



## **Leadership Symposium 2026 - Speaker Bios**

### **Ryan Dickey**

Ryan Dickey is the Mayor of Park City and a longtime community advocate. He previously served on the Park City Council and chaired the Snyderville Basin Planning Commission. Ryan's career includes leadership roles at Accenture and IBM before founding Model HOA, a local property management company. He has lived in Park City since 2011 with his family.

### **Scott van Hartesvelt**

Scott van Hartesvelt, a graduate of Leadership Class 29, is an active community leader serving with Sunrise Rotary, the Hope Alliance, and the Park City Chamber Marketing Committee. A longtime entrepreneur, he founded a hospitality-focused digital marketing company in 2002. Scott lives in Summit County with his family.

### **Lori Weston**

Lori Weston is the President of Intermountain Park City Hospital, where she has led nationally recognized improvements in quality, safety, and patient experience. With more than two decades at Intermountain, she previously served as CEO of Bear River Valley Hospital and in multiple finance roles. Lori serves on several health and community boards and holds an MBA from Utah State University.

### **Jennifer Wesselhoff**

Jennifer Wesselhoff is the President & CEO of the Park City Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau. She has guided Park City's tourism economy past \$2 billion in annual impact and helped secure Utah's bid for the 2034 Winter Olympics. A national voice in sustainable tourism, she previously led Visit Sedona and has advanced major destination stewardship initiatives in both communities.

### **Tana Toly**

Tana Toly is a seventh-generation Parkite, Park City Councilmember, and co-owner of Red Banjo Pizza. She built a global career in tourism technology before joining the Park City Council, where she champions open space, mental health, and transportation solutions. Tana also serves as the City's liaison to statewide municipal and legislative partners.

### **Cheryl Fox**

Cheryl Fox is the CEO of the Summit Land Conservancy, where she has led the organization through major conservation efforts, including the protection of Round Valley Ranch and the Osguthorpe Farm. Under her leadership, the Conservancy became Utah's first accredited land trust. A longtime Park City resident, Cheryl is also a novelist and former Deer Valley ski instructor.

### **Christopher Robinson**

Christopher Robinson is the CEO and co-owner of the Ensign Group, overseeing over one million acres of agricultural and conservation lands in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. He brings extensive experience in land management, natural resources, and public policy and has served on numerous boards, including The Nature Conservancy of Utah and the Summit County Council. Christopher is an avid outdoorsman and longtime Park City resident.

### **Deirdra Walsh**

Deirdra Walsh is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Park City Mountain, overseeing all year-round operations and major infrastructure projects. With nearly two decades in the ski industry, she has led key improvements including Utah's first 10person gondola and major guest experience upgrades. Deirdra also serves on multiple local and statewide boards.

### **Kristin Kenney Williams**

Kristin Kenney Williams is the President and Founder of Commfluent Inc., bringing nearly 30 years of experience in strategic communications, public affairs, and stakeholder engagement. She specializes in guiding complex public-private initiatives and previously served as Vice President of Mountain Public Affairs for Vail Resorts. Kristin lives in Colorado's Vail Valley with her family.

### **Janna Young**

Janna Young is the Deputy County Manager for Summit County, with more than 20 years of leadership experience in local and federal government. She has served as Interim County Manager, Executive Director of the Denver City Council, and in senior roles in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Obama Administration. Janna serves on the Park City Chamber Board and holds an Executive MPA from the University of Utah.

### **Jason Glidden**

Jason Glidden is the Executive Director of Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, where he leads efforts to expand affordable housing across the Wasatch Back. He previously served as Housing Development Manager for Park City Municipal, overseeing major public-private partnerships that delivered hundreds of affordable units.

Jason also contributes to national housing initiatives through several industry organizations.

### **James Kilpatrick**

James Kilpatrick is a Senior Project Manager at Columbus Pacific Development with 15 years of experience in real estate development, construction, and architectural design. He oversaw the development of Slopeside Village, a major public-private partnership delivering 1,200 affordable workforce beds. James continues to advance attainable housing projects in the Park City area.

### **Sara Wineman**

Sara Wineman manages housing public-private partnerships for Park City Municipal, working with development teams to deliver workforce housing aligned with community goals. She also leads policy research and program development to support long-term housing sustainability.

### **Jeffrey B. Jones**

Jeffrey B. Jones is the Economic Development and Housing Director for Summit County, with more than 25 years of experience in economic development and land planning. His career includes leadership roles with the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency, Equity Advisors Consulting Group, and the City of Boise. Jeff is a certified planner and graduate of BYU and the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.

### **Maddy McDonough**

Maddy McDonough is the Economic Development and Housing Manager for Summit County and the Executive Director of the new Summit County Housing Authority. With more than a decade of experience in community building, she specializes in long-range planning, community engagement, and collaborative project management.

### **Anna Frachou**

Anna Frachou is a strategic leader with more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, nonprofit management, and public sector consulting. She has served organizations including Summit County Health Department, CHG Healthcare, and University of Utah Health and has advised national nonprofits and civic institutions. Anna holds two master's degrees and is a recipient of the NFL's Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award.

### **Jen O'Brien**

Jen O'Brien is the Executive Director of the Summit County Clubhouse, where she supports programs grounded in meaningful work, social connection, and mental wellness. She holds a master's degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and has lived in Park City with her family since 2019.

### **Sean Morris**

Sean Morris is the Executive Director of Wasatch Crest Treatment and the owner of

Sean Morris Consulting and First Responders First. A licensed clinician for 25 years, he has developed programs including Peer Support, DrugFree Workplace, and Recovery Friendly Workplace. Sean serves on multiple wellbeing and legal profession boards and is an active outdoor enthusiast and youth mountain bike coach.

### **Aaron Newman**

Aaron Newman is the Director of Summit County's Behavioral Health Division and previously led the Summit County Mental Wellness Alliance. With two decades of experience across behavioral health, nonprofits, and international organizations, he serves on several state councils and local boards. He previously consulted with the United Nations on disability rights and helped build recreation and leadership programs nationwide.

### **Mairi Leining, MD, MPH, FACP**

Dr. Mairi Leining is the CEO of the People's Health Clinic and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She previously served as ICU Medical Director at Park City Hospital and worked as a hospitalist in Lake Tahoe and at UCSF. Mairi is a graduate of Rice University, Georgetown University School of Medicine, and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

### **Emmie Gardner**

Emmie Gardner is the CEO of Holy Cross Ministries, a nonprofit serving Utah's underserved communities through health, education, and justice programs. With a 40-year career in nonprofit health and social services, she is committed to supporting immigrant families and advancing culturally informed care. Emmie is also faculty with Utah State University's URLEND program.

### **Alyse Forcellina**

Alyse Forcellina is a Partner and consultant specializing in healthcare leadership, organizational strategy, and executive development. With three decades of experience, she has advised global life sciences organizations and held senior roles at Egon Zehnder and McKinsey & Company. Alyse holds degrees from Yale and the University of Texas at Austin and serves on the board of the People's Health Clinic.

### **Julianna Christie**

Julianna Christie is a leadership coach, facilitator, and founding partner of Crafted Leadership. With over 30 years of experience in corporate and creative environments, she helps leaders and teams build self-awareness, collaboration, and emotional intelligence. Julianna blends leadership development with creative problem solving to support transformational growth.

### **Malena Stevens**

Malena Stevens is the former Chair of the Summit County Council, where she led

initiatives in behavioral health, public safety, and regional collaboration. A political consultant, she advises candidates on strategy and leadership development and continues to serve on several community boards. Malena is a graduate of the University of Utah's MPA program and Leadership Park City Class 25.

### **Wade Carpenter**

Chief Wade Carpenter has led the Park City Police Department for 18 years and brings 38 years of experience in law enforcement. He has held state and national leadership roles, including President of both the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Utah Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Carpenter holds a bachelor's degree in Police Administration.

### **Peter Emery**

Fire Chief Peter Emery leads the Park City Fire District, bringing 20 years of service since joining the district in 2005. His leadership emphasizes excellence in emergency response, Wildland Urban Interface mitigation, and advanced training. Peter is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys exploring with his family.

### **Phil Bondurant**

Dr. Phil Bondurant is the Executive Director and Health Officer for the Summit County Health Department. He previously served as Environmental Health Director and Deputy Director and has held public health leadership roles in Utah and Nevada. Phil holds a Doctorate in Public Health Administration and a Master of Public Health and serves on several state boards.

### **Heidi Matthews**

Heidi Matthews is a veteran educator and member of Leadership Park City Class 31. She has served as President of the Utah Education Association, on the National Education Association board, and in multiple local leadership roles. Heidi is now the Library Media Teacher at Park City High School, where she helped reintroduce print books to the school library.

### **Lyndsay Huntsman**

Lyndsay Huntsman is an education leader with more than 20 years of experience as a teacher, principal, and Career and Technical Education director across multiple Utah school districts. She holds degrees in Business Management, Sports Administration, and Educational Leadership and is committed to hands-on learning and student empowerment.

### **Joanna Andres**

Joanna Andres is a social studies teacher at Park City High School, where she teaches AP and Concurrent Enrollment U.S. government and politics. Her students consistently perform above state and national averages, supported by her expertise in civic

education and instructional coaching. Joanna has led academic support initiatives and held leadership roles as department chair and AP coordinator.

### **Emily Quinton**

Emily Quinton is the Sustainability Director for Summit County, leading initiatives related to clean energy, sustainable development, and climate action. She works with regional partners to advance environmental goals and integrates climate considerations into public health planning. Emily's background includes sustainability education and workforce development.

### **Morgan Mingle**

Morgan Mingle leads sustainability programs for the Park City Chamber of Commerce, including the Sustainable Tourism Grant and implementation of the community's Sustainable Tourism Plan. She holds a master's degree in Sustainability from Harvard University and has a background in wildlife research and tourism.

### **Jared Hawkins**

Jared Hawkins is an Extension Assistant Professor at Utah State University, where he develops community-based educational programs for Summit County. He is also a licensed therapist and owner of Level Up Therapy. Jared holds graduate degrees from BYU and Texas Tech University.

### **Lisa Nichols**

Lisa Nichols is the Vice President of Community Health at Intermountain Health, leading system-wide efforts to address social drivers of health, prevent disease, and strengthen community wellbeing. She oversees nonprofit strategy and community benefit and works closely with partners across the Intermountain region.

### **Jocelyn Scudder**

Jocelyn Scudder is the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Park City & Summit County, overseeing cultural tourism marketing, public art, programming, and regional arts planning. She led development of the Park City & Summit County Arts and Culture Master Plan and previously directed education programs at the Kimball Art Center.

### **Lacey ColeRae**

Lacey ColeRae leads fund development at the Kimball Art Center, connecting donors, artists, and community partners through visual arts programming. She previously worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah and is committed to advancing community connection through art and philanthropy.

### **Brian Richards**

Brian Richards is the Executive Director of Mountain Town Music, supporting a robust local music scene through more than 400 free concerts each year. He previously served

on the organization's board and owned Orion's Music in Park City. Brian is an active contributor to the local arts community.

### **Ben Anderson**

Ben Anderson is the CEO and Founder of Park City Song Summit, an immersive music and wellness event exploring creativity and mental health. A former trial attorney, he now focuses on music-centered programming, nonprofit leadership, and community engagement. Ben and his wife founded the Song Summit Foundation and partner closely with local organizations.

### **Katharine Wang**

Katharine Wang is the Executive Director of Park City Film, where she has expanded independent cinema programming and community engagement since 2012. She has served on multiple arts and nonprofit boards and is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Michigan.

### **Jamie Wilcox**

Jamie Wilcox is the Artistic Director of the Egyptian Theatre's YouTheatre program and founder of Buzz Kidz Utah, which teaches life skills through the performing arts. She holds an MA in Applied Theatre from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and is committed to the transformative power of theatre.

### **Linda Jager**

Linda Jager is the Community Engagement Specialist for Park City Municipal, where she has led resident outreach since 2016. Her background includes roles in tourism, public relations, and Olympic media operations. Linda is also a film critic for KPCW.

### **Ashton Edwards**

Ashton Edwards is the news director for KPCW with prior roles in Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, and St. Louis. Her storytelling has earned multiple Emmy Awards and broadcasters association honors. Ashton enjoys hiking, travel, and reading.

### **Don Rogers**

Don Rogers is the editor and publisher of The Park Record and has previously led newspapers in Vail, Aspen, Lake Tahoe, and across California and New York. He discovered journalism after an injury ended his early firefighting career and has built a long career in community-focused reporting.

### **Brian Modena**

Brian Modena is the founder of TMBR and the publisher of TownLift, Park City's independent news outlet. His work bridges media, technology, marketing, and civic engagement. Brian is also involved in developing AI applications for news and tourism and enjoys outdoor activities with his family.

### **Isabelle Freiling**

Dr. Isabelle Freiling is an Assistant Professor of Communication at the University of Utah and a Responsible AI Fellow. She researches media use, misinformation, and public perceptions of science and politics, with a focus on public engagement and open science. She is affiliated with the Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute and the Global Change and Sustainability Center.

### **Sam Fisher**

Rev. Sam Fisher is a clergy member of the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church and an advocate for justice, inclusion, and spiritual growth. He has developed church-wide discipleship programs, intergenerational ministries, and financial initiatives and serves on several regional committees.

### **Jeff Dreifus**

Rabbi Jeff Dreifus is the Senior Rabbi of Temple Har Shalom. He previously served at Temple Israel in Memphis and has a background in finance and clean energy. Rabbi Jeff cofounded a nationally recognized program for engaging young Jewish professionals and enjoys outdoor recreation with his family.

### **Steve Richardson**

Dr. Steve Richardson is the Executive Director of the Christian Center of Park City and a retired U.S. Air Force Chaplain, having served 27 years and achieved the rank of Colonel. He has led counseling, resiliency, and family-support programs across the military and holds advanced degrees in pastoral leadership, marriage and family therapy, and preaching and pastoral counseling.

### **Margaret Plane**

Margaret Plane is the City Attorney and helps lead the Leadership Program. She joined Park City Municipal in 2019 after serving as Salt Lake City Attorney and has held roles with numerous national and state legal organizations. In 2023, she was named Utah Lawyer of the Year. Margaret has lived in Utah since 1997 and in Park City since 2010. She enjoys local government work, skiing, biking, baking, and spending time with her husband and their Vizsla.

### **Eve Furse**

Eve Furse has served as Summit County Clerk since 2021, overseeing elections, records, licensing, passports, and land-related processes. She advises on state legislative issues through the Utah Clerk/Auditor Affiliate and the Utah Association of Counties. Eve holds degrees from UNC–Chapel Hill and NYU School of Law and has worked as a private-practice attorney, Senior City Attorney, and federal Magistrate Judge. She came to Utah for a clerkship and stayed for the people and the mountains.

### **Justin Lee**

Justin Lee is the Deputy Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Prior to joining the League, he spent 11 years in the Lieutenant Governor's Office in roles including State Director of Elections, working under three lieutenant governors. Justin holds a BA from the University of Utah and an MA from Utah State University. Known for his humor and deep knowledge of state government, he brings extensive experience in elections, policy, and local government support.

### **Tonja Hanson**

Tonja Hanson has spent her career in the resort and hospitality industry across Park City, Snowbasin, and Sun Valley. A committed community volunteer, she has served on the Eastern Summit County Planning Commission, the Summit County Restaurant Tax Committee, the Summit Land Conservancy board, and the Park City Chamber board. Tonja is currently a member of the Summit County Council, where she focuses on service, collaboration, and community engagement.

### **Austin Smith, MD**

Dr. Austin Smith is a board-certified emergency physician and the department chair of emergency medicine at Park City Hospital. He trained at the University of Texas, Vanderbilt, and UC Irvine, and has held leadership roles in education, research, and emergency medicine operations. Austin is pursuing a master's degree in healthcare management at Harvard University and remains active in clinical care. He and his wife live in Park City with their three young children, who love skiing and the outdoors.

### **Dave Dirks**

Dave Dirks is Vice President of Strategy at Intermountain Health, guiding major initiatives that have shaped the organization's population health, pharmaceutical, and regional growth strategies. His work includes the launch of Castell and Civica, along with key value-based partnerships and market expansion efforts. Dave has been recognized as one of Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Innovators and a Utah Business Healthcare Hero for his leadership and impact on healthcare transformation.

### **Brian McKenna**

Brian McKenna oversees state and federal government relations operations for Intermountain Health, working across the organization to support advocacy priorities. He previously led executive communications for Intermountain's senior leadership and has more than 20 years of experience in communications, reputation management, and government affairs. Brian has held roles with national industry organizations, Honeywell,

and Congress. He enjoys hiking, hockey, music, writing, and time with friends and family.

### **Stephen “Steve” Spaulding**

Steve Spaulding is a Financial Advisor and Partner at Edward Jones, where he leads a team in the Pinebrook office. Since moving to Park City in 2012, he has served with Sunrise Rotary, the Park City Community Foundation, the Summit County Clubhouse, the Alzheimer’s Association, and various local committees. A Leadership Class 21 graduate, Steve also mentors and trains colleagues within his firm. He enjoys spending time with family and playing pickleball, curling, and skiing.

### **Kristal Bowman-Carter**

Kristal Bowman-Carter is the principal of Bowman-Carter Law, a Park City firm specializing in estate planning, charitable giving, and nonprofit formation. She has been a member of the Park City Rotary Club since 2014 and currently serves as its president. Kristal also serves on the board of Maker Union, a nonprofit supporting employment for adults and young adults with disabilities, and frequently assists local organizations with donor education and charitable planning.

### **Monica Schaffer, MD**

Dr. Monica Schaffer practiced pediatrics for nearly 30 years and continues to volunteer at the Hope Clinic in Salt Lake City. In retirement, she founded a Wasatch Back League of Women Voters group, co-founded the Banned Book Babes book club, and serves on the Summit County Library Board and with the Twilight Rotary Club. Monica and her husband raised two daughters in Park City, and she looks forward to more skiing, camping, and traveling together.

### **Andrew Caplan**

Andrew Caplan is the Exalted Ruler of Park City Elks Lodge #734 and has been an active community volunteer since moving to Park City in 2013. He served two terms as President of the Park City School Board and sits on the board of Maker Union. Professionally, Andrew is a Managing Director at StoneX, overseeing Institutional Equities, Global Derivatives, and Outsourced Trading. He and his wife, Courtney, have two children in the Park City School District.