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Deb is CEO and co-owner of Lindauer, a global search and talent firm serving the education, health and science, arts and culture, policy and advocacy, and civic and social justice arenas. Known as an innovative leader in nonprofit and professional services arenas, Deb was previously Senior EVP and Managing Director for Grenzebach Glier and Associates (GG+A) in Chicago, overseeing all domestic and global philanthropic consulting practices. She also served as Chief Development Officer and Interim Chief Strategy Officer for Girl Scouts of the USA, where she led the launch of the \$1 billion ToGetHerThere fundraising campaign, shaped the initiative to engage 50 million Girl Scouts, and served as executive sponsor of the 2014 National Council Session and Convention. Deb held prior executive roles at Simmons University, Tufts Medical Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, and Concord Academy. A seasoned volunteer leader, she serves on the Board of The Giving Institute, the Editorial Board of Giving USA, and ex-officio on the Board of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in her role as Chair of the CASE Industry Advisory Council. Deb was former Chair of the Board of Directors for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation in Washington, DC and still serves on the HRC Board Emeritus Council. She continues to advance inclusion and equity as Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Giving Institute and through her work with Women of Color in Philanthropy (WOC), the CASE Opportunity and Inclusion Center, the Executive Search Roundtable, and various appointed roles. Deb was a founding team member of City Year, which today has youth service teams in more than 31 regions across the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Africa. She was honored as a Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Leading Woman in 2019 and as a 2021 member of the YW Boston Academy of Women Achievers. Her expertise includes governance and strategic planning; organizational growth and talent; equity, inclusion and diversity; and fundraising, marketing and communications. A respected speaker and facilitator, Deb holds a AB from Harvard University and an MBA from Simmons University. Deb joined the Board of Directors in 2020 and became Board Chair and President in 2022.