

## Sabrina S. Watkins, BSCE, MBA



Sabrina Watkins works to expand authentic leadership in sustainability and strengthen relationships between companies, investors and activists. She serves on the boards of Future 500, Presidio Graduate School, and Balsam Mountain Trust. Future 500. She chaired the board of trustees of Pinchot University during the acquisition by Presidio Graduate School (PGS) which brought together these two top rated MBA programs in sustainable business. She continues on the PGS board as an advocate for depth in curriculum, community building and exceptional leadership education. Balsam

Mountain Trust brings together ecosystem conservation and environmental education.

She consults with companies seeking to constructively bridge between business and activism to deliver more integrated, environmental, social, and economic results. She also does specialized consulting for Pathways 21, a system for circular economy, and other technology companies.

Ms. Watkins retired in 2017 after a decade as global head of sustainability for ConocoPhillips, with responsibility for corporate policies, positions, implementation strategies, results, and reporting. Her role included direct work with the board, executive team, and investors interested in social and environmental issues. During her tenure, the company delivered over 7 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, recycled over.... Produced water, implemented a leading human rights position and stakeholder engagement program, and implemented 5 year goals and action plans in priority issues.

Watkins served as chair of the board of the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development (USBCSD) from 2007-2009, on the board of Houston Wilderness from 2009-2010 and as chair of the Senior Advisory Council for the Global Environmental Management Initiative (GEMI) from 2012-2014. In 2012, she was named to the Industrial Safety and Health News "Power 101" list of influential leaders in sustainability.

Drawing on her expertise in sustainability, decision analysis, engineering and innovation, she is author of over a dozen peer-reviewed scientific papers and case studies. Her public speaking has recently included topics such as carbon asset risk, successful engagement with socially responsible investors (SRI's), faithful alternatives to fossil fuel divestment, and the importance of ecological economics in decision making.

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Watkins' career in the oil and gas industry began in upstream production and drilling engineering for deepwater Gulf of Mexico. During her 36 years in the industry, she has held senior management roles in regional asset profit and loss , production, procurement, drilling, health, safety, and environment in New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana, Houston and Corpus Christi, Texas. She delivered increasingly strong results in safety, environmental and economic performance. In technology, she led teams for early-stage innovation, upstream and downstream emerging technologies, and global upstream technology strategy. She managed global corporate environmental technology from 2006-2008 and then assumed the global corporate sustainability role in 2009.

Watkins earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Lehigh University in 1981 and an MBA in Sustainable Business from Bainbridge Graduate Institute, now Presidio Graduate School, in June 2007.