



GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS FORUM THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

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Network with the largest assemblage of business, civic, and political leaders in the state.



Join the conversation about how to move Wyoming forward and diversify our economy.

WELCOME

Thank you for attending the 2021 Governor's Business Forum, which is made possible by our generous sponsors and your continued attendance and support. We are so pleased to co-host the Business Forum with Governor Mark Gordon this year. The Wyoming Business Alliance/Wyoming Heritage Foundation has staged this prestigious forum for 38 years, bringing together speakers to discuss economic strategies and attracting the state's largest assemblage of business, civic, and political leaders.

Cindy DeLancey
President
Wyoming Business Alliance/Wyoming Heritage Foundation



FORUM REMINDERS

FORUM REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Nov. 16 Live the Legend Reception with 2 drink tickets
- Nov. 17 Forum program and lunch
- Nov. 17 Networking reception with 2 drink tickets
- Nov. 18 Breakfast and forum program
- Nov. 18 Leadership Wyoming breakfast/session (*only available to forum attendees who are graduates or current class members of Leadership Wyoming*)

******Does not include Nov. 17 Hall of Fame Banquet**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 – 7:00 PM	LIVE THE LEGEND RECEPTION – Tris Munsick and the Innocents will have a special performance.
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Early Governor's Business Forum Name Badge Pick Up Available
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Sponsor Reception at the Governor's Residence (Invite Only)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration and Badge Pick-Up
8:00 AM	WELCOME AND SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS
8:15 AM	OPENING ADDRESS: GOVERNOR MARK GORDON
8:30 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CONQUERING A BUSINESS CRISIS Todd Buchholz
9:30 AM	PANEL: WYOMING'S TOMORROW What do our business owners need and workers want?
10:15 AM	NETWORKING BREAK
10:45 AM	FIRESEIDE CHAT: TERRAPOWER & ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER
11:45 AM	LUNCH BUFFET & NETWORKING
1:15 PM	FIRST LADY JENNIE GORDON: Working together to end childhood hunger in Wyoming
1:30 PM	WYOMING SUCCESS STORIES: Wyoming Department of Education; Wyoming's Financial Sector; and Success Story: Update from ExxonMobil
2:15 PM	NETWORKING BREAK
2:45 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Nuclear Option: Wyoming's Growing Nuclear Economy – Dr. David Gattie

3:30 PM	PANEL: Wyoming's Energy Economy
5:00 PM	ADJOURN
5:00 – 6:00 PM	POWER HOUR RECEPTION FOR ALL FORUM ATTENDEES
5:00 – 6:00 PM	VIP/SPONSOR RECEPTION (BY INVITE ONLY)
6:00 – 8:00 PM	WYOMING BUSINESS HALL OF FAME BANQUET (Separate tickets required) Dr. Ray Fleming Dinneen, former U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, and Mike Wandler will be inducted into the Wyoming Business Hall of Fame.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET
7:00 – 11:30 AM	Registration and Badge Pick-Up
7:00 AM	LEADERSHIP WYOMING (LW) BREAKFAST SESSION: Tom Tait (Event is only for LW alumni and the current class who are attending the forum.)
8:00 AM	WELCOME AND DAY 1 RECAP
8:15 AM	PANEL: The Title No One Wants
9:15 AM	NETWORKING BREAK
9:30 AM	PANEL: Wyoming Legislative Budget Preview: What Twists and Turns Can We Expect on the Road to Recovery?
10:30 AM	PANEL: A Roll of the Dice: Wyoming Doubles Down on the Gaming Economy
11:15 AM	CLOSING REMARKS: SENATE PRESIDENT DAN DOCKSTADER
11:30 AM	ADJOURN

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 – 7:00 PM LIVE THE LEGEND RECEPTION



TRIS MUNSICK & THE INNOCENTS KICK OFF FORUM AT THE NOV. 16 LIVE THE LEGEND RECEPTION

One of Wyoming's top country acts, Tris Munsick and the Innocents have shared the stage with Big & Rich, Blackhawk, the Eli Young Band, Cody Johnson, Casey Donahew, Marty Stuart, and many more as well as performing at the National Rodeo Finals Opening Ceremonies in Las Vegas, NV.

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5:30 – 7:00 PM EARLY BADGE PICK-UP AVAILABLE

6:00 – 7:30 PM SPONSOR RECEPTION AT GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE (INVITE ONLY)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7 AM – 8 PM REGISTRATION AND BADGE PICK-UP

8:00 AM WELCOME AND SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS



ERIN TAYLOR, WYOMING BUSINESS ALLIANCE CHAIRMAN

Erin Taylor has more than 25 years of experience working in the public policy arena at the federal, state, and local level. She founded Taylor Strategies & Consulting, LLC in 2014, representing her clients in front of the Wyoming Legislature and guiding them through the public policy process.

8:15 AM OPENING ADDRESS: GOVERNOR MARK GORDON



MARK GORDON IS WYOMING'S 33RD GOVERNOR.

Elected Governor in 2018, he has successfully led Wyoming through two of its most significant challenges in decades: the COVID-19 crisis and the most significant decline in mineral revenue in the state's history. He has spearheaded efforts to diversify all sectors of Wyoming's economy, including technology, finance, agriculture, energy, including carbon capture and sequestration, research, education and tourism. He is dedicated to continuing to make the state a good place to raise kids.

8:30 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CONQUERING A BUSINESS CRISIS



TODD BUCHHOLZ – FORMER WHITE HOUSE ECONOMIC POLICY DIRECTOR

As a frequent commentator on the state of the markets, Todd Buchholz brings his experience as a former White House director of economic policy, a managing director of the \$15 billion Tiger hedge fund, and a Harvard economics teacher to the cutting edge of economics, fiscal politics, finance, and business strategy. Buchholz will unlock the FOUR strategies that keep business prospering when hit with unexpected crisis. Tap into Todd's frontline experience to learn from business crisis survivors and get your businesses growing again.

9:30 AM

WYOMING'S TOMORROW

WHAT DO OUR BUSINESS OWNERS NEED AND WORKERS WANT?



INTRODUCTION BY WYOTECH

Wheatland, Wyoming rancher and businessman, Jim Mathis purchased WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming in 2018.

WyoTech is one of the best automotive, diesel and collision/refinishing training schools in the nation. WyoTech generates career ready graduates for high demand careers in the industry.



LEARN FROM WYOMING'S EMERGING AS WELL AS SEASONED ENTREPRENEURS ABOUT BUSINESS STARTUP, WORKFORCE NEEDS, EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND WHAT OUR NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS ARE LOOKING FOR IN EMPLOYMENT.



**MODERATOR
GREYSON
BUCKINGHAM,**
CEO & President
of Disa, LLC



MICHELLE BUTLER

Chief Operating
Officer at EMIT
Technologies, Inc.



SAM GALEOTOS

Board Chairman and
CEO of Lunavi



JESS OLDHAM

Double D Ranch



RIKIA PETTUS

Senior (*High School*)
at Poder Academy
Secondary School

10:15 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

10:45 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT: TERRAPOWER & ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

INTERESTED IN NUCLEAR POWER? ATTEND A ONE ON ONE CONVERSATION WITH THE CEOS OF TERRAPOWER AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER ABOUT WYOMING'S FUTURE AS A LEADER IN THE NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY.



GARY HOOGEVEEN,
President and CEO
of Rocky
Mountain Power



CHRIS LEVESQUE,
President and CEO
of TerraPower

11:45 AM

LUNCH BUFFET & NETWORKING

1:15 PM

FIRST LADY JENNIE GORDON'S HUNGER INITIATIVE UPDATE



JENNIE (MUIR) GORDON CURRENTLY SERVES AS FIRST LADY OF WYOMING.

First Lady Gordon has made it a priority to work toward a future where hunger no longer exists in our state. In October 2019, she launched the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, whose mission is to end childhood hunger in Wyoming. The initiative works to prevent food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide. Visit nohungerwyo.org.

1:30 PM

WYOMING SUCCESS STORIES



WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Throughout the pandemic, the Wyoming Department of Education has worked hard to balance the safety of our kids, teachers and school staff while ensuring that our kids have access to quality education. Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow will discuss how educators and administrators have been able to pivot through the challenges while working on advancements in education.



WYOMING'S FINANCIAL SECTOR

Scott W. Meier, President/CEO of the Wyoming Banking Association, will discuss how the Wyoming financial sector supported small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, helping with thousands of Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans approved to urban and rural Wyoming businesses. In 2020, the Wyoming Small Business Administration recognized the Wyoming Banking Association and its members as the partner of the year.



SUCCESS STORY - UPDATE FROM EXXONMOBIL

Matt McQueen, Wyoming Asset Manager, will give an update on ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil operates wellfields and a dehy facility in Sublette County, the feedgas pipeline and Shute Creek treating facility in Lincoln County and CO2 compression and sales facility in Sweetwater County. Methane, LNG, CO2 and helium are sold from these facilities, which ExxonMobil has operated since 1986.

2:15 PM

NETWORKING BREAK

2:45 PM

THE NUCLEAR OPTION: WYOMING'S GROWING NUCLEAR ECONOMY



DR. DAVID GATTIE IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA'S (UGA) COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND A SENIOR FELLOW AT UGA'S CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SECURITY.

He is currently working with his colleagues in UGA's Center for International Trade and Security to stand up an Energy Security Initiative focused on the geopolitical and U.S. national security implications of energy and energy technologies within the challenges of 21st century great power competition.

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3:30 PM

WYOMING'S ENERGY ECONOMY



INTRODUCTION BY UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Steve Farkas is the Associate Vice President for Economic Development and the Executive Director of the WIP (Wyoming Innovation Partnership).



HEAR FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF WYOMING'S PLACE IN GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS AND CARBON CREDIT MARKETPLACES, AS WELL AS A DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED ENERGY PROJECTS.

Dr. David Gattie moderates this panel discussion, focused on the future of Wyoming's energy economy and what is feasible to address the changing global demands.



KIPP CODDINGTON

Director of the Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis at UW's School of Energy Resources



CHRISTINE MIKELL

Principal at Enyo Renewable Energy



RANDALL LUTHI

Chief Energy Advisor to Governor Mark Gordon



DR. GLEN MURRELL

Executive Director for the Wyoming Energy Authority



MARY THRONE

Commissioner on the Wyoming Public Service Commission

5:00 – 6:00 PM

POWER HOUR RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

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VIP SPONSOR RECEPTION (INVITE ONLY)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Dr. Ray Fleming Dinneen, former U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, and Mike Wandler will be inducted into the Wyoming Business Hall of Fame. Created in 2013, the Wyoming Business Hall of Fame recognizes business and industry leaders who have demonstrated substantial business merit while making a virtuous impact on their community. The Business Hall of Fame Award is a joint venture among the Daniels Fund, the University of Wyoming (UW) College of Business, Wyoming Business Council and the Wyoming Business Alliance/Wyoming Heritage Foundation.



EMCEE
DR. ROBERT
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Interim Dean of
the UW College
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Wyoming
Business
Council

LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT - DR. RAY FLEMING DINNEEN

Dr. Ray Fleming Dinneen founded Climb Wyoming over 35 years ago. Through her vision, a statewide nonprofit was created to transition families from poverty to self-sufficiency. She has received national recognition for her participant-centered, practice-to-theory approach for working with struggling families. She holds a doctorate in psychology and has a deep understanding of how to engage marginalized populations in the process of restorative growth and discovery.



Fleming Dinneen has been a longtime advocate of Wyoming families. She served on the Governor created Economically Needed Diversification Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) Executive Council, the Governor appointed Wyoming Workforce Development Council, on the Wyoming Supreme Court's created Equal Justice Wyoming Board of Commissioners and on the board of the Wyoming Children's Society. In 2016, she received Wyoming Business Report's Women of Influence Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2020 she was recognized by USA Today as one of the ten most influential females in Wyoming.

LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT - FORMER U.S. SENATOR MIKE ENZI

Former U.S. Senator Mike Enzi was a true statesman and great champion for the state, dedicating more than 40 years of elected public service on behalf of the people of Wyoming. He died earlier this year and will be given the award posthumously. During his almost 24 years of service in the U.S. Senate, Enzi was known for consensus building, emphasizing compromise over grandstanding to get bills passed. He operated on what he called the "80 percent tool," encouraging colleagues to focus on the 80% of an issue where legislators tended to agree and discard the 20% where they didn't. The Senate passed a 2021 resolution that recognized that Enzi was known by many as the moral compass of the Senate and lived by the mission statement, "doing what is right, doing our best, treating others as they wish to be treated." An advocate of citizenship and community service for youth, Enzi supported the Wyoming Congressional Award program and Boy Scouts of America. He was given the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1999, making him the first Wyomingite to receive the award. Prior to his four terms as a member of the U.S. Senate, Enzi served eight years as Gillette's mayor and ten years in the Wyoming Legislature.



CONTEMPORARY AWARD RECIPIENT - MIKE WANDLER

Mike Wandler, president of L&H Industrial, has taken a small welding and machining shop in Gillette and grown it into a global manufacturer across a variety of industries. Under his leadership, L&H Industrial has grown to a well-respected global leader in innovative manufacturing and design solutions for heavy industries and heavy equipment. Wandler first joined L&H when he was 14 working for his father, Leon Wandler. In the year 2000, he began leading the company as president and was driven to improve L&H's capabilities, facilities, tools, processes, work culture and opportunities. Over the years, he has led a series of transformational initiatives that have redefined how L&H does business. With his deep experience in the company and immense business knowledge, Wandler is instrumental in identifying new market opportunities. His inspiration for technology is what drives L&H's state-of-the-art machines, software and innovation. Wandler is also active in giving back his knowledge, expertise and time to help other entrepreneurial companies innovate and grow in Wyoming. He serves on committees and boards where his strengths will positively impact communities, industry, and the next generation of entrepreneurs. These organizations include the Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors, Governors Board of Economic Diversification Advisors, the Wyoming Aeronautics Advisory Committee, and the Wyoming Entrepreneurs Team.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 AM

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7:00 AM

LEADERSHIP WYOMING BREAKFAST SESSION



FROM CHAOS TO KINDNESS: A TALE OF REBUILDING CULTURE

Tom Tait is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and served as the 45th mayor of Anaheim, California, from 2010–2018. Tom will share his perspective and experiences including: how to change and build culture, a relationship that developed with the Dalai Lama, and other surprising outcomes from turning Anaheim into the “City of Kindness.” ***This session is only available to forum attendees who are graduates or current class members of Leadership Wyoming.***

8:00 AM

WELCOME AND RECAP OF DAY 1



GREG PULLIAM, WYOMING BUSINESS ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Greg Pulliam is the State Government Relations Manager for ExxonMobil and XTO Energy, which became a wholly owned subsidiary of ExxonMobil Corporation following a \$40 billion acquisition.

8:15 AM

THE TITLE NO ONE WANTS

WYOMING HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RANKED #1 IN SUICIDE.

Join panelists for a frank conversation about how suicide is not only a mental health crisis but also a business crisis and what role Wyoming business can play in building a statewide network of support.

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SARA FLITNER**

Founder, Flitner
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and Becoming
Jackson Whole



**DR. LEON
KELLY**

Chief Medical
Examiner and Elected
Coroner for El Paso
County, CO



**REP. RACHEL
RODRIGUEZ-
WILLIAMS**

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**DONNA
SHEEN**

Donna Sheen,
Founder and Director
of the Wyoming
Children's Law
Center, Inc.



**GREG
O'BARR, PH.D.**

Administrator of
Population Health
and Strategic
Planning for
Cheyenne Regional
Medical Center

9:15 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

9:30 AM

WYOMING LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PREVIEW: WHAT TWISTS AND TURNS CAN WE EXPECT ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY?

AS WE CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THROUGH A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE REMAINS FACED WITH IMPORTANT CHOICES FOR FUTURE INVESTMENTS FOR WYOMING.

Legislative leaders will share their ideas about additional revenue sources and efforts toward diversification. Bring your questions and ideas.



**MODERATOR
ASHLEY
HARPSTREITH,**

Executive Director
of the Wyoming
Taxpayers
Association



**SEN. TARA
NETHERCOTT**

Wyoming
Legislature



**SEN. MIKE
GIERAU**

Senate Minority
Whip, Wyoming
Legislature



**REP. ALBERT
SOMMERS**

House Majority Floor
Leader, Wyoming
Legislature



**REP. CATHY
CONNOLLY**

House Minority Floor
Leader, Wyoming
Legislature

10:30 AM

A ROLL OF DICE – WYOMING DOUBLES DOWN ON THE GAMING ECONOMY

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IS A PRIORITY FOR WYOMING LAWMAKERS. THE GAMING ECONOMY PROVIDES A SOURCE OF NON-MINERALS REVENUE FOR WYOMING'S GENERAL FUND.

Industry experts will share the recent statutory changes creating the Wyoming Gaming Commission, as well as other statutory changes which provide for new revenue sources.



**MODERATOR
REP. SANDY
NEWSOME**
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**FRANK
LAMB**

Director of
Government Affairs at
Wyoming Downs



**CHARLES E.
MOORE**

Executive Director
of Wyoming
Pari-Mutuel
Commission



**BLAKE L.
SARTINI II**

Executive Vice
President of
Operations for Golden
Entertainment



**KATHARINE K.
WILKINSON**

President of KKW
Consulting, LLC



**JIM
WILLOX**

Converse County
Commissioner &
WyoLotto
Board Chair

11:15 AM

CLOSING REMARKS: SENATE PRESIDENT DAN DOCKSTADER



SENATE PRESIDENT DAN DOCKSTADER, WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Sen. Dan Dockstader was elected the new president of the Senate in 2021. Prior to that, he served as the Senate Majority Floor Leader. He has served in the Senate since 2009. Previously, he served in the House from 2007 to 2008.

11:30 AM

ADJOURN

FORUM SPEAKERS

GOVERNOR MARK GORDON



Mark Gordon was elected Wyoming's 33rd Governor on Nov. 6, 2018 and sworn into office on January 7, 2019. Gordon has successfully led Wyoming through two of its most significant challenges in decades: the COVID-19 crisis and the most significant decline in mineral revenue in the state's history. He has spearheaded efforts to diversify all sectors of Wyoming's economy, including technology, finance, agriculture, energy, including carbon capture and sequestration, research, education and tourism. He is dedicated to continuing to make the state a good place to raise kids. Governor Gordon grew up on the family ranch in Wyoming where he learned the values of hard work and integrity and the importance of working together. As Governor, he brings those values to the table, maintaining his commitment to a Wyoming where its citizens can pursue their dreams while the state retains its unique character. He is a strong believer that Wyoming must chart its own course and a steadfast defender of its interests to do so. As a conservative, Governor Gordon has worked tirelessly to set Wyoming on a sustainable fiscal path. He is committed to making government more transparent, accessible, productive and efficient. He believes government is best when it is closest to the people and is committed to giving local communities the tools they need to thrive. He is a staunch advocate of quality education for all children from bottom to top, K-12 through all forms of post-secondary education, private and public. Governor Gordon served as Wyoming State Treasurer from October 2012 until January 2019 when he was sworn in as Governor.

FIRST LADY JENNIE GORDON



Jennie (Muir) Gordon currently serves as First Lady of Wyoming. In October 2019 Jennie launched the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, whose mission is to end childhood hunger in Wyoming. The initiative works to prevent food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide. For additional information, visit www.nohungerwyo.org. Prior to being First Lady, she managed day-to-day operations at Merlin Ranch, the Gordon family's cow-calf and heifer development operation located in Johnson County. Jennie grew up in Omaha, Nebraska until her family moved to Buffalo, Wyoming. Jennie's father, Senior Master Sergeant Robert Muir, served in the Navy, Army and the Air Force. Jennie's mother, Gertrude Muir, was from Austria and after surviving World War II in Vienna, she moved to the United States. She learned English and raised the family's ten children, often with Sergeant Muir serving away from home. Four of Jennie's siblings have served, or continue to serve, in the armed services. The First Lady received her Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences from the University of Wyoming. She worked for 15 years as a laboratory medical technologist at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She later served as a field service representative for Abbott Laboratories where she traveled throughout the western United States repairing and servicing laboratory equipment at hospitals, clinics and private practices. When Governor Matthew H. Mead appointed her husband to serve as Wyoming Treasurer in 2012, Jennie took over management of the Merlin Ranch full time. The ranch has garnered national recognition for its environmental stewardship and conservation achievements, as well as efforts to promote the sale of Wyoming beef worldwide. Jennie previously served on the board of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and is a graduate of the Wyoming Leadership Education and Development (L.E.A.D.) class.

JILLIAN BALOW – WYOMING SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



Jillian Balow is serving a second term as Wyoming's elected State Superintendent. She oversees education in the state, and as one of Wyoming's five elected constitutional officers, Jillian sits on the State Loan and Investment Board and the State Board of Land Commissioners. Jillian leads with the fundamental understanding that education should provide maximum opportunities for our youth to become successful citizens. Jillian is especially passionate about career and technical education, support for our military, and rural education. Previously, she taught in Wyoming classrooms for ten years and has worked to support Wyoming children and families her entire career. In addition to teaching, Jillian has consulted in the private sector, served as an administrator at both the Wyoming Department of Family Services, and was a policy advisor to Governor Matt Mead.

TODD BUCHHOLZ



Leading financial expert and popular author, Todd Buchholz is an economist and has served as White House director of economic policy under George H.W. Bush and a managing director of the Tiger hedge fund. As a frequent commentator on the state of the markets, Todd Buchholz brings his experience as a former White House director of economic policy, a managing director of the \$15 billion Tiger hedge fund, and a Harvard economics teacher to the cutting edge of economics, fiscal politics, finance, and business strategy.

GREYSON BUCKINGHAM



Greyson Buckingham serves as the CEO & President of Disa where he formulates, communicates, implements, and evaluates the company's mission and strategic objectives. Greyson previously served as the Director of Policy for Mesa Natural Gas Solutions, a T. Boone Pickens owned company, where he oversaw business development and regulatory affairs. Prior to that, he worked on Capitol Hill for several years, interned for a federal judge, and helped run a U.S. senate campaign. Greyson is a licensed attorney in Wyoming, a field artillery officer in the Wyoming Army National Guard (recognized as the 2020 Officer of the Year) and a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC Cowboy Battalion. He has deployed to Kuwait (Operation Spartan Shield) and Iraq (Operation Inherent Resolve) where he earned the ARCOM with "C" device. He serves on the Board of Directors for both the No One Left Behind Foundation and the Wyoming Federalist Society, is a member of the Rotary Club of Casper, and serves on the Georgetown Alumni Admission Interview Committee.

MICHELLE BUTLER



Michelle Butler is the Chief Operating Officer of EMIT Technologies, a metal manufacturing company headquartered in Sheridan, WY. Michelle is responsible for the company's finance, manufacturing, human resources and engineering activities. Prior to joining EMIT in 2019, Michelle spent several years representing the coal industry with Cloud Peak Energy in government and community affairs. Following graduation from the University of Wyoming, Michelle worked for U.S. Senator John Barrasso in his Sheridan, WY office and spent time in the financial industry in Jackson. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in both Communication and Political Science from the University of Wyoming, and is active in her community and state through the Wyoming Workforce Development Council, Wyoming Congressional Award Council, Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom and Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

KIPP CODDINGTON



A chemical engineer and lawyer, Kipp Coddington, Esq. is a low-carbon technology and climate policy expert with commercial project and academic research leadership experience. He currently is the Director of the Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis at the School of Energy Resources (SER) at the University of Wyoming. At SER he also is a co-Principal Investigator on more than \$15M in projects related to carbon capture utilization & storage (CCUS), with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy. Before shifting his career to academia, he practiced law for many years with major international law firms; he also co-founded a boutique energy and environmental law firm, where he led its Washington, D.C. office. He is an expert in the U.S. Clean Air Act and low-carbon policies. He lived in London for several years where he negotiated Kyoto Protocol transactions (e.g., Emission Reduction Purchase Agreements, carbon loans). He is an internationally recognized expert on carbon management technology, policy and transactions, to include matters arising under the Paris Agreement and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

REP. CATHY CONNOLLY



Rep. Cathy Connolly has served in House District 13 in Laramie since 2009. She has served as the House Minority Floor Leader since 2017. While in the legislature, she has served on five of the standing committees, including the Revenue and Appropriations Committees, as well as numerous select committees. At the University of Wyoming (UW), Rep. Connolly is a professor in the Gender and Women's Studies Program in the School of Culture, Gender and Social Justice, where she served nine years as director. In her 29 years at UW, she has been recognized as a gifted teacher by students, peers, and administrators. She has published numerous papers in the areas of law and justice, and has given presentations about her work around the state, across the nation and internationally.

CINDY DELANCEY



Cindy DeLancey currently serves as the President of the Wyoming Business Alliance and the Wyoming Heritage Foundation. Prior to joining her current role, she served as the Director of Government and Public Affairs - Wyoming for BP's US Lower 48 onshore exploration and production business. Before joining BP, she served as the Carbon County and Prosecuting Attorney, a Special Assistant United States Attorney and the Executive Director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. Cindy has been a two time nominee for the Wyoming Business Report's Women of Influence award and is a Past Chairman of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming's Government and Public Relations Committee and served as a member of the Wyoming Board of Law Examiners. Cindy graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 2000. She also helps with the family rodeo production business and agricultural businesses.

SENATE PRESIDENT DAN DOCKSTADER



Sen. Dan Dockstader was elected the new president of the Senate in 2021. Prior to that, he served as the Senate Majority Floor Leader. He has served in the Senate since 2009. Previously, he served in the House from 2007 to 2008. He has served on the following committees: Judiciary, Appropriations, Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs; Labor, Health & Social Services; Education; Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources; Travel Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources. Also, Select Water, Health Care Facilities Task Force, Capitol Building Restoration Oversight Group and Select Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies. He serves on the Lower Valley Energy Board of Directors vice chairman. His past responsibilities include Afton Town Council and Lincoln County Fair Board. He is the owner, publisher, and producer of SVI Media, which includes live televised multi-camera broadcasts of athletic and community events, a news website, six radio stations in western Wyoming and southeast Idaho, and a weekly Wyoming newspaper.

JOSH DORRELL



As CEO of the Wyoming Business Council, Josh Dorrell's extensive private industry experience in technical sales, business innovation processes, identifying customer needs, and leveraging partnerships, along with entrepreneur/startup mentoring, are well-suited for the agency's leading role in diversifying and growing Wyoming's economy. Dorrell was Senior Vice President of Technology Services and Solutions with Laramie-based Trihydro Corporation prior to joining the WBC in February 2020. After graduating from the University of Wyoming, Dorrell worked for IDES, a small software company in Laramie. He is an assistant lecturer at the University of Wyoming College of Business.

STEVE FARKAS



Steve Farkas is the Associate Vice President for Economic Development and the Executive Director of the WIP (Wyoming Innovation Partnership). Farkas excels at creating strategic, collaborative partnerships that deliver mutual value to both internal and external stakeholders. He brings to UW a history of private sector success having served in a variety of executive leadership positions. Prior to UW, Farkas served as Chief Operating Officer and SVP for several private equity portfolio companies. In addition to leading M&A transactions, key areas of leadership included organizational integration and business process optimization. Farkas is a strategic advisor for numerous businesses, ranging from start-ups to large corporations, and plays an active role in local, regional and state economic development.

SARA FLITNER



Sara Flitner is the founder of Flitner Strategies, Inc. and Becoming Jackson Whole. Sara has more than 20 years of experience in collaborative problem solving, organizational leadership, and authentic communication. She is a trained and certified mediator and a strong believer in the practice of mindfulness at home, in the workplace, and around the community. A native of Shell, Wyoming, graduate of the University of Wyoming, and former mayor of Jackson Hole, she is passionate about and deeply connected to her home state and the wellbeing of its economy, its wildlife, and her fellow citizens. Sara is an avid skier and yogi, an enthusiastic mountain biker, and terrible at fishing. She loves being outside with her family and their dogs, reading, talking about neuroscience, and anything that makes her laugh out loud. She is currently working on her first book on civility and compassion as building blocks for thriving communities.

SAM GALEOTOS



Sam E. Galeotos is the Chairman & CEO of Lunavi, a digital consulting and IT managed services provider. He is a board member of Altitude Acquisition Corp. (ALTUU), a travel technology special purpose acquisition company (SPAC). Galeotos has led several successful enterprises, serving as President and CEO of Galileo International; CEO of Cendant Corporation's Travel Distribution Services division; President, CEO, and COO of Cheap Tickets, Inc.; Co-CEO of Worldspan Travel Information Systems; and held leadership positions at Delta Air Lines and DatasLink Business Systems. A native of Cheyenne, Sam is passionate about his hometown, and Wyoming. He has developed several hospitality ventures including The Metropolitan Downtown, Central Café, and Water Valley Ranch located adjacent to the Encampment Wilderness area. He has served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club, the Cheyenne Downtown Development Association, Wyoming State Travel and Tourism, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, the University of Wyoming College of Business Advisory Council, Cheyenne Frontier Days, Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church and the University of Wyoming Economic Development Council.

DR. DAVID GATTIE



Dr. David Gattie is an Associate Professor of Engineering in the University of Georgia's College of Engineering and a Senior Fellow in the University of Georgia's (UGA) Center for International Trade and Security and School of Public & International Affairs. He earned his B.S. and Ph.D. from UGA and has 14 years of private industry experience as an energy services engineer and environmental engineer. His research is in the area of energy policy and integrated energy resource planning for the power sector with a focus on the national security implications of U.S. nuclear power. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in energy systems and energy security, serves on the Advisory Board for the Energy Policy Institute at Boise State University and is an uncompensated member on the Advocacy Council for Nuclear Matters. David is currently working with his colleagues in UGA's Center for International Trade and Security to stand up an Energy Security Initiative focused on the geopolitical and U.S. national security implications of energy and energy technologies within the challenges of 21st-century great power competition.

SEN. MIKE GIERAU



Sen. Mike Gierau feels fortunate to be a business owner in Jackson Hole for almost 40 years. He is the owner of Jedediah Corporation, which has been in business locally since 1980. It currently operates Jedediah's at the Airport in both Jackson and Missoula, Montana, and previously operated Jedediah's Original House of Sourdough on the town square. He is currently serving as Senator for Senate District 17 and Senate Minority Whip. H Previously, he served for two years representing House District 16 and for four years on the Jackson Town Council and six years as a Teton County Commissioner and was also the founding chairman of Jackson Hole Air Improvement Resources.

DR. ROBERT GODBY



Dr. Robert Godby currently serves as the Interim Dean of College of Business at the University of Wyoming. He is also an associate professor in the Economics Department at UW and a Daniel's Fund Ethics Initiative Faculty Fellow, and serves as an adjunct faculty member with the MBA program at Pforzheim University in Germany. In addition to his academic duties, he was appointed to serve on the State of Wyoming's Consensus Revenue Estimating Group in 2019. His research areas include natural resource, energy and environmental economics, industrial organization and macroeconomic policy, and he is often interviewed by the national and international media on energy and macroeconomic issues.

ASHLEY HARPSTREITH



Ashley Harpstreith is the Executive Director for Wyoming Taxpayers Association which provides the essential connection and information between the state's taxpayers and the Legislature. Since 1937, WTA's unique mission is to advocate for sound tax policy for a healthy Wyoming economy. Prior to joining WTA, Ashley was the CEO of Goshen County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC), where she managed a county-wide economic development effort that included the Goshen County Chamber of Commerce, Goshen County Tourism Promotions, Visitor's Center, and Main Street programming. At the time, Goshen County was the only county utilizing an economic development sales tax which Ashley passed for the fifth time in 2018 by 72% margin. While at GCEDC, Ashley was the Legislative Co-Chair for Wyoming Economic Development Association and worked together on several statewide initiatives. Prior to joining GCEDC, Ashley worked 10+ years in business and workforce development.

GARY HOOGEVEEN



Gary Hoogeveen is President and Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Mountain Power. He is responsible for the company's transmission and distribution operations, customer service, regulatory and legislative affairs in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. Hoogeveen is additionally responsible for PacifiCorp's coal fueling and mining operations as well as all-natural gas fired, coal fired, and geothermal generation operations. Prior to his current position Hoogeveen served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Rocky Mountain Power and President and Chief Executive Officer of Kern River Gas Transmission company for four years. Hoogeveen currently serves on the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors, the EDCUtah Board of Advisors, the Envision Utah Board of Directors and the Utah Sports Commission Board of Trustees. He dedicates his time to others within the company through both formal and informal mentoring.

DR. LEON KELLY



Dr. Leon Kelly is the Chief Medical Examiner and elected coroner for El Paso County, CO. He has served at the El Paso County Coroner's Office since 2008 and has performed thousands of forensic autopsies and investigations on those who have died suddenly, unexpectedly or of violent means. He has testified in hundreds of criminal trials across the Rocky Mountain region as an expert in the fields of anatomic, clinical, and forensic pathology and strangulation. Dr. Kelly is the co-founder of the El Paso County Child Fatality Review Team, and board chair of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Colorado Springs, working to reduce teen and adult suicide. He is a professor at UCCS, teaching courses on the investigation of injury and death and crime scene investigation over the past decade. During 2020, Dr. Kelly also served as the Deputy Medical Director of El Paso County Public Health, helping to lead the community's COVID-19 pandemic response.

FRANK LAMB



Frank Lamb is currently the General Manager of Wyoming Downs, the state's premier live horse racing and simulcast off track facilities. Prior to that, he was Wyoming Downs' Director of Government Affairs. Frank served 19 years as the Director of the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission before retiring in 2008. As the son of a Midwestern thoroughbred trainer, he has spent his entire life involved with horse racing. He has held positions in various official capacities at tracks from coast to coast. Frank and his wife Tina reside in Wapiti.

CHRIS LEVESQUE



Chris Levesque is president and chief executive officer of TerraPower, and also serves as a member of the TerraPower Board. He was appointed to that position in November 2018 after having served as president of TerraPower since 2015. Levesque leads this nuclear innovation company in the pursuit of next-generation nuclear energy solutions and also oversees TerraPower's new venture into therapeutic medical isotopes. His proven track record in scoping, planning and implementing complex projects began with his service in the U.S. Nuclear Navy and features more than 30 years of experience in the nuclear field. Prior to joining TerraPower, Levesque led major new reactor build efforts at both Westinghouse and AREVA, overseeing projects in both the U.S. and Finland. Before his assignment in Finland, he led the formation of AREVA's joint venture with Newport News Shipbuilding, AREVA Newport News, for which he served as chairman of the Board and president. Levesque has extensive experience with the nuclear industrial base and nuclear component manufacturing. Earlier in his career, Levesque served as the manager of engineering and manufacturing at Westinghouse's Newington, New Hampshire, component manufacturing facility, and he has served in multiple management positions at two nuclear-capable shipyards.

RANDALL LUTHI



Randall Luthi became Chief Energy Advisor to Governor Mark Gordon on July 15, 2019. Immediately prior to that appointment, he was President of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA). Luthi also served on the Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee for two years. An attorney and rancher from Freedom, Wyoming, Luthi has a background in government service and the private sector. Before joining NOIA, Luthi served as the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) at DOI from July 2007 through January 2009. Immediately before directing MMS, Luthi served as the Deputy Director of the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service. Luthi has also served as an attorney at both the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Luthi's career in the Wyoming House of Representatives began in 1995. He served as Speaker of the House in 2005 and 2006.

JIM MATHIS



Wheatland, Wyoming rancher and businessman, Jim Mathis purchased WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming in 2018. WyoTech is one of the best automotive, diesel and collision/refinishing training schools in the nation. WyoTech generates career ready graduates for high demand careers in the industry. Since its purchase, the school has grown exponentially and currently has nearly 700 students. As a former student, second-time president and now owner, Jim Mathis knows firsthand the value technical training has on the ranching industry and industries across America. Combined, Jim has served WyoTech for over 30 years in one capacity or another and is humbled by the recent success of WyoTech in his second tenure as president. Jim has spent his career guiding schools across the nation structuring successful business models supporting institutional health and student success.

MATT MCQUEEN



Matt McQueen became the Asset Manager of ExxonMobil's interests in Wyoming in June 2021. He is responsible for maximizing the value of the ExxonMobil's Wyoming operations, including growing its carbon capture and sequestration business in the state. McQueen began his career with Imperial Oil Ltd. in 2007 in Calgary, Alberta. From 2007 – 2013, Mr. McQueen held a number of technical, commercial and planning assignments supporting both Downstream Refining and Upstream Production assets in Alberta. In 2013, he assumed the role of Reservoir Surveillance Engineering Supervisor at Imperial Oil's Cold Lake thermal in-situ oil sands asset, followed by an assignment in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador as Reservoir Engineering Supervisor. In 2018, he was seconded to Exxon Mobil Corporation in Houston, Texas for a series of planning and finance roles supporting the Vice President – Americas for Exxon Mobil Production Company. In 2020 he assumed the role as Advisor to the ExxonMobil Upstream Oil & Gas President, supporting the business response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCOTT W. MEIER



Scott W. Meier has been serving as the President / CEO of the Wyoming Bankers Association since April 2020. Scott is a Wyoming native, originally from Lander, Wyoming, with substantial legal experience in estate planning, business planning and financial institutions. Scott received the "AV" rating from Martindale Hubbard in 2010. As a Certified Public Accountant since 1985, Scott is familiar with business, estate and individual tax issues. As a registered lobbyist, Scott has lobbied for the Wyoming Bankers Association, specific clients as well as personal interests such as strengthening Wyoming's military presence and Wyoming's trust, registered agent, corporate and limited liability company statutes. He has served in leadership roles with the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, LEADS, Rotary Club, LCCC Foundation, the Old West Museum, the Cheyenne Depot Museum, the One Shot Past Shooters Board of Directors and the Wyoming Bar Foundation.

CHRISTINE MIKELL



Christine Mikell is an entrepreneur, pioneer, and principle of Enyo Renewable Energy. With over 20 years of experience, she is a dynamic and recognized leader in renewable energy development. Christine started the Renewable Energy Program for the State of Utah in 2001. Christine developed the Spanish Fork Wind Farm, the first utility scale renewable project in Utah. In 2011, she took the helm of Wasatch Wind, a Joint Venture Partner of MAP, and developed two of the only wind energy projects built in Utah or Wyoming in more than eight years. Christine formed Enyo Renewable Energy in 2016 to develop utility scale wind and solar projects in the Intermountain West. Over the last five years, Christine has been responsible for almost 1,100 MW of wind and solar projects either built or negotiating a Power Purchase Agreement. That is \$1.2 billion of investment in the Intermountain West.

CHARLES E. MOORE



For over 47 years, Charles Moore has been involved with the horseracing or gaming industry in one fashion or another. In 2008, Charles accepted the position of Executive Director of the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission. During the early years, the industry was floundering until 2013, when the Wyoming Legislature passed wagering on Historic Racing. With that passage, Wyoming has experienced an unprecedented revitalization of racing, breeding of racehorses, and wagering activity, surpassing all expectations. The Wyoming Breeders Award Fund is touted as one of the best incentive programs in North America. In 2020 and 2021, once again Wyoming took giant leaps into the gaming arena with the legalization of Skill Based Amusement Games and Online Sports Wagering while a heavy lift for the agency, Director Moore was able to pilot the agency through those two successful launches. As a civil servant, he believes we are held to a higher standard and must be an exemplary example in representing the State of Wyoming. Charles is currently a member of the Natrona County Hall of Justice/Detention Center Joint Powers Board, Board Member of the Association of Racing Commissions International, and Sports Betting Regulators Association.

DR. GLEN MURRELL



Dr. Glen Murrell is the inaugural Executive Director for Wyoming Energy Authority. Dr. Murrell has over two decades of experience in the oil and gas industry. He has previously worked for the University of Wyoming Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute, launching their reservoir data program and leading programs analyzing the CO2 EOR industry in the State. He more recently has served in a variety of project leadership roles aimed at advancing technologies in the oil and gas industry for GE and Baker Hughes.

SEN. TARA NETHERCOTT



Sen. Tara Nethercott is a fifth generation Wyomingite with her family originally settling in the early 1880s. She was raised throughout Wyoming and currently resides in Cheyenne where she is a practicing attorney. She believes strongly in public service and was elected to the Wyoming Legislature as a Senator in 2016, representing District 4 in Laramie County. She is the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Vice Chair of the Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivision Committee. She also serves on the Capital Finance and Investments Committee, the Financial Technology and Digital Innovation as well as the liaison to the Wyoming Retirement Board.

REP. SANDY NEWSOME



Rep. Sandy Newsome represents Wyoming House District 24 in Park County, working every day to make Wyoming a better place to live, work and do business. She is the co-owner of Newsome Investments, a company that has engaged in a variety of businesses ranging from retail to real estate. As a business owner in Cody for over 30 years, she has always balanced the business' budget and has saved money during good times to offset potential downturns. This experience has served her well as she takes on the challenges of the state's economy. She serves on the Travel, Recreation and Wildlife Committee and works hard to make sure the tourism industry stays strong in Wyoming. She also serves on the Forward Cody Board, the local economic development organization and served as chairman for three years.

GREG O'BARR, PH.D.



Greg O'Barr, Ph.D. is the Administrator for Behavioral Health and Population Health Services at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne, WY. In this role, he oversees the hospital's psychiatric and mental health service line along with the programs related to the health of the community such as Suicide Awareness / Prevention, Drug Use Prevention, and health equity initiatives. Dr. O'Barr received his Ph.D. in Organizational Learning and Performance from Colorado State University. He has been at Cheyenne Regional for 13 years in roles within Nursing Administration, Clinical Informatics, Population Health and, for the last year, Behavioral Health.

JESS OLDHAM



Jess Oldham is an enrolled member of the Navajo tribe and was born and raised on the Navajo Nation until the fourth grade when his family then moved to Lander, Wyoming. Here they own and operate a 400 head cattle ranch and manage around 25 quarter horses and 40 brood ewes on the Wind River Reservation. Additionally, they manage 225 wild horses for the Bureau of Land Management as a part of their ranch known as the Wind RiverWild Horse Sanctuary. He is a May 2019 graduate of the University of Wyoming, where he majored in microbiology and minored in molecular biology. His academic experience includes research work with bacterial vaccinations in cattle at the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab, developing correlations of antibiotic distribution rates with antibiotic resistance in Wyoming influent wastewater and researching *Toxoplasma gondii*. His work experience includes working as a laboratory technician, substitute teaching, and of course, helping his father manage their family ranch.

RIKIA PETTUS



Rikia Pettus is a senior at Poder Academy Secondary School. Her major academic interests regard social studies, including government, history, and psychology. When she attends college next fall, she is looking to major in political science, as she is hoping to pursue a career in criminal justice. Her biggest goal is to become a lawyer and later become a judge further down the road. Some of her most notable academic accomplishments include receiving honor rolls throughout high school, participating and lettering in the Wyoming Academic Challenge Club, and earning student council president this school year. Outside of school, she is often working. She has a major interest in government and politics.

GREG PULLIAM



Greg R. Pulliam is the State Government Relations Manager for ExxonMobil/XTO Energy. Greg commenced his career with ExxonMobil in 2000 at the ExxonMobil Development Company as Public Affairs Advisor for Europe, Africa and Russia. He then became Public and Government Affairs Manager for ExxonMobil's \$4 billion Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project. He then spent three years as ExxonMobil's Public and Government Affairs Manager in Alaska and spent three years at ExxonMobil's corporate headquarters in Irving, TX. Following this assignment, Greg was named Africa/Asia-Pacific Public and Government Affairs Manager for the ExxonMobil Production Company. In 2013 Mr. Pulliam left ExxonMobil to become Vice President of Government Affairs at Cloud Peak Energy, a Powder River Basin Coal Company in Broomfield, CO. In 2015 He returned to ExxonMobil to assume his current role with ExxonMobil and XTO Energy, which became a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation following a \$40 billion acquisition.

REP. RACHEL RODRIGUEZ-WILLIAMS



Rep. Rachel Rodriguez-Williams is elected to the Wyoming State Legislature and honorably serves the people of House District 50. She is currently assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and was chosen to serve on the Governor's Suicide Prevention Challenge. Rep. Rodriguez-Williams has held leadership roles with many organizations. Her employment and volunteer experience include management, leadership, and cultural competency skills demonstrated in Law Enforcement, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Prevention and Wellness Organizations. She has presented twice at the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) International Conference. She holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

BLAKE L. SARTINI II



Blake L. Sartini II has spent the past 15 years involved in the various facets of the gaming industry, gaining broad and diverse experience in every role he has held. From casino operations to distributed gaming operations, his wide-ranging experience has well positioned him as a leading gaming and hospitality industry executive. Now, as Executive Vice President of Operations for Golden Entertainment, Inc., Sartini oversees six of the company's nine operating casinos including both Arizona Charlie's Casinos in Las Vegas; Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Casino, Gold Town Casino and Lakeside Casino & RV Park in Pahrump, Nevada; and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Flintstone, Maryland. In addition to casino gaming operations, Sartini oversees Golden Entertainment's distributed gaming arm. This also includes Golden Route Operations (GRO) with more than 9,000 gaming devices in Nevada and 3,000 devices in Montana. With new gaming laws on the horizon in Missouri, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Wyoming, Sartini aims to further expand GRO's national footprint through new partnership opportunities in these states.

DONNA SHEEN



Donna Sheen is the founder and director of the Wyoming Children's Law Center, Inc. She received her Juris Doctor and Master of Public Administration degrees from the University of Wyoming in 2001. The center opened in 2011 to provide legal advocacy for children in areas critical to their well-being including guardian ad litem work, special education advocacy, and mediation in domestic relations. She has been an advocate for children's legal rights and juvenile justice reforms for many years. She has experience as a foster parent and is also the parent of a child with special needs. She previously managed her private law practice after she had served in a variety of administrative positions at the Wyoming Department of Family Service and Department of Corrections between 2001 and 2007.

REP. ALBERT SOMMERS



Rep. Albert Sommers is a Sublette County, Wyoming rancher with a grass-fed meat business. He is a five-term member of the Wyoming House of Representatives. Rep. Sommers currently serves on the House Education Committee and has served two terms on the House Appropriations Committee. He currently serves as the Majority Floor Leader of the Wyoming House of Representatives. He is a legislative liaison to the Wyoming Broadband Advisory Council and co-chairman of the Broadband Task Force. These efforts are designed to keep Wyoming competitive with other states by ensuring connection to high-speed, high-quality broadband throughout Wyoming.

TOM TAIT



Tom Tait is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and served as the 45th mayor of Anaheim, California, from 2010–2018. Tait ran for Mayor on the platform of bringing kindness and connection to Anaheim and was successful in both his election and his efforts to spread a culture of kindness. Tom will share his perspective and experiences including: how to change and build culture, a relationship that developed with the Dalai Lama, and other surprising outcomes from turning Anaheim into the “City of Kindness.”

ERIN TAYLOR



Erin Taylor has more than 25 years of experience working in the public policy arena at the federal, state, and local level. She founded Taylor Strategies & Consulting, LLC in 2014, representing her clients in front of the Wyoming Legislature and guiding them through the public policy process. Prior to starting her own company, she served as statewide campaign manager for US Senator Mike Enzi for the 2014 primary election, Executive Director of the Wyoming Taxpayers Association (2005–2013), and Wyoming Government Affairs for PacifiCorp (now Rocky Mountain Power). Before moving to Wyoming, she spent several years in Washington, DC and Bismarck, ND working on electric utility transmission pricing policy. Erin has been awarded the 2013 Wyoming Women of Influence Award, named one of Wyoming’s 40 under 40 in 2008 and served in leadership roles for various clubs and associations. She is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Wyoming. Erin earned an undergraduate in economics and also her Master of Science in regulatory and environmental economics from the University of Wyoming. She gives back by serving on the board of the Wyoming Community Foundation, as Chairman of the Wyoming Business Alliance, and on the Centennial Foundation Board at St. Mark’s Episcopal church in Cheyenne.

MARY THRONE



Mary Throne, a Commissioner on the Wyoming Public Service Commission since 2019, has focused her career on Wyoming energy issues in both public service and private law practice. For ten years, Mary served in the Wyoming House, four years as Minority Leader. While there she helped author Wyoming’s original carbon capture and sequestration laws as a member of a select committee. In 2018, she lost to Governor Mark Gordon, who appointed her to the PSC—only in Wyoming. Mary is Wyoming’s representative to the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board and a Vice-Chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She received her BA from Princeton University and her JD from Columbia Law School.

KATHARINE K. WILKINSON



Katharine K. Wilkinson is a fourth-generation Wyoming attorney. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Stephens College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wyoming College of Law. She focuses on Wyoming government relations and lobbying with her firm KKW Consulting, LLC. She is a graduate of Leadership Wyoming Class of 2013, serves on the Executive Board of the Wyoming Taxpayers Association, and is President of the Wyoming Capitol Club.

JIM WILLOX – CONVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Jim Willox is a 4th generation Converse County resident, having grown up on the family ranch south of Douglas. Jim and his wife Tione are small business owners in Douglas who own and operate T&J Maxi Storage along with several rental properties in Douglas and Casper. Jim has served as a Converse County Commissioner for the last 15 years. In December 2020 he was elected President of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. In April of 2017, Gov Matt Mead appointed Jim to the Wyoming Lottery Board of Directors and in January 2021 he was elected Chairman of the nine-member board. Jim graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Agriculture Business.

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