



PANELIST BIO

MARGIE FLYNN



Margie shares her deeply ingrained passion for the community and belief in “doing well by doing good” as Principal and Co-Founder of BrownFlynn, a leading corporate sustainability and governance consulting firm founded in January 1996—and, as recently announced—is now a wholly owned subsidiary of London-based global sustainability consulting firm ERM.

As Principal and Co-Founder of BrownFlynn, Margie builds strong relationships with clients and team members, serving as their trusted partner and colleague. She has been instrumental in shaping a variety of corporate responsibility and sustainability strategies for regional, national, and global corporations and organizations. Her strong commitment to ethical business practices and eye on global impact also make Margie a dynamic speaker and valued advisor for clients seeking to improve their business practices while catalyzing positive change throughout their organizations. She is a frequent speaker at numerous conferences, venues, and universities, and has written several articles on sustainability and entrepreneurship in local and national publications. Margie and her business partner, Barb Brown, also published a book, *Uplifting Leaders* (*Who Happen To Be Women)*, to commemorate their firm’s 20th anniversary, all net proceeds from which will be donated to the YWCA of Greater Cleveland to support the education of young women transitioning out of foster care.

Before co-founding BrownFlynn, Margie worked for 15 years in the financial services industry, serving in various corporate management and investor relations positions. Currently, she is actively involved in numerous local and national civic and business organizations, including the Society for Corporate Governance, the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Conscious Capitalism, the Cleveland Climate Action Fund Advisory Board, In Counsel with Women, and the GreenCityBlueLake Board of Advisors. She serves on Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson’s Sustainability Council, is president of her 2004 Leadership Cleveland class, and is on the Advisory Board of Epoch Pi.

In her “spare” time, Margie enjoys a variety of physical fitness activities—all designed to offset her love for sweets. She also relishes a day at a spa, an outing with friends, serving her church, or traveling to any one of the exciting places left on her bucket list. A proud mother of three grown boys, Margie is spoiled by her husband’s great culinary skills, yet will never pass up a peaceful dinner out with him.