



### NEWEST TOP 2021 CORPORATE BOARD PRIORITIES by Kathy Graham

The latest—and final—Chat Leader at [Graham Johnson's BOARDS: The Bridge to a Diverse World](#) free event on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 4pm CT to 6pm CT is [Philippa Scarlett](#), Principal Counsel at Apple, Inc. whose responsibilities at Apple include her managing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) topics and engaging with investors and other external stakeholders on ESG.

**Philippa will be discussing in her two, each ½ hour long, Chat Leader sessions: ESG & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS.**

Personally, having listened to each of the below Chat Leaders discuss their sessions in a recent event run through, I don't how any attendee is going to be able to choose just two sessions to attend, because they are all so relevant and filled with cutting edge info.

For example, Mike Melbinger, who is the EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION Chat Leader, just issued a [blog "McDonald's Puts Its Executives' Money Where Its Mouth Is on HCM & D&I"](#), discussing this recent action and ending his blog by saying that "experts refer to this [action] as a *trend*." Mike will be further elaborating on what boards and C-Suite can expect from this trend and others impacting Executive Compensation in 2021 and onward at his two Chat Leader sessions on 2/24/21.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NONE OF THESE SESSIONS, INCLUDING THE SPECTACULAR PANEL (see [1/15/21](#) article) ARE RECORDED, so please register if you are C-Suite or a Board Director ASAP (because this blog is a "last call" announcement):

- For an invitation to this free event (attendance is limited to C-Suite and Corporate Board Directors) go to: [REGISTER](#) AND for more information, see [FLYER](#)

*"It's a "wow" event with the panelists—**Sam Scott** with numerous board/CEO achievements, **Adela Cepeda**—one of the top Latina board career directors/leaders, **David Chun**—the CEO of Equilar who's working with NASDAQ to introduce diversity transparency, and **Paula Gold-Williams**—"The Nation's Only African American Female Energy CEO" who's CEO of CPS Energy and a recognized Energy Expert...*

*...then you see the Chat Leaders (listed below)—click on their names to see their bios—and this event just keeps getting better and better!"—a BOARDS: The Bridge to a Diverse World event supporter.*

- **GOVERNANCE**—[Charlotte Laurent-Ottomane](#), Executive Director/Co-Founder, Thirty Percent Coalition
- In a Fireside Chat format, **CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES**—[Stacy Swann](#), CEO, Climate Finance Advisors AND **CLIMATE—THE ENERGY ELEMENTS**—[Paula Gold-Williams](#), PANELIST & CEO, CPS Energy; moderator Kathy Graham
- **GROWTH (M&A, Turnaround, Organic)**: [Mike Froy](#), Global Co-Chair, Corporate Practice; Partner, Dentons
- The 2 parts of **ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT (ERM)**: **ERM-FINANCIAL**—[Pooja Rahman](#), Head, Financial Risk, New York Life AND **ERM-OPERATIONAL**—[Alfreda Bradley-Coar](#), former COO/GC, GE—Healthcare, Insurance, Transportation
- **CULTURE CHANGE**: [Carol Ward](#), past Cigna & Mondelez Corporate Secretary, now Senior Advisor, Corporate Governance Partners
- **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**: [Mike Melbinger](#), Newly Retired Partner, Winston & Strawn. Author, *Executive Compensation, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*
- **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**: [Kim Yapchai](#), Chief Sustainability Officer/Counsel, ESG; CCO, Tenneco
- Two parts of **CYBERSECURITY**: **CYBERSECURITY-STRATEGIC & DIRECTIONAL**—[Luis Aguilar](#), former Commissioner, U.S. SEC & Board Director, Envestnet + **CYBERSECURITY-OPERATIONAL**—[Tim O'Brien](#), MD, Information Security/Technology, Envestnet
- **REAL ESTATE FOOTPRINT—What's NEXT?**—[Doug Simon](#), Tactix Real Estate Advisors Principal and specialist supporting only corporate tenants, shares what real estate issues are now/tomorrow offering companies/boards the most upside/the least downside.
- **ESG & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS**—[Philippa Scarlett](#), Principal Counsel, Apple, Inc.