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Dr. Higginbotham has served as president of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society and was a past member of the Harvard Board of Overseers and the MIT Corporation. She currently serves on the two visiting committees at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Institute of Medical Engineering, and Science and Undergraduate and Graduate Student Life. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ascension, is a member of the Executive and Audit Committees, and chairs the Quality Committee for the system. Dr. Higginbotham also serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear in Boston. She currently serves as an associate editor on the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Higginbotham received her S.B. and S.M. degrees in Chemical Engineering at MIT and her M.D. from Harvard University, and she completed her residency in ophthalmology at the Louisiana State University Eye Center. She received an M.L. degree from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. She has been a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) since 2000, serving on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine consensus committees, previously serving on the NAM Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities currently on the Roundtable on Mentorship, Well-Being, and Professional Development. She recently chaired the consensus study on "The Impact of COVID-19 on the Careers of Women in Academic Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine". She also served as an elected member of the NAM and as chair of the Finance Committee; in addition, she served on the Governing Board of the National Research Council, was a member of its Strategic Planning Committee, and represented the NAM on the NAS Investment Committee, the Classified and Controlled Activities Committee, and the NRC Governing Board Risk Committee.