

# NPQ

## **The Exemplary Board Chair:** The Skills, Practices, and Principles

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about **Advancing Practice** and  
**Leading Edge Membership**

## about Today's Faculty



**Marla Cornelius**

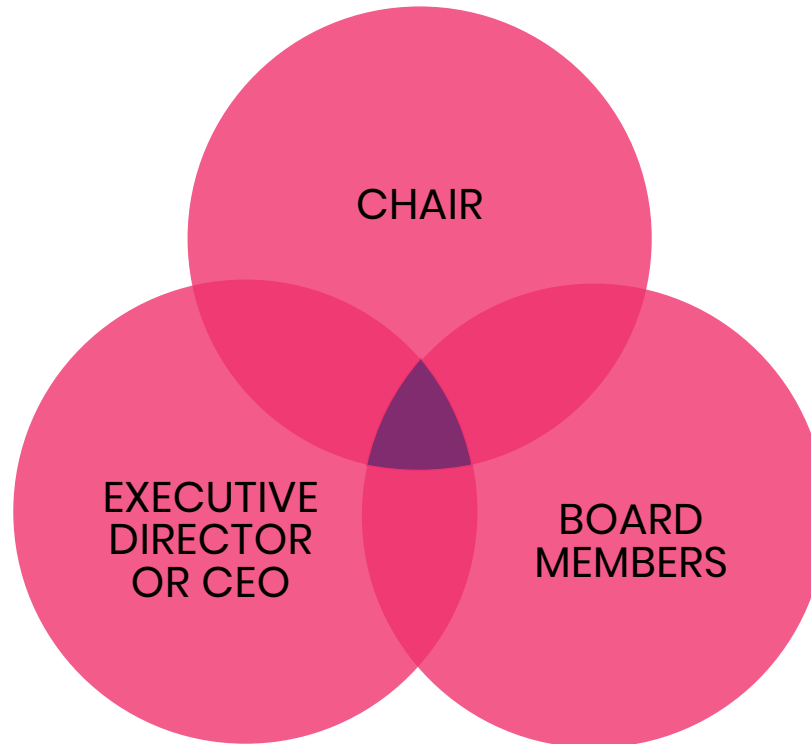


**Vernetta Walker**

**The power and potential  
of the board chair role.**



Effectiveness of one relies upon *and* contributes to the effectiveness of the other two.





**Is the board chair anyone's boss?**



## The board chair as facilitative leader:

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Engaging all towards  
shared purpose

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Building trust, relationships,  
and rapport

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Developing and  
supporting others

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Ensuring good process;  
moving towards results



**Success depends upon strong relationships with:**



Executive Director/CEO



The staff



The rest of the board



The community

**The chair role is deeply relational.**



A photograph of two businesswomen in a modern office setting. One woman is sitting on a ledge, smiling, while the other stands next to her, holding a laptop. A large yellow circle is overlaid on the image, containing the text. The background shows a window with multiple panes and a brick wall.

**The chair and executive  
director/CEO relationship.**



**The chair and the rest of the board.**



The chair and the staff.





**The chair and the community.**





# The board chair's role in driving board performance:

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Understanding governance

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Business model fluency

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Meetings, retreats, and field trips

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The “right” conversations at the right time

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Leadership development and succession planning



**Facilitating to the full meanings  
of governance, fiduciary, and  
management support.**



**Promoting understanding  
of the organization's  
business model.**





**The right  
conversations  
at the right  
time.**





Meetings, retreats,  
and field trips  
that matter.



**Leadership development  
and succession planning  
for the board.**

What should we do if we aren't getting what we need from the chair?



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About **PART TWO** of our discussion with Vernetta and Marla.

**Thank you so much for joining us.  
Please take your brief evaluation now!**