



Perot Museum of Nature and Science Announces Seven New Board Members and Names Executive Committee Members for 2023-24

New board members add unique expertise and perspective allowing the Perot Museum to continue inspiring minds, strengthening community ties, and empowering future STEM workforce generations

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DALLAS (December 14, 2023) - The **Perot Museum of Nature and Science** is pleased to announce the addition of seven new board members to its 2023-2024 Board of Directors, further advancing the Museum's commitment to enriching minds and inspiring curiosity.

Board chair David Corrigan, Corrigan Investments, Inc. and chair-elect Nancy Best, Community Volunteer, welcome the seven esteemed individuals who bring a wealth of expertise and diverse backgrounds to the Perot Museum's board, amplifying the Museum's vision of engaging and empowering the community through nature and science.

The new board members are **Peter Balyta**, Texas Instruments; **Shelly Dee**, The Creede Hotel and Restaurant & Trustee of the Hoglund Foundation; Dr. **Stephanie Knight**, Southern Methodist University; **Hamilton Lee**, Cambridge Associates; **John McGuire**, Goldman Sachs; **Laura Melo**, PepsiCo; and **Alice Rodriguez**, Kendall Milagro Inc.

"The talent, experience, and diverse backgrounds of these seven new board members will enable the Perot Museum to further advance our mission of inspiring minds through nature and science," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum. "Through varied perspectives, unflagging passion, and mission-critical leadership, the Perot Museum's board of directors empowers the Museum to successfully deliver on our vision of being a global-leader in nature and science education."

Additionally, two current board members have been named to the 2023-2024 Executive Committee: the Chair of Finance and Audit Committee, **Meghna Sharma**, Toyota North America will serve as Board Treasurer; and Chair of Legal Committee, **Andrew Gould**, Wick Phillips Gould & Martin will serve as Board Secretary.

Additional information on the seven distinguished individuals who have accepted seats on the Perot Museum's Board of Directors is below:

Peter Balyta, Ph.D., Vice president at Texas Instruments and president of TI's worldwide Education Technology business. He oversees teams across the globe with the mission of improving the teaching and learning of STEM subjects. He has devoted his career to helping students strengthen their knowledge and build confidence in pursuing advanced STEM courses creating paths to rewarding careers.

Shelly Dee, Owner of the Creede Hotel and Restaurant and The Stables at the Rio Grande, an events venue in Creede, CO. She serves on the board of the Hoglund Foundation and has done so since its founding over 30 years ago. Additionally, she currently serves on the boards of UNICEF USA, Friends of Maiti Nepal and KERA. Internationally, Shelly was the first American to serve on the Development Committee for the Board of The Natural History Museum in London. In Singapore she served on the Board of the National Museum and created the docent training program at the Asian Civilizations Museum.

Stephanie Knight, Ed.D. Dean of the Simmons School of Education & Human Development at Southern Methodist University and is a nationally recognized education leader, researcher and professor. Formerly, she served as Dean in the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University and enjoyed a 20-year tenure at Texas A&M University where she held the Houston Endowment, Inc. Chair in Urban Education. Throughout her award-winning career, Stephanie has demonstrated a dedication to bringing the results of evidence-based research to the K-12 classroom.

Hamilton Lee, Partner in Cambridge Associates' Dallas office. He serves as the chief investment officer for several of Cambridge Associates' endowment, foundation and non-profit hospital clients. With more than two decades of investment experience, "Ham" is adept in advising, managing and implementing the portfolios for healthcare systems, non-profit institutions, and a range of endowments and foundations. He currently serves on the board of the Foundation for the Arts and is a former Trustee of the Lamplighter School.

John McGuire, Global head of the Conflicts Resolution Group at Goldman Sachs, co-vice chair of the Firmwide Reputational Risk Committee and a member of the Firmwide Client Franchise Committee. Approaching 30 years in international investment banking and investment management, John joined Goldman Sachs in 1995 before moving to the Conflicts Resolution Group and relocating to Hong Kong in 2005. During his time in Asia Pacific, John was named partner in 2008 and served as chair of the Asia Pacific Commitments Committee, a member of the Asia Pacific Management Committee and co-head of the Asia Pacific Reputational Risk Vetting Group.

Laura Melo, Director of Research and Development at PepsiCo. She has over two decades of experience in the fields of science, design and engineering. In spearheading numerous research and development initiatives throughout her career, Laura has proved instrumental in developing groundbreaking products and technologies. Additionally, she has been heavily involved in multi-cultural initiatives with an emphasis on the Hispanic community. Laura currently serves as a member of the National Charity League, Highlander Chapter.

Alice Rodriguez, Co-owner of Kendall Milagro Inc. and retired executive with JPMorgan Chase & Co. with over 35 years of extensive banking experience. During her time with JPMorgan Chase and its predecessors, among the executive positions Alice held during her career include serving as the Head of JMPC Community Impact Organization where she led the \$30 billion commitment to advance racial equity. A trailblazer in her field, Alice has championed a lifelong commitment to minority-driven causes by consistently placing a priority on people and purpose. She has also served as Chairwoman of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The seven new members join a talented and diverse board of community leaders: Nancy Best, Community Volunteer; Yasmin Bhatia, Uplift Education; William Lane Britain, PetroCap, LLC; Nancy Carlson, Carlson Capital; David R. Corrigan, Corrigan Investments, Inc.; Andrew Gould, Wick Phillips Gould & Martin, LLP; Scott Greene, Lockheed Martin (ret.); Joan Buchanan Hill, Ed.D., the Lamplighter School; Maria-Cristina Jaramillo, AHOrA (Amigas Hispanas Organizadas para Ayudar); Santiago Jorba, Creu Capital; Karen Katz, Former President and CEO, Neiman Marcus; Manoj Kutty, GreenLight Credentials; Suzanne Perot McGee, Petrus Management; Pamela Okada, M.D., UT Southwestern Medical Center; Nancy Perot, Petrus Management; Royce Ramey, Versant Capital Management; Liz Ryan, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; Meghna Sharma, Toyota North America; Sachin Shroff, The Michaels Companies, Inc.; Earl Simpkins, Strategy&, Part of the PwC Network; Nicole Small, LH Holdings, Inc./Lyda Hill Foundation; Marlene Sughrue, Dallas Art Fair; Robert Vaughn, Vaughn Capital Partners, LLC; Bill Wade, Bain &

Company; Kelvin Walker, Dallas Citizens Council; Abby Williams, United to Learn.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science

Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. For more information, visit perotmuseum.org.

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