
PUBLIC NOTICE
DRI FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Public Access via Microsoft Teams

Meeting link: <http://bit.ly/4kdyU57>

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For further information, please contact Julie Mathews, Director of Operations, Advancement & Foundation at julie.mathews@dri.edu or (775) 673-7358.

AGENDA

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. Two or more items may be combined for consideration. The committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. This agenda incorporates by reference the agendas posted for the following committing meetings. For any items identified in those agendas as a “recommendation” or “action” the DRI Foundation Executive Committee may also take action.

1) Call to Order - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair	
2) Public Comment ***	INFORMATION ONLY
3) Welcome - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair (8:30 am; 1 min)	INFORMATION ONLY
4) Approval of February 13, 2025, Minutes (8:31 am; 1 min)	FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
5) Chair’s Report - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair (8:32 am; 3 min) a) Review of 2025 strategic framework b) October board meeting update	INFORMATION ONLY
6) President’s Report - Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President (8:35 am; 15 min) a) Overview of current funding landscape at DRI b) Updates on 2025 Nevada legislative session c) FY 25 and FY26 federal budget requests	INFORMATION ONLY

7) Fund Development Champions Training – Steph Kruse (8:50 am; 20 min)	FOR DISCUSSION
8) DRI Research Highlights – Vic Etyemezian, VP for Research (9:10 am; 8 min) a) Etyemezian will highlight recent research from each of the three divisions	INFORMATION ONLY
9) DRI Scientist Presentation – Brittany Kruger (9:18 am; 10 min) a) Kruger will showcase some of her research that has been made possible through philanthropic support	INFORMATION ONLY
10) Faculty Senate Update - Maureen McCarthy, Faculty Senate Chair (9:28 am; 5 min) a) Faculty Senate Chair McCarthy will provide an update on behalf of the DRI Faculty Senate	INFORMATION ONLY
11) Yerington Property Update – Peter Ross, Assistant Vice President for Real Estate and Capital Planning (9:33; 7 min) a) Review and consideration of offers on two Yerington parcels b) Delegation of authority to DRI President to negotiate and enter into sales agreements, upon consultation with the DRI Foundation Chair and Treasurer, on behalf of the DRI Foundation for all parcels c) Delegation of authority to DRI Foundation Executive Committee to direct allocation of sale proceeds, upon consultation with DRI	FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
***** BREAK ***** (9:40 am; 10 min)	
12) DRIF 2025 Areas of Strategic Focus Discussions (9:50 am; 40 min) a) Board Development & Engagement - Beth Campbell (20 min) a) AWE+ 2025 – Vic Etyemezian (10 min) b) Fundraising & Advancement – Steph Kruse (10 min)	FOR DISCUSSION
13) Treasurer’s Update - Lisa Gallagher, DRIF Treasurer (10:30 am; 10 min) a) Review and approval of April 2025 Treasurer’s Report b) Review and approval of FY26 DRIF Operating Budget	FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
14) Advancement Update - Kristin Burgarello, Director of Advancement (10:40 am; 10 min) a) FY25 YTD fundraising updates b) DRI community event updates – May the Science Be with You and Curiosity Lab	INFORMATION ONLY
15) Desert Research Corporation Update – Janet Lowe, DRC Chair (10:50am; 5 min)	INFORMATION ONLY
16) New Business**	INFORMATION ONLY
17) Public Comment***	INFORMATION ONLY
18) Adjourn	

****Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to a description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.**

*****Public comment will be taken during the beginning and end of each meeting. No action may be taken on a matter raised under public comment until it is included on an agenda as an item on which an action may be taken. Members of the general public may bring matters not appearing on this agenda to the attention of the DRI Foundation Executive/Governance Committee. The DRI Executive/Governance Committee may discuss the matters, but may not act on the matters at this meeting. If the DRI Executive/Governance Committee desires, the matters may be placed on a future agenda for action. The Chair of the DRI Foundation Board of Trustees reserves the right to call on individuals from the audience or to allow for public comment at any time. Time limit: A time limit (three minutes) may be imposed on public testimony by the Chair of the DRI Foundation Board of Trustees in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the DRI Board of Trustees Executive/Governance Committee.**

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