
PUBLIC NOTICE
DRI FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Public Access via Microsoft Teams

Meeting link: <http://bit.ly/48jSJK>

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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.

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| 1) Call to Order - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair | |
| 2) Public Comment *** | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 3) Welcome - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair (9:00 am; 3 min) | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 4) Approval of August 14, 2025, Minutes (9:03 am; 2 min) | FOR POSSIBLE ACTION |
| 5) Chair’s Report - Kristin McMillan Porter, Board Chair (9:05 am; 20 min) | |
| a) DRIF Trustee updates and transitions | FOR INFORMATION |
| b) 2025 Year in Review and Reflections on Strategic Priorities | FOR DISCUSSION |
| c) New Trustee Nominations: Michael Blum, Nancy Fennell, Jesse Murray, and Maggie Rougier-Chapman | FOR POSSIBLE ACTION |
| d) Proposed 2026 Slate of Officers & Executive Committee Membership | FOR POSSIBLE ACTION |
| e) Yerington property updates | INFORMATION ONLY |
| f) 2026 meeting calendar | FOR INFORMATION |

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| 6) FY25 Audited Financials – Jamie Lawson, Barnard Vogler & Co (9:25 am; 15 min) | |
| a) Presentation of the FY25 audited financials for possible approval | FOR POSSIBLE ACTION |
| 7) President’s Report & Research Highlights - Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President (9:40 am; 15 min) | |
| a) President Acharya will provide an update on topics of relevance to DRI, including federal and state government updates | INFORMATION ONLY |
| b) Innovation Research Program (IRP) Project Spotlights | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 8) DRIF Faculty Award for Outstanding Public Engagement – Ariel Choinard, Staff Research Scientist, Atmospheric Sciences (9:55 am; 10 min) | |
| a) Ariel will highlight her work with the Nevada Heat Lab with an emphasis on public engagement efforts. | INFORMATION ONLY |
| *** BREAK 10 min *** | |
| 9) Treasurer’s Update - Lisa Gallagher, DRIF Treasurer (10:15 am; 5 min) | |
| a) Review of September 2025 Treasurer’s Report for possible approval | FOR POSSIBLE ACTION |
| 10) Office of Advancement Update – Kristin Burgarello, Director of Advancement (10:20 am; 15 min) | |
| a) FY25 Fundraising and Strategic Plan Progress Updates | FOR DISCUSSION |
| b) FY26 YTD Fundraising Update | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 11) Board Development & Engagement Working Group - Beth Campbell (10:35 am; 15 min) | |
| a) Discuss trustee onboarding and orientation (Jan 21, 2026) and plans/goals/priorities for FY2026 | FOR DISCUSSION |
| 12) Advancement Working Group Update – Steph Kruse (10:50 am; 5 min) | |
| a) Brief update on DRI Legacy Council and other fundraising initiatives | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 13) AWE+ Working Group – Kristin McMillan Porter and AWE+ team (10:55 am; 10 min) | |
| a) Debrief from AWE+ 2025 Collaborative | FOR DISCUSSION |
| 14) DRC Update, Janet Lowe, Chair of Desert Research Corporation (11:05, 5 min) | INFORMATION ONLY |
| 15) Communication & External Affairs Updates -- Tracy Bower, Director of External Affairs (11:10 am; 5 min) | |
| a) 2026 Outreach Initiatives | 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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