

# First Time Board Member: Example programme



DATES	SESSION / SPEAKER	TOPICS
Mar 12th, 2026	Welcome Dinner	
Mar 13th, 2026 In person	<b>Session 1:</b> What Chairs and Boards are looking for <b>Speaker:</b> Bill Green	Learn how a Chair assesses and balances the complex mix of skills, experience, and perspectives needed around the board table to build an effective and high-performing board.
Apr 16th, 2026 Virtual	<b>Session 2:</b> The Board and committee agenda <b>Speaker:</b> Rick Haythornthwaite	Gain insight into the full breadth of the board agenda, how it evolves over the year, and how to contribute meaningfully to strategic, financial, and risk related discussion.
May 7th, 2026 Virtual	<b>Session 3:</b> Finding a Board seat and the appointment process, including Board interview skills <b>Speaker:</b> Tom Glocer	Understand how to reframe your executive experience through a non-executive lens, position yourself effectively with board search firms and companies, and understand the realities of the NED recruitment landscape.
May 21st, 2026 Virtual	<b>Session 4:</b> Technologists in the boardroom <b>Speaker:</b> Sir Peter Bonfield	Discover how to play a fully engaged role across the entire board agenda, moving beyond your functional expertise to build strong relationships and add value in every discussion.
Jun 16th, 2026 Virtual	<b>Session 5:</b> External shareholders, including activists – the changing expectations of boards <b>Speaker:</b> Sir John Manzoni	Gain insight into how external and activist shareholders are reshaping board oversight, engagement, and accountability and how to contribute effectively as an independent director in an evolving investor landscape.
Jul 6th, 2026 Virtual	<b>Session 6:</b> Working with private equity – board roles in PE-backed companies <b>Speaker:</b> Michael Nilles	Understand some of the differences between publicly-listed and private equity-backed company boards and the impact on board efficacy and accountability.