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Billy Taylor is an American business executive, dynamic speaker, and leadership guru. He is the CEO and President of LinkedXL, a Business Operating Systems Architecting Firm. Taylor spent 30 years with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (GT), serving as Director of North America Manufacturing and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. As the Global Head of Diversity & Inclusion for Goodyear, Taylor led diversity and inclusion strategies for 64,000 employees across the 22 countries where Goodyear operates.

Taylor has been called upon by universities, international conferences, global publications, and the U.S. Army to demonstrate how to drive and sustain effective results through embracing the culture and enabling employee ownership. He is a disciple of continuous improvement processes and a certified Master Six Sigma Black Belt business leader.

A servant leader, Taylor, is a member of the executive advisory board for two of the world leaders for knowledge in enterprise excellence, The Shingo Institute and The Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME). The Shingo Institute at Utah State University shapes cultures that drive organizational and operational excellence; the Shingo Prize is the world's highest standard for organizational excellence. The Association of Manufacturing Excellence is the premier organization for the exchange of knowledge in enterprise excellence. Taylor also serves as the Global Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for AME.

He earned an MBA from Baker University, in Baldwin City, Kansas, and a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Prairie View A&M University, in Prairie View, Texas. He and his wife Rachel have two children and live in the Akron area. He is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.