

2026 AGB Institute for Board Chairs and Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities

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Clearwater, FL



The most important relationship for effective governance is between the board chair and the president. To succeed, both must commit their time and talents to work as partners for the institution and the students who benefit from that service. AGB's highly acclaimed Institute for Board Chairs and Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities enhances this working partnership and governance capability of executive teams.

Escape from Daily Distractions and Focus on Your Shared Vision

Board leaders and presidents will spend dedicated, structured time together focused on important outcomes for their institution. Leadership teams attend to:

- » Establish mutual expectations for roles and responsibilities.
- » Focus on alignment and jointly commit to advancing the strategic priorities of the college/university.
- » Establish mutual understanding and a framework for holding each other—and the board—accountable for advancing the foundation's strategic priorities.
- » Assess the board and develop a unique "governance action plan" for turning board governance into a value-added asset.
- » Receive one-on-one consultation with experts.
- » Share memorable moments with a peer network that can be tapped for support after the institute concludes.

Highly Engaging and Small by Design

AGB's renowned institutes are limited to a small number of teams and are for members only—so you get the attention you need. Participants value this intimate setting as well as:

- » A contemplative environment suited for focused learning and action planning
- » Lively, facilitated small group sessions that reveal best practices and innovations in governance and examples of effective strategies from other institutions
- » Chair-president team meetings interspersed throughout the program and one-on-one consultations for added guidance

Participants will depart having strengthened their team, found answers to emerging challenges, and created a focused agenda that creates alignment and momentum for moving the institution forward.

A digital certificate and badge are conveyed upon program completion.

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The AGB Institute for Board Chairs and Presidents was an opportunity to really dig into the special relationship that a board chair needs to have with the president. You can work through difficult conversations in a retreat environment with other teams of presidents and board chairs.”

—Sharon Reishus
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Unity College

900+

Board chair-president teams
that have attended AGB
Institutes since 1985.



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