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TAMARA HOGAN
SR. FACILITY PLANNING MANAGER
U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

Tamara is a licensed Professional Engineer and Senior Facility Planning Manager for the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). She provides leadership and technical oversight for facility operations, capital improvement, and deferred maintenance projects across the USOPC's training centers. With a background in structural engineering and project management, Tamara has led multi-million-dollar infrastructure and facility projects throughout her career. Before joining the USOPC, she managed engineering and construction inspection teams in Colorado and Texas, building a reputation for technical excellence, collaborative leadership, and delivering high-quality projects.



KRISTY DURSO
FOUNDER OF ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL NETWORK & OWNER OF INCREDIBLE MEMORIES TRAVEL

Keynote speaker, mom to 3 kids, military wife, wheelchair user, travel lover, accessibility consultant, shoe lover, owner Incredible Memories Travel.

Kristy Durso is an internationally recognized accessibility expert, keynote speaker, and founder of Incredible Memories Travel. She is also the cofounder and lead architect behind the award-winning Spectrum of Accessibility™ training program, which equips the travel and hospitality industries to better serve travelers across mobility, hearing, visual, cognitive and intellectual, invisible disabilities, neurodivergencies, and dietary needs. A leading voice in accessible tourism, Kristy works at the intersection of policy, hospitality, and lived experience, advising destinations, travel brands, and industry organizations on how to elevate accessibility from compliance to exceptional hospitality. She serves on multiple advisory boards and collaborates with global organizations to advance inclusive travel standards. She is also a featured partner and keynote speaker for Wheel the World, where she has contributed extensively to global storytelling and content showcasing accessible travel experiences. Kristy is a sought-after keynote speaker, having presented alongside leaders from organizations such as Google, TravelAbility, and UN Tourism. Her work is grounded in both professional expertise and personal experience as a wheelchair user, veteran of the United States Army, military spouse, and mother of both biological and adopted children. Through her work, Kristy challenges industries to rethink accessibility not as a limitation, but as an opportunity to create richer, more inclusive experiences for all.



JASON MEREDITH
PRESIDENT, SOLID MISSILE SYSTEMS
URSA MAJOR

Jason Meredith is an aerospace and defense executive with more than 20 years of industry experience. He previously served as senior director, vice president and program manager at Northrop Grumman. The industry veteran held multiple senior leadership roles across engineering, program execution and business operations at Orbital ATK and Pratt & Whitney.



BOB BEHNKEN
VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXPLORATION, PRODUCT, AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
LOCKHEED MARTIN SPACE

Bob and his team have responsibility for human exploration, in-space infrastructure, deep space exploration, Earth science, and weather, as well as supporting the business development needs of the product center and Ignite.

Bob is a retired United States Air Force Colonel with more than 25 years of leadership experience developing new technology. His military career included responsibilities as a developmental engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory, attending the USAF Test Pilot School, and serving as the lead flight test engineer for the first developmental avionics-equipped F-22. Bob was selected by NASA as an astronaut in 2000. While an Air Force officer assigned to NASA, he flew two space shuttle missions delivering new modules to the International Space Station, served as the test pilot for the first crewed SpaceX spacecraft during its demonstration mission to the International Space Station, and executed 10 spacewalks. Also during his time at NASA, he served in various leadership roles supporting human spaceflight, including leading the Astronaut Office and serving as acting Deputy Director for Flight Operations at Johnson Space Center, assisting the director with management of the center's aircraft operations, mission control operations, and training for human spaceflight missions.

While assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory, Bob was responsible for managing research contracts on their path toward advanced technology demonstration activities. During his time at the F-22 Combined Test Force, his responsibilities focused on early test plan development, flight test mission control infrastructure, and conducting flight tests. While assigned with NASA, Bob was part of a small team integrated with SpaceX and Boeing during the early development of their respective spacecraft under NASA's Commercial Crew Program. This role led to his selection for the first crewed flight under that program. Ignite's Technology Acceleration group provides him a chance to apply these experiences to advancing and displaying Lockheed Martin Space's potential future products.

Bob holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Physics and Mechanical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, as well as Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology.



GRANT BOERHAVE
SENIOR MANAGER OF MISSION CRITICAL SOFTWARE
VANTOR

Grant Boerhave is an aerospace engineering and mission-critical software leader with experience spanning spacecraft operations, mission control systems, systems engineering, and product ownership. He currently serves as Sr. Manager, Mission Critical Software at Vantor, where he leads ground-based and on-orbit software development teams delivering solutions for spacecraft commanding, mission data processing, onboard computation, and support for adjacent mission partner teams.

Previously, Grant held systems engineering and product ownership roles at Maxar Technologies and DigitalGlobe, focusing on mission control capabilities, spacecraft-to-ground-station resource deconfliction, antenna scheduling, and Agile software delivery. Grant holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder.



HAL WOLF
PRESIDENT & CEO
HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SOCIETY (HIMMS)

Harold (Hal) Wolf is the president and CEO of HIMSS, a global advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology.

Wolf is respected internationally as a healthcare and informatics leader, with areas of expertise in mHealth, product development, integrated care models, marketing, distribution, information and technology, and large-scale innovation implementation.

Before joining HIMSS, Wolf served at The Chartis Group as director, practice leader, information and digital health strategy. Prior to The Chartis Group, he served as senior vice president and COO of Kaiser Permanente's The Permanente Federation, representing more than 16,000 physicians. Wolf also held executive positions at MTV Networks and Time Warner, and served as senior advisor to McKinsey & Co.



MANDY SNODGRASS
CIVICS OUTREACH MANAGER
GOOGLE

Mandy Snodgrass brings a multifaceted background in research, political strategy, and communications to her current role as a Civics Outreach Manager at Google. A seasoned veteran of the campaign trail, Mandy's expertise spans directing vast statewide grassroots networks, managing multi-million dollar fundraising initiatives, and steering complex political and communications strategy across multiple tiers, from state government to national organizations.



RACHEL HERMAN
CHIEF EXPERIENCE OFFICER
WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES

Rachel Pearl Herman joined Wings Over the Rockies in 2025 as the organization's first Chief Experience Officer, a new senior leadership role focused on delivering dynamic, mission-aligned experiences that inspire curiosity and connection across both Wings' campuses. With more than a decade of experience in aerospace museums and science centers, Rachel brings a strategic and guest-centered lens to education, exhibitions and programming.

Prior to joining Wings, Rachel led high priority, cross-departmental efforts to enhance the guest experience and advance institutional priorities at Space Center Houston. She held roles at organizations including the Lone Star Flight Museum and the Intrepid Museum. Her past work spanned exhibit development, curatorial leadership and strategic planning. She has overseen major projects ranging from exhibit design to infrastructure improvements, always focused on creating meaningful connections between guests and the stories of aviation and space exploration.

Rachel is deeply committed to ensuring that programs and exhibits are inclusive, accessible and community-responsive. Her passion has led her to form sustainability teams and spearhead engagement strategies through Cambio, a collaboration between museums and informal learning spaces across the country working to better serve local Latino/a/x communities. She holds a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from New York University and a BA in History and Archaeology from the University of Texas at Austin.



BILL OWENS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOMEBUILDERS

Bill Owens, a Worthington, Ohio-based, remodeler and home builder with more than 40 years of experience in the residential construction industry is NAHB's 2026 Chairman.

Owens is principal of Owens Construction, a leading residential design/build firm in central Ohio that he established in 1982. The company's award-winning designs focus on integrating seamless appearance, energy efficient technology and creating welcoming home environments.

For decades, Owens has been an active participant in the NAHB leadership structure at the local, state and national levels. He currently serves as a senior life delegate of the NAHB Leadership Council and has been a member of the NAHB Board of Directors for more than 20 years.

Demonstrating outstanding leadership at the national level, Owens has served as chairman of the NAHB Remodelers Council, the Home Builders Institute and the NAHB Leading Suppliers Council. He also served as vice chairman of the Home Innovation Research Labs, as an NAHB state representative and as NAHB National Area 6 chairman.

At the national level, Owens also previously served as the chairman of The New American Home and The New American Remodel Task Forces, and also led the following the committees: Environmental Issues, and Construction Liability, Risk Management and Building Materials. He has also been an NAHB Continuing Education Instructor.

Active locally in the leadership of the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio, Owens served on its Board of Trustees from 1998 to 2005. He was named the association's Remodeler of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2003 and recognized as Builder of the Year in 2009.

On the state level, Owens has been a member of the Ohio Home Builders Association's Board of Trustees since 1999 and is a life director. He was also president of the Ohio HBA in 2011. In 2025, the OHBA presented Owens the Garson-McDaniel Memorial Award. This prestigious lifetime achievement award recognizes his significant, long-term dedication to the residential construction industry and the association.

A member of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies Remodeling Futures Steering Committee, Owens has worked with non-profits such as the Better Living Design Institute and Partners for Community and Character. He holds designations as a Certified Graduate Remodeler, Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist and Certified Green Professional™.

Believing education is a cornerstone of the future, Owens devotes time to professional development, workforce development and the International Builders' Show. His educational pursuits led to his leadership at the Home Builders Institute, where he served as chairman of its 2010 Board of Trustees.

Owens and his wife, Betsy, enjoy working together in their business and serving their community.

NAHB's newly elected senior officers serve on a multi-year leadership ladder.



DR. RAMANAN KRISHNAMOORTI
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY AND INNOVATION
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti is the Vice President for Energy and Innovation at the University of Houston. Prior to his current position, Krishnamoorti served as interim vice president for research and technology transfer for UH and the UH System.

During his tenure at the university, he has served as chair of the UH Cullen College of Engineering's chemical and biomolecular engineering department, associate dean of research for engineering, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering with affiliated appointments as professor of petroleum engineering and professor of chemistry.

Dr. Krishnamoorti obtained his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras and doctoral degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University in 1994.



SARAH RADOSEVICH
SENIOR MANAGER, STATE AFFAIRS AND ISSUE MANAGEMENT
GENERAL MILLS

Sarah leads U.S. State Affairs for General Mills, across all subject areas. She has played a key role in the company's external policy engagement and internal work to prepare the business for the operational, commercial, and supply chain impacts of EPR and related policies. As the set of EPR and related packaging policies expands, the landscape is growing increasingly complex – and so has the governance, resourcing, and strategy consumer goods companies like General Mills need to navigate the shifting landscape.

In addition to State Affairs, Sarah leads General Mills' Global Issue Management process, directing cross-functional teams responsible for identifying, assessing, and prioritizing emerging regulatory and reputational risks across business segments representing more than \$15B+ billion in annual global net sales. This enterprise-wide perspective provides unique insight into how a global consumer products company anticipates change, manages risk, and integrates sustainability considerations into business planning.

Sarah also serves on the boards of the Issue Management Council and the Food Industry Executives Association (FIAE), contributing to broader industry dialogue on emerging business issues. Prior to joining General Mills, she held policy positions with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Twin Cities United Way. She earned a Master of Public Policy from Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and has proudly served the Twin Cities community as Chair of the Board of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.



MARVIN PINNECOOSE
CHAIRMAN
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Chairman Marvin Pinnecoosse was first elected to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in 2022 and re-elected in 2025 for a second term. A proud Ignacio High School Bobcat, Marvin went on to earn two Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Committed to lifelong learning, he is currently pursuing an Agriculture Certificate through Pueblo Community College and has temporarily paused his MBA studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Prior to joining Tribal leadership, Marvin worked for Nike in Las Vegas, NV for 19 years. He is proud of his work serving Native American communities through the N7 project, Retail Diversity Council, and as Corporate Liaison for Native American Affairs. This was in addition to his management responsibilities. As a Logistics, Operations, and Store Manager, he believed in the power of mentorship and a lead-by-example management style. The store reaching a #2 ranking in the company is proof in the power of people. He also worked for Amazon and Under Armour.

Chairman Pinnecoosse serves on the Growth Fund Management Committee, Grant Review Working Group, Growth Fund Management Committee, Permanent Fund Investment Committee, Red Cedar Management Committee, Ten Tribes Partnership, Rodeo Working Group, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. He has been delegated to represent the Tribe on the InterTribal Agriculture Council, the Agricultural Advisory Board for Pueblo Community College and the Ignacio School District. Marvin takes great pride in being the Catman for the Southern Ute Bear Dance, as well as providing this to other Ute Tribes. He has been Fancy Dancing in the Powwow Circuit since he was 15. He enjoys farming and growing hay. He does this all for and with the support of his wife, Frances, and two children, Bree and Shyd.



SECRETARY MARILYNN HOUSE
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

Marilynn House is a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc Colorado. Councilwoman House resides in Towaoc Colorado with her husband and her family. Ms. House is a current sitting Council Member on the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and holds the Secretary position on the council. She is a graduate of Business Computer Systems from Utah State University. She has worked for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for over 20 plus years in various fields for the Tribe, Mainly in the Education Field. Councilwoman House is also a Commissioner on the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs with the Lt. Governor of Colorado Diane Primavera. Ms. House is a strong advocate for Women's Rights and building strong family connections to the Ute culture. Ms. House has strong ties to leadership as her family has served on the Ute Mountain Tribal council in past administrations as well she is the great granddaughter of the last hereditary chief of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Chief Jack House. Councilwoman House is proud to share the Story of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the government to government relationship with the state of Colorado.



BRIAN GARRETT
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. Garrett serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Military Affairs for the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs. In this role, he acts as a key liaison with military installations, the defense industry, and state and federal leaders to strengthen Utah's military missions and support service members, veterans, and their families. A Chief Master Sergeant with over 39 years in the U.S. Air Force, he currently serves in the Utah National Guard as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director of the Joint Staff and Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor to the Adjutant General. His previous roles include State Command Chief Master Sergeant, Director of Military Relations for Zions Bank, and Director of the Utah Office of Emergency Management. He also holds key defense community leadership positions, including Vice President (President in 2027) of the Association of Defense Communities and board roles with the Utah Defense Alliance, Blue Star Families, Hill Aerospace Museum, Salt Lake Chamber Military Affairs Committee, Top of Utah Military Affairs Committee, and the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.



JARETT HUGHES
PRESIDENT & CEO
LEVERAGE COLORADO

Jarett Hughes is based out of Aurora, Colorado and is the President and CEO of Leverage Colorado. Before joining as Leverage's inaugural president and CEO, Hughes served as director of policy and research for Governor Jared Polis, where he led a team of over 15 staff across the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's offices. Since joining the administration in 2020, Hughes has helped shape Colorado's approach to an aging population while playing a critical role in statewide initiatives around the COVID-19 emergency response, vaccine rollout, healthcare workforce development, behavioral health, and housing investments through the American Rescue

Plan Act.

Prior to his tenure in the Governor's Office, Jarett served as project administrator for Colorado's Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging, where he supported the development and implementation of statewide aging strategies. He has also taught as adjunct faculty at Colorado Mesa University/Western Colorado Community College, introducing students to demography and gerontology.

Hughes holds a master's in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado and bachelor's degrees in political science and sociology from Appalachian State University. He was named a Denver Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree in 2024, currently serves on the Aurora Public Library Board, and previously sat on the National Governors Association Health Policy Advisory Board.



LORI PARHAM
STATE POLICY PRINCIPAL
AARP

Lori Parham, Ph.D. is State Policy Principal in AARP's Government Affairs unit, where she leads policy strategy and resource development for AARP's state and local advocacy nationwide. In close partnership with AARP's 53 state offices, she helps advance evidence-based policy solutions, track emerging trends, and strengthen relationships with state and local leaders.

Over her 21-year career at AARP, Parham has held a range of leadership roles, including serving as State Director in Florida and Maine and representing AARP before state legislatures and Congress. She has contributed to national and state initiatives focused on lowering prescription drug costs, expanding retirement savings opportunities, and working with state and local leaders to build more livable communities with a focus on housing and transportation.

Prior to AARP, Parham served as a legislative analyst for the Florida Senate, advising the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care, and led long-term care research for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

Parham holds an M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology, with a specialization in Political Economy and Aging, from Florida State University.



TAMI PYFER
CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER
UNITE

Tami Pyfer brings decades of experience in public and higher education to the work, both at the local and state levels. Tami leads our government applications of the Dignity Index, as well as business and corporate applications.

Prior to joining the UNITE team in late 2020, Tami served for 7 years as the Education Policy Advisor to former Utah Governor Gary Herbert, where she was involved in state-level policy development, coalition building, and stakeholder engagement. She held local and state elected offices for 12 years, including 4 years on the Utah State Board of Education and 8 years as a city council member. Tami brings this experience to our team as she leads our government and political work. She's also deeply involved in building our dignity digital community and building a national dignity

movement. Tami's professional training is in Special Education, and before her appointment to the Governor's executive team, she taught in the Special Education teacher preparation program at Utah State University.

Tami was a 2024 Emerson Collective Fellow—part of the Community Champions Cohort—where she developed strategies and resources for women who wanted to be more engaged in the political process. And in 2025, Tami was named one of USA Today's Women of the Year, representing Utah, where she was recognized for her role in expanding the dignity movement.

Tami and her husband, Aaron, are the parents of 5 children and grandparents of 16. They live in Salt Lake City. She describes herself as a political junkie who loves to sing—she formerly sang with the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square—and she loves spending time with her children and grandchildren.



LTC SAMANTHA KEUMA
COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD

Samantha Keuma is an Army National Guard officer and aviation leader with more than 19 years of military experience across homeland security, emergency response, aviation operations, logistics, and command roles. She currently serves as Deputy Commander of the 8th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team with the Colorado National Guard, where she supports mission readiness and response capabilities for complex domestic security and emergency management operations.

Her career includes service as a MEDEVAC pilot, Aviation Operations Officer, Logistics Officer, CERFP Deputy Commander, and other Army leadership assignments, with experience managing personnel, equipment, interagency coordination, and mission planning. Samantha holds a master's degree in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, a master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Relief Management from American Public University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science.



JOHN KELLY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SERVE COLORADO

John Kelly is the Executive Director of Serve Colorado, the state's service commission, where he leads efforts to leverage national service to address critical challenges in mental health, workforce development, disaster resilience, and environmental stewardship. Under his leadership, Serve Colorado has grown from a \$5.8 million organization to more than \$30 million annually and launched innovative initiatives including the Youth Mental Health Corps, Colorado Climate Corps, and partnerships with the Colorado National Guard focused on critical infrastructure and community resilience.

John has more than 25 years of experience in public service and nonprofit leadership, including service in the Obama Administration and at the federal AmeriCorps agency, where he helped secure more than \$200 million in public and private partnerships to expand national service opportunities nationwide. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Service Year Alliance and is a strong advocate for bipartisan, cross-sector solutions that strengthen communities and create pathways to opportunity through service.