DAY 1. MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
Legends Pre-Function  
Registration and Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  
Program Welcome and Introductions

In the spirit of helping corporate directors foster boardroom cultures that are focused on continuous improvement, long-term value creation, and strengthening investor trust and public confidence, NACD has established the standard for director education. NACD’s Director Education Framework maps core responsibilities of the board to critical areas of director knowledge that are essential to a director’s ability to lead with confidence in the boardroom. These responsibilities range from board governance and structure to ongoing board activities, shareholder considerations, and emerging issues. These core responsibilities will provide a framework for your continuing education as we discuss a multitude of boardroom issues over the next three days. NACD’s standard is incorporated throughout our foundation courses and creates the most comprehensive director knowledge pathway—from awareness to insights to mastery.

Erin Essenmacher  
Chief Programming Officer, NACD; Director, EILEEN FISHER, Inc.

8:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  
Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Member

This session will focus on developing an understanding of the fundamental roles and responsibilities of a board member as well as the different types of boards you might be asked to serve on and how they function. Key topics include

- Differentiating between public, private, nonprofit, and advisory board service
- Review of NACD’s Key Agreed Principles
- Understanding the difference between oversight and management
- Governance requirements for boards
- Board size and composition
- Board roles

Michele J. Hooper  
Director, PPG Industries, UnitedHealth Group, United Continental Holdings; President & CEO, The Directors’ Council

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  
Networking Break
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  
**Fiduciary Duties of Corporate Boards**  
The board’s fiduciary duties lie at the heart of corporate governance. Here we explain why board members are legally obligated to act on behalf of an organization’s shareholders to ensure that the company is properly managed, and describe the corporate laws to which boards are held accountable. Key topics include  
- History of expectations of directors  
- Overview of Delaware law  
- D&O liability  

*Professor Charles M. Elson*  
Professor, Director, John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance, University of Delaware; Director, Encompass Health Corp.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
**Networking Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  
**Futurecasting Disruption**  
Directors face more uncertainty and complexity than ever before, whether from globalization and social demographic shifts or from a major disruption created by technology and competition. With the many regulatory and quarterly pressures facing companies, it can be hard to focus on the long term, but that’s precisely what the board is meant to do. In this session, we’ll get an overview of some of the latest disruptive trends shaping the business landscape and discuss how horizon and scenario planning play key roles in creating long-term shareholder value. Key topics include  
- External trends and disruptors  
- Cyber  
- Technology  
- Economic/geopolitical shifts  
- Changing demographics  
- Regulatory proposals  
- Dodd-Frank proposed rules and standings  
- SEC priorities  
- Proxy season trends/findings  
- GDPR  

*Jennifer Wolfe*  
Founder & CEO, Dot Brand 360

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.  
Legends Ballroom D  
**Networking Lunch**
CONCURRENT FINANCE SESSIONS

Here we examine the skills and behaviors directors must bring to the boardroom in order to monitor performance, challenge results and practices, assess performance, drive sound decisions, and increase value. Select the breakout session that best matches your own level of financial expertise, and develop new skills to enhance your risk oversight.

OPTION 1
Legends Ballroom A-C

Advanced Finance: The Board’s Role in Utilizing Financial Statements to Drive Long-Term Value Creation

Examine a framework for tying financial statements to value creation, explore traditional and value-based performance metrics, and discuss the major decisions that drive value, as well as financial risks and red flags. Key topics include
- Important metrics
- Framework for tying financial statements to long-term value creation
- Financial risks and red flags

Robert A. Howell
Director, Spectra Group Ltd.; Senior Partner, The Howell Group LLC

OPTION 2
Cumberland 3-4

Intermediate Finance: Identifying Issues in Financial Statements

Directors from every background are responsible for protecting shareholder value. Sharpen your financial oversight skills and learn the right questions to ask the CFO. Key topics include
- Overview of key financial documents
- Proxy
- 10-K
- 10-Q
- 8-K
- 51
- Interpreting financial statements
- Important metrics
- Capital structure and allocation

John Fletcher
Managing Director, Delta Control Group LLC; Director, Headquarters Consulting Group LLC, Zenia Business Services; Former Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem and Audit Committee Chair, Town of Holden Beach, NC

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Networking Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Legends Ballroom A-C  

**The Board’s Operating Model**  
How you approach board service, and how the board as a whole approaches its work, is critical to success. Ensuring you get the most out of your board service and your board gets the most out of your knowledge for board meetings, explore best practices for agenda setting, and prioritize the various critical issues that compete for the board’s attention. Key topics include  
- Components of an effective meeting  
- Components of effective executive sessions  
- The board calendar  
- Onboarding  
- Voting  
- Board dynamics  

*D'Anne Hurd*  
Independent Trustee Pax World Funds, Pax Ellevate Fund; Director, EILEEN FISHER Inc., Peckham Industries Inc., Monzite Corp.  

*Steven R. Walker*  
General Counsel & Managing Director, Board Services Group, NACD; Director, ContractRoom, Objective Interface Systems  

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5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Legends Ballroom D  

**Networking Reception**  

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Cumberland 2  

**Optional Peer Exchange Dinner: M&A Hot Topics**  
Interactive dinner discussion on key shareholder, activism and M&A challenges faced by corporate boards in today’s environment. We will share practical insights from the field with respect to dealing with activist situations, shareholder challenges and public company M&A — from the director perspective.  

*William Anderson*  
Senior Managing Director, Evercore Inc.  

*Zach Oleksiuk*  
Managing Director, Evercore Inc.
DAY 2. TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST SESSIONS

OPTION 1
Legends Ballroom A-C

Private Company: Developing Effective Boards
During this fast-paced, peer-to-peer director exchange and Q&A we will examine the key issues affecting today’s private-company boards and review resources, tools, and tips that help make these boards effective.

Thomas Bakewell
CEO and Board Counsel, Bakewell & Co.; Author, Claiming Your Place at the Boardroom Table: The Essential Handbook for Excellence in Governance and Effective Directorship

OPTION 2
Cumberland 3-4

Nonprofit Governance: Notable Trends and Best Practices
We’ll take a look at notable governance trends in the nonprofit world, review several best practices, and wrap with a lively open discussion, including questions, answers, and conversation.

Sharon Rossmark
CEO & Founder, Women and Drones; Vice Chair, Special Olympics Illinois

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Networking Break

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C

Best Practices for Investor and Shareholder Engagement
Investors and shareholders play a critical role in ensuring the company’s long-term health and success, and effectively engaging with these constituencies is a critical part of board strategy. In this session, we will discuss best practices for engaging with these groups, including how to create a strong, effective, and proactive communication plan. Key topics include

- Areas of focus for proxy season
- Executive compensation
- Board composition and director tenure
- Strategy and risk oversight and disclosure
- Political spending/lobbying
- Sustainability and risks
- Talent development and succession planning
- Growth of shareholder activism
- Themes of activist campaigns

Michele J. Hooper
Director, PPG Industries, UnitedHealth Group, United Continental Holdings; President & CEO, The Directors’ Council
Key Committees

The next few sessions are devoted to giving you a solid grounding in the responsibilities of each of the key committees of the boardroom: nominating and governance, compensation, and audit.

Compensation Committees: Navigating the Six Seas

This is a comprehensive overview designed to make sure your committee charter, philosophy, procedures, decisions, and disclosures meet compliance requirements. We sum it all up with a look at pertinent action steps that include training and retaining high performers, the use of independent consultants, benchmarking issues, performance criteria, and benefits and perquisites. Key topics include:

- Compensation landscape
- Primer on pay
- Key steps for the full board
- Key steps for the compensation committee

Robert Galford
Lead Independent Director, Forrester Research Inc.; Managing Partner, Center for Leading Organizations

R. David Fitt
Partner, Pay Governance LLC
The Nominating and Governance Committee: New Challenges and Opportunities in Board Composition

Recent regulation has broadened the scope and importance of the work of the nominating and governance committee. All aspects of the committee charter are examined and characteristics of the ideal board are outlined, including director recruitment and evaluations. Key topics include:

- Board succession planning
- Leading practices for director evaluations
- Director recruitment
- Onboarding

Mary Beth Vitale
Chair, Risk and Technology Committee, GEHA; Co-Chairs, Women Corporate Directors: Colorado Chapter

Networking Lunch

Positioning Yourself for Boardroom Service

An overview of how to think about your skills and experience in the context of potential board service, how to best position yourself to serve on a board, best practices for creating board resumes, and how to evaluate a potential board opportunity.

Rochelle Campbell
Director, Board Services, NACD

Mary Beth Vitale
Chair, Risk and Technology Committee, GEHA; Co-Chair, Women Corporate Directors: Colorado Chapter

Networking Break
2:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

CONCURRENT AUDIT SESSIONS

Audit Committee: Effectiveness in the New Environment

Choose from one of two sessions that provide an overview of the role and responsibilities of the audit committee—one focused on public-company directorship and the other focused on private-company directorship.

OPTION 1

Legends Ballroom A-C

Public Company Audit Committee

An overview of the role and responsibilities of the audit committee at publicly traded companies, including its composition and its keys to effectiveness. The session will examine core areas of oversight—financial reporting and controls and risk oversight. Discussion includes managing interactions with other participants in the financial reporting process. Key topics include:

- Overview of responsibilities
- Role of financial experts
- Overseeing financial reporting and controls
- Risk oversight

Ken Daly
Director, Powerlytics, the Reinvestment Fund, Lutheran Services in America; Former CEO, NACD; Senior Advisor, KPMG Board Leadership Center

OPTION 2

Cumberland 3-4

Audit Oversight for Private Companies

An overview of the role and responsibilities of the audit committee, including its composition and its keys to effectiveness. The session will explore core issues of oversight but also discuss issues unique to audit oversight at private companies. Key topics include:

- Overview of responsibilities
- Essentials for audit committee effectiveness
- How the audit committee supports the CFO
- Audit challenges and how to overcome them

D’Anne Hurd
Independent Trustee, Pax World Funds, Pax Ellevate Fund; Director, EILEEN FISHER Inc., Peckham Industries Inc., Monzite Corp.

Lissa Perez
Audit and Assurance Partner, Deloitte LLP

3:35 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Networking Break
Having a strong bench is critical to a company's short- and long-term success. The board is responsible for hiring, evaluating, and compensating the CEO, but should also have an eye toward overseeing talent management at other critical levels of the business. Hear seasoned nom/gov chairs discuss best practices for talent management and oversight. Key topics include:

- Leading practices for CEO evaluation, selection, and succession planning
- Management talent pipeline

**Robyn Bew**  
Director of Strategic Content Development, NACD

**Michele J. Hooper**  
Director, PPG Industries, UnitedHealth Group, United Continental Holdings; President & CEO, The Directors’ Council
DAY 3. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C

BREAKFAST SESSION

Cyber-Risk Oversight
As the quantity and complexity of cyber-threats continue to increase and evolve, the need for rigorous cyber-risk oversight has never been more imperative for boards. In this engaging breakfast, industry experts will take a look at disruptive trends, leading best practices around cyber-risk, and the questions your board needs to be asking of management in order to keep your company relevant and protected.

Christopher Hetner
Managing Director, Marsh

M. Eric Johnson
Dean, Owen School of Management, Vanderbilt University

Jake Olcott
VP of Strategic Partnership, BitSight Technologies

8:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Day 3 Introduction

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C

Risk Oversight
Risk oversight is a critical part of the board’s fiduciary responsibility. In this session, we will explore the board’s role in risk oversight, key attributes of effective risk reporting, the importance of balancing risk with strategic growth, and best practices for board/C-suite communication around risk. Key topics include

- Board risk governance and oversight
- Strategic risk management
- Risk policy, appetite, and reporting
- Case study: E*TRADE Financial

James Lam
Chair, Risk Oversight Committee, E*TRADE Financial Corp.; Director, RiskLens
Networking Break

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C

Strategy From a Board Perspective
Strategy is the key component of a board’s responsibility, but what does that mean as a practical matter, and how can you and fellow directors function as true assets to the company during the strategy-setting process? In this highly interactive exercise, you will be stepping into the shoes of the Samson Company board at their strategy offsite, and helping the management team identify game-changing opportunities as well as potential risks associated with key disruptive trends facing the industry.

Robyn Bew
Director of Strategic Content Development, NACD

D’Anne Hurd
Independent Trustee, Pax World Funds, Pax Ellevate Fund; Director, EILEEN FISHER Inc., Peckham Industries Inc., Monzite Corp.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Corporate Transformation
A key part of board responsibility is overseeing strategy and risk. Perhaps nowhere are these two responsibilities more intertwined than in corporate transformation. Boards might have to consider questions of growth through acquisition, whether the company should engage in a joint venture, and even ultimately the sale of the enterprise. In this session, we will discuss the role of the board in corporate transformation and consider how to evaluate various strategies at different points in the company’s lifecycle. Key topics include

- M&A
- Changes in corporate status
- Restructurings

Howard Brod Brownstein
President, The Brownstein Corp, NACD Philadelphia Chapter; Director, Merakey, P&F Industries, Inc.

Mary Beth Vitale
Chair, Risk and Technology Committee, GEHA; Co-Chairs, Women Corporate Directors: Colorado Chapter
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Broadway 3-4
Networking Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C
New Era Case Study
An opportunity to apply some of the course learnings in a lively, interactive exercise led by an experienced nonprofit and private company director who is both an attorney and a CPA.

Thomas Bakewell
CEO and Board Counsel, Bakewell & Co.; Author, Claiming Your Place at the Boardroom Table: The Essential Handbook for Excellence in Governance and Effective Directorship

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Legends Ballroom A-C
Tying It All Together: Habits of Highly Effective Boards
In today’s ever competitive and evolving business environment, boards must be at the top of their game to become strategic assets to management and stakeholders. We will review the key takeaways from the previous sessions and share practical applications of these principles in boardrooms around the world.

Michele J. Hooper
Director, PPG Industries, UnitedHealth Group, United Continental Holdings; President & CEO, The Directors’ Council

3:00 p.m.
Program Adjourns

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