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### **Virtual Farewell Event for Yvette Chappell-Ingram, Co-Founder and President/CEO of the African American Board Leadership Institute**

The African American Board Leadership Institute (AABLI) will bid a virtual farewell to President/CEO Yvette Chappell-Ingram from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM (PST) Thursday, July 15. An AABLI co-founder, Chappell-Ingram will retire at the end of July 2021 after ten years of leadership at the organization. The Annenberg Foundation will sponsor the tribute. Leslie Sykes, Morning Show co-anchor for Los Angeles ABC7 Eyewitness News, will serve as mistress of ceremonies for the event. It will be presented on Zoom at [bit.ly.com/AABLI\\_YCI-LEADS](https://bit.ly.com/AABLI_YCI-LEADS), and on Facebook Live at [Facebook.com/AABLILEADS](https://Facebook.com/AABLILEADS).

Chappell-Ingram's 30-year public service career includes co-founding AABLI in 2011 with attorney and community leader Virgil Roberts. Their vision was to provide comprehensive board governance and leadership development training to outstanding African American professionals.

Under Chappell-Ingram's leadership, AABLI has trained more than 750 dynamic professionals to serve on governing boards, through its flagship Board Leadership Certificate Program. It has assisted in the placement of more than 250 African American executives on nonprofit boards and commissions—with 75 in the last year alone. It has custom tailored its support for organizations, assisting their employees with board governance training and/or leadership development, and it produced the first *AABLI Board Talks* video series.

*"From the beginning, Yvette anticipated both the long-range and immediate benefits of the African American presence in the rooms where decisions are made,"* said Roberts, AABLI board chair. *"But what she brought to AABLI goes beyond vision. Her ideas, hard work, concern for the community and pride in the AABLI alumni family made her a great leader."*

In addition to her work with AABLI, Chappell-Ingram has served on numerous boards and committees, including an appointment as a state commissioner by Governor Edmund Brown, Jr. She is a former member of the Dental Board of California, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the University of California Irvine Advisory Board and the Accounting Careers Awareness Program. Currently, the retiring AABLI president serves on the board of the Special Needs Network.

Chappell-Ingram received her Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State University, Northridge.

Registration is open for AABLI's next Board Leadership Certificate Program, scheduled for August 5 – 21, 2021.

*The mission of the African American Board Leadership Institute is to strengthen nonprofit, public and private organizations through recruiting, preparing and assisting with the placement of African Americans on a broad range of governing boards.*

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