



Northland Foundation Board of Trustees announces three new members and Board Officers

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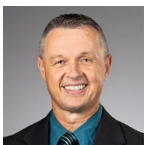
The Northland Foundation's Board of Trustees has welcomed three new members as well as elected Board Officers. Visit northlandfdn.org/about-us/staff-board-contact.php to see all current Trustees. Trustees serve three-year terms, up to three terms total.



Elena Foshay is the Director of the City of Duluth's Workforce Development Department, leading development and implementation of workforce strategy, employer services, and programs for jobseekers. She serves as the Executive Director for the Duluth Workforce Development Board and serves on the Local Advisory Board for Duluth LISC. She earned master's degrees in social work and community economic development, both from the University of California – Berkeley. She also served in the Peace Corps in Paraguay as an Urban Youth Development volunteer from 2002-2005.



Tia Marie is the owner of two small businesses in the Grand Rapids area: UnWined Up North and Smoke on the Water Co. and is very involved in small business development and networking. She had previously been a school teacher for 28 years in Northern Minnesota and California. Tia is the proud permanent foster parent of two teenagers with disabilities and is an involved supporter of Special Olympics. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bemidji State University and has licenses in reading recovery, early childhood special education, physical health disabilities and developmental delays.



Darren Sheldon is the principal of Lakewood Elementary and is also the Federal Programs Coordinator for Duluth Public Schools. He is currently on the Lake Superior Basketball Board and officiates across the region at the high school and college level, as well as sings with the Twin Ports Choral Project Choir. Darren received his bachelor's degree in teaching from Concordia College and his doctorate degree in educational administration from the University of North Dakota.

Board Officers for 2023-2024 are: **Peter McDermott, Chair** – Retired, Grand Rapids; **Mary Harrelson, Vice Chair** – Owner, Mary Rademacher Psychological Services, Grand Portage Reservation; **Roy Smith, Treasurer** – Director of Education & Talent Development, Iron Range Resources/MN State Colleges & Universities, Hibbing; and **Cindy Anderson Bina, Secretary** – Counselor (retired), Vermilion Community College, Ely. The Immediate Past Chair, Angie Miller of Duluth, will spend an additional year on the board. Find the full Board of Trustees listing at <https://northlandfdn.org/about-us/staff-board-contact.php>.

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