

# WGOB CHAIRS



# FORUM

# PROGRAM



● COHORT 3 | SESSION 1

● Facilitated by Dr. Deborah Rosati, Founder & CEO of Women Get On Board Inc.

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# AGENDA

## WGOB CHAIRS FORUM | VIRTUAL SESSION 1



**01**

5:30 pm-5:45 pm  
Welcome & Introduction

**02**

5:45 pm-6:15 pm  
Roundtable  
Introductions

**03**

6:15 pm-6:35 pm  
Breakout Groups

**04**

6:35 pm-6:50 pm  
Group Discussion

**05**

6:50 pm-7:00 pm  
Wrap Up & Closing



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# MEET THE TEAM

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**Dr. Deborah Rosati, FCPA, FCA, ICD.D, GCB.D, CCB.D**

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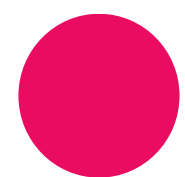
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# WELCOME TO WGOB CHAIRS FORUM

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The WGOB Chairs Forum is a peer-to-peer forum featuring roundtable sessions to support interactive learning and networking. The forum is intended to be an exclusive community of women Chairs who meet to share their knowledge and board leadership experiences.



## Rules of Engagement

- Chatham House Rules
- Safe Confidential Space
- Sessions are not recorded, you will be provided with Key Takeaways

### [Landing Page](#)

Save the link to your Cohorts Landing Page where you can find all resources and connect via the Program Community



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# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 01 Virtual Session 1** - October 23, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:00pm ET  
**Focus:** What is the biggest challenge you face as a Chair?
- 02 Virtual Session 2** - December 11, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm ET  
**Guest Speaker:** Scott Baldwin, ICD.D - Co-Founder, DirectorPrep.com
- 03 Virtual Session 3** - February 12, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm ET  
**Guest Speaker:** Wendy Kei, FCPA-FCA, F.ICD, GCB.D - Chair of the Board, OPG
- 04 In-Person Session** - March 26, 2024 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm ET  
**Guest Speaker:** Ivy Lumia - CEO & Founder, BIG  
**Venue:** TBD in Downtown Toronto

## Save to Calendar

You were sent a calendar invitation to each session last week, if you do not have these dates with zoom links in your calendar already please contact [Laura](#)

\*You will be reminded of each session 2 weeks, 1 week & 24-hours in advance  
add [connect@womengetonboard.ca](mailto:connect@womengetonboard.ca) to your safe senders list

# THE GREAT CHAIRS CHECKLIST: CULTIVATING PROFESSIONALISM

**01** The Meeting is your “showtime”

**02** Be in the Moment-Ask good questions, Reserve judgment

**03** Watch for cognitive biases

**04** Take Notes on CEO and director behaviour for subsequent coaching

**05** Advocate assessment, cross training, professional development

**06** Focus “in-camera” sessions on good/bad meeting elements, advice for CEO

**07** Debrief with CEO immediately on the meeting and what was discussed “in-camera”

- Seek opinion on meeting
- Confirm understand on decisions
- Build trust through sharing

**08** Be-self aware

- Seek feedback on your own performance,
- Reflect, diagnose, plan
- Remember “WAIT”-Why I am talking

Reference: The Great Chair-by Brian Hayward-page 194-195



# ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS



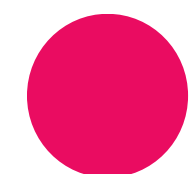
## Meet your cohort of women chairs

- We encourage you all to visit your landing page to connect via the Program Community and to connect on LinkedIn, each of your LinkedIn profiles will be shared in our communications to you





# BREAKOUT GROUPS

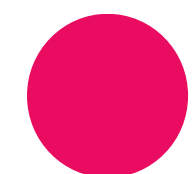


**What is the biggest challenge you face a chair?**





# GROUP DISCUSSION



**What is the biggest challenge you face a chair?**



# NEXT STEPS

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- Connect with your peers from breakout groups
  - Please network virtually or in-person before our next session
  - Your LinkedIn profiles are linked in the follow-up email & you were all connected by email when Laura sent calendar holds
- Add our sessions to your calendar
  - If you do not have our session dates with Zoom links in your calendar already please contact [laura.english@womengetonboard.ca](mailto:laura.english@womengetonboard.ca)
- Save the link to your [Landing Page](#)
- Share your suggestions:
  - What topics of discussion do you think will be relevant for our next virtual session?
- Share any thought leadership with us at [laura.english@womengetonboard.ca](mailto:laura.english@womengetonboard.ca)

## NEXT SESSION

### **Virtual Session 2**

**Date:** December 11, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm ET

**Guest Speaker:** Scott Baldwin, ICD.D  
Co-Founder, DirectorPrep.com



# THANK YOU

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