



***Executive/Governance Committee Meeting***

***Thursday, January 14, 2021***

***2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

**To Be Conducted via Video/Teleconference ONLY**

**NOTICE**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 RELATED CLOSURES IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING. This meeting is being conducted in conformance with the State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 dated March 22, 2020. If you desire to listen to this meeting, please utilize one of the following methods:**

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<b>To Submit Public Comment on individual agenda items, or for general public comment:</b>	<b>Use this link/email address/ phone number:</b>	<b>Available to use during this period:</b>
<p>By email:</p>	<p><a href="mailto:foundationinfo@dri.edu">foundationinfo@dri.edu</a></p> <p>Be sure to include your name, zip code, the agenda item number on which you are providing comment, along with your comment.</p> <p>Please also indicate whether you want your email comment to be read on the record during the live meeting, or added to the backup materials for the record. If not specified, comments will be added to the backup materials for the record.</p>	<p>For comments submitted prior to and during the live special meeting</p>
<p>By Video:</p>	<p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82138592249?pwd=YVgvVHlzMFF6azlrdis5Rjc5VVVKQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82138592249?pwd=YVgvVHlzMFF6azlrdis5Rjc5VVVKQT09</a></p>	<p>For comments submitted during the live special meeting only</p> <p>Note: Due to anticipated processing time, we encourage you to be prepared to provide your comments at the beginning of the Public Comment period rather than waiting until the end to be sure your text message is received and read into the record while the item is being considered.</p>

Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes and those representing group comments will be limited to ten (10) minutes. The Chair reserves the right to curtail or decline to read into the record comments that are abusive, offensive, inflammatory or repetitive and that disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the Committee meeting. See [NRS 241.030\(4\)\(a\)](#). Examples of disruptive comments include, without limitation, name calling, use of profanity, personal attacks, intimidation, threats, or any other comments intended to impede the meeting or infringe on the rights of the DRI Research Foundation, DRI staff, or meeting participants.

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## AGENDA

*Note: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the Chair.*

- 1. Items may be taken out of order;*
- 2. Two or more items may be combined;*
- 3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time;*

*This agenda incorporates by reference the agendas posted for the following committee meetings. For any items identified in those agendas as “recommendation” or “action” the DRI Foundation Executive Committee may also take action.*

- 1. *Call to Order*** **FOR INFORMATION**  
Mike Benjamin, Board Chair
  
- 2. *Public Comment***  
Comments by members of the public will not be restricted based upon the speaker’s viewpoint.
  
- 3. *Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting*** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
Mike Benjamin, Board Chair
  
- 4. *Chair’s Report*** **FOR INFORMATION**  
Mike Benjamin, Board Chair
  
- 5. *Recommendation of New Trustees*** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
Mike Benjamin, Board Chair
  1. Kristin McMillan Porter
  2. Stephanie Kruse
  3. Mark Foree
  4. Mary Kay Gallagher
  
- 6. *Public Comment***  
Comments by members of the public will not be restricted based upon the speaker’s viewpoint.
  
- 7. *Adjourn***

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## Biography of Kristin McMillan Porter

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Kristin is the senior advisor to Porter Group, a Nevada LLC, which is a bipartisan, strategic government affairs, advocacy, and business consulting firm with offices on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The firm helps clients across the nation in a full range of federal government relations, regulatory, and business matters.

As an attorney with a joint J.D./M.B.A., she practiced law for twenty years and served as a managing shareholder in regional and national law firms. Kristin also was an executive leader in Las Vegas for one of the nation's largest telecommunications, broadband, and network services companies. More recently, she headed Nevada's largest and broadest-based business association as President/CEO of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, now the Vegas Chamber. During that time, the Chamber was at the forefront of helping shape the post-recession economy through resources provided to businesses and active engagement in high-profile public policy, economic development, and infrastructure initiatives.

Kristin has served on numerous local, regional, and national boards, councils, and committees. These have included the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce (including chairman of the board), Leadership Foundation of Greater Las Vegas, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (prior to that, Nevada Development Authority), U.S. Travel Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, American Association of Chamber Executives, Western Association of Chamber Executives, 2016 Presidential Debate Steering Committee, Economic Club of Las Vegas, Desert Research Institute Foundation, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, United Way of Southern Nevada, and Las Vegas Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. She currently is a member of the board of trustees of the Neon Museum and is a member of the Nevada International Women's Forum. She has served on numerous councils in the areas of education, transportation, tourism, government services, and economic development, including the LVCVA's Transportation Steering and Convention Center District Committees and RTC of Southern Nevada's Transportation Investment Business Plan. She also was appointed by Governor Sandoval to serve on the Southern Nevada Transportation Infrastructure Committee, which developed concepts for and successfully advanced legislative proposals for landmark tourism-related, economic development assets including what is now the Allegiant Stadium and a major expansion and renovation of the Las Vegas convention district.

Kristin has been privileged to speak publicly before many local, state, and national groups and her recognitions include the 2016 Asian American Group (AAG) Community Service Award; 2012 ATHENA® International Leadership Award (Women's Chamber of Commerce); Nevada Telecommunications Association 2010 Distinguished Service Award for leadership in telecommunications reform legislation; *Best Lawyers in America* (2005-2006); and "Most Respected CEO's," *Nevada Business Journal* (2005). She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Communication Disorders, received two graduate degrees from Santa Clara University, a J.D. (Santa Clara Law Review) and an M.B.A., and is a member of the State Bars of Nevada and California.

## **Biography of Stephanie Kruse**

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Stephanie is the Founder and Chair of the Board at KPS3, an Advertising + Web + Public Relations firm headquartered in Reno. Her specialties include: Strategic communications, strategy based marketing communications, an integrated marketing approach, crisis communications, brand positioning and visioning, alternative means of media planning and message distribution, content marketing, digital media and strategic web development. Stephanie has an MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno with emphasis in marketing and organizational strategy. She also serves on the board of the Nevada Women's Fund and Access to Healthcare Network.

## **Biography of Mark Foree**

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Mark Foree serves as General Manager at Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). Mark has worked for TMWA since its formation in 2001 and worked as Manager of Engineering before being promoted to Director of Water Operations in 2002 and General Manager since 2008. Mark has a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno.

## **Biography of Mary Kay Gallagher**

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Philanthropist Mary Kay Gallagher is a trustee of the Tom and Mary Gallagher Foundation. She also served as a member of the board of directors of the Saudi Arabian International School and as a research assistant at the Harvard Medical School. She holds a B.S. degree in Psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy.