr	Governor	Voter	2/17/26	Fed Speech	GenAI adoption since 2022 as fast as PC adoption after 1984 IBM PC; share of large firms using AI rose from 33% in 2023 to 79% in 2025; three scenarios from gradual to transformative; investment in AI could be inflationary; AI boom is unlikely a reason for lowering rates
AI & Growth	Philip Jefferson	Vice Chair	Voter	11/7/25	Fed Speech	Worker AI adoption surged 30% to 45% in ~6 months; strong productivity evidence; gains concentrated among higher-earning, more educated workers
AI & Growth	Christopher Waller	Governor	Voter	10/15/25	Fed Speech	Techno-optimist; capital and labor are complements; U.S. capital stock 7x larger since 1950, unemployment unchanged; AI will raise productivity and living standards; "let the disruption occur"
AI & Growth	Jerome Powell	Chair	Voter	10/29/25	FOMC Press Conference	AI boom is not a dotcom bubble—companies "actually have earnings"; AI capex is "one of the big sources of growth in the economy," not "particularly interest rate sensitive"
AI & Growth	Jerome Powell	Chair	Voter	12/10/25	FOMC Press Conference	Credits AI and automation as contributors to continued US productivity growth and economic expansion
AI & Growth	Neel Kashkari	Minneapolis FRB Pres.	Voter	2/19/26	FMWF Chamber	AI investment may be driving up neutral rate; widespread business adoption with real benefits; could boost productivity over 5–10 years
AI & Ideas	Mary Daly	SF FRB Pres.	Non-Voter	2/17-23/26	FRB-SF Econ Letter	Productivity gains real but narrowly scoped; technology enables transformation but ideas determine when; electrification analogy; firms in "interrogation phase"
AI & Labor	Lisa Cook*	Governor	Voter	2/24/26	Fed Speech	AI is "most significant reorganization of work in generations"; displacement likely to precede creation; demand for coders declining; Fed may not be able to counter AI-driven unemployment
AI & Labor	Michael Barr	Governor	Voter	2/17/26	Fed Speech	Rapid adoption scenario risks leaving large share of population "essentially unemployable"; early-career workers in AI-exposed fields already affected
Financial Stability	Michael Barr	Governor	Voter	11/1125	Fed Speech	Warns regulators must guard against AI/financial system manipulation and collusion
Financial Stability	Philip Jefferson	Vice Chair	Voter	11/21/25	Fed Speech	AI valuations echo dot-com pace but differ in fundamentals; AI firms have earnings and carry little debt; 30% of market contacts cite AI sentiment turn as salient risk
Fed Operations	Christopher Waller	Governor	Voter	2/24/26	Fed Speech	Fed embedding AI across payments, HR, financial services; AI accelerating synthesis of qualitative data from business contacts; system-wide approach

*Lisa Cook remains in office pending outcome of legal challenge to President Trump's August 2025 removal attempt.

Note: Five 2026 FOMC voters—Bowman, Williams, Hammack, Paulson, Logan—have not addressed AI in public remarks during this period. The Miran seat has been vacant since January 31, 2026. Three non-voting participants—Barkin (Richmond), Goolsbee (Chicago), and the Atlanta presidency (vacant post-Bostic)—have not addressed AI publicly during this period.