



PUBLIC NOTICE
DRI RESEARCH FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, February 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

This is a virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams.

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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 board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

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AGENDA

1) Call to Order

Chair Beth Campbell will call the meeting to order.

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2) Public Comment

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may limit or prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board, or if the content of that comment is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

(Estimated Time: 2 minutes)

- 3) Welcome and Introductions** **INFORMATION ONLY**
Chair Beth Campbell will welcome participants and ask Foundation trustees to briefly introduce themselves for the benefit of the new trustees.
(Estimated Time: 10 minutes)
- 4) Approval of Minutes** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Chair Beth Campbell will request review and possible approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2025, DRI Foundation Board of Trustee meeting. (Ref: [Agenda #4 – 10.17.25 DRIF Trustee Meeting Minutes](#))
(Estimated Time: 3 minutes)
- 5) Chair’s Report** **INFORMATION ONLY**
Chair Beth Campbell will report on recent DRIF Executive Committee meetings, provide an update on the status of the Yerington property, and share some important reminders. Additionally, Chair Campbell will facilitate a discussion on 2026 Foundation priorities and activities.
(Estimated Time: 15 minutes)
- 6) President’s Report and DRI Research Highlights** **INFORMATION ONLY**
DRI President Kumud Acharya will provide an update on topics impacting or relevant to DRI. President Acharya will invite DRI Vice President for Research, Dr. Vic Etyemezian to highlight recent research updates.
(Estimated Time: 15 minutes)
- 7) Faculty Senate Update** **INFORMATION ONLY**
Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Vera Samburova will provide an update on behalf of the DRI Faculty Senate.
(Estimated Time: 5 minutes)
- 8) DRI Ice Core Laboratory Presentation** **INFORMATION ONLY**
Dr. Nathan Chellman, Assistant Research Professor and Snow and Ice Hydrologist, will provide an overview of the DRI Ice Core Laboratory and highlight recent research projects and their importance to this line of work.
(Estimated Time: 15 minutes)
- 9) Establishment of the IRP Quasi-Endowment** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Chair Beth Campbell will request approval of a resolution authorizing the establishment of a quasi-endowment, to be known as the IRP Quasi-Endowment, and to be managed as part of the NSHE endowment pool, for purposes of supporting the DRI Innovation Research Program. Chair Campbell will further request to transfer the unrestricted proceeds from the sale of the Yerington properties to be utilized in establishing the IRP Quasi-Endowment, and that the DRI President, or designee, be authorized to approve and execute such other documents on behalf of the Foundation as may be necessary to effectuate the establishment of the IRP Quasi-Endowment. (Ref: [Agenda #9 – DRAFT Resolution to Establish Quasi-Endowment](#))
(Estimated Time: 5 minutes)
- 10) Treasurer’s Update** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
DRIF Treasurer Lisa Gallagher will present the January 2026 Treasurer’s Report for review and possible approval. (Ref: [Agenda #10 – January 2026 Treasurer’s Report](#))
(Estimated Time: 5 minutes)
- 11) Office of Advancement Update** **INFORMATION ONLY**
Director of Advancement Kristin Burgarello will provide an update on FY26 YTD fundraising activity and highlight some of the planned 2026 initiatives, campaigns, and giving opportunities.
(Estimated Time: 10 minutes)
- 12) Fundraising Working Group Update and Planned Giving Presentation** **INFORMATION ONLY**
DRIF Trustee Steph Kruse will provide an update on behalf of the fundraising working group and will introduce Lisa Riley, planned giving expert and consultant, to provide an overview of planned giving and how it can support long-term fundraising sustainability.
(Estimated Time: 15 minutes)

13) DRI Foundation Trustee Portal Demonstration

INFORMATION ONLY

Director of Operations Julie Mathews will conduct a demonstration on how trustees can access important Foundation and DRI resources via the DRI Foundation Trustee Portal.

(Estimated Time: 5 minutes)

14) DRI Communications & External Affairs Updates

INFORMATION ONLY

Director of External Affairs Tracy Bower will provide an update on federal and state government activities relevant to DRI and highlight the 2026 season of Curiosity Lab, DRI’s statewide storytelling series.

(Estimated Time: 5 minutes)

15) New Business

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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. No substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting law.

(Estimated Time: 3 minutes)

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17) Adjournment

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