

# Foundations for Fund Directors: In-Person Session

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## PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES (as of September 10, 2020)

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### Ms. M. Bakker

Ms. Bakker is an independent director nominee for BMO Funds who is expected to be confirmed in September. She has been a senior finance manager, independent board member, and is a CFA charter holder. She currently serves on the boards of National Green Fund Netherlands and Grameen Foundation USA.

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### Stephanie Bell-Rose

Stephanie Bell-Rose has been an independent director of Payden & Rygel funds since March 2020. Stephanie is a senior managing director at TIAA. She serves on the boards of the Knight Foundation and the Public Welfare Foundation.

Stephanie lives in New York and Rhode Island.

### Jorge Bermudez

Jorge Bermudez has been an independent director of AB Funds since January 2020. Jorge has a background in the financial services industry. He serves on the boards of Moody's, the Texas A&M Foundation, and the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley.

Jorge lives in College Station, Texas, and can be reached at [bermudez.jorge@gmail.com](mailto:bermudez.jorge@gmail.com).

### Kristen Dickey

Kristen Dickey has been an independent director at BNY Mellon ETF Trust since January 2020. Kristen has a background in investment management. She also serves on the boards of Aperture Investments, Marstone, and Friends of the High Line.

Kristen lives in New York City and can be reached at [kristen.dickey@me.com](mailto:kristen.dickey@me.com).

### Stephen P. Fisher

Stephen P. Fisher has been an independent director of JP Morgan Funds since May 2018. He has previously served as the president of New York Life Investments and of MainStay Funds. He currently serves on the board of First Tee of Plainfield.

Stephen lives in Naples, Florida, and Westfield, New Jersey. He can be reached at [stephenfisher601@gmail.com](mailto:stephenfisher601@gmail.com).

### Matt Forstenhausler

Matt Forstenhausler has been an independent director of Sierra Income Corp. since March 2020. Matt was a partner at Ernst & Young for 25 years, where he was the leader of EY's registered funds practice. He currently serves on the boards of Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, New Jersey, and he was previously on the boards of the New Jersey chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, the Westfield United Fund, and chair of the Westfield September 11th Committee.

Matt lives in Florida and can be reached at [matt.forstenhausler@outlook.com](mailto:matt.forstenhausler@outlook.com).

### **Gina D. France**

Gina D. France has been an independent director of BNY Mellon Funds since 2019. She also serves as CEO of France Strategic Partners. Gina serves on the boards of Huntington Bancshares, Cedar Fair LP, CBIZ, Baldwin Wallace University, and DanceCleveland.

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### **Teresa V. Jankovic**

Teresa V. Jankovic has been an independent director of BMO Funds since September 2020. Teresa is a global finance and accounting senior executive, audit partner, and independent consultant. She currently serves on the boards of Community Capital New York, the Financial Women's Association, and the Ursuline School.

Teresa lives in Croton on Hudson, New York, and can be reached at [teresa.jankovic@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.jankovic@gmail.com).

### **John D. Kenney**

John D. Kenney is an independent director of Principal Funds in September 2020. John has served as an external adviser with the Boston Consulting Group since May, providing industry insight and experience to senior partners in the asset and wealth management group. Previously, he was the executive vice president and global head of affiliate strategic initiatives with Legg Mason Global Asset Management. John has served on the boards of each of Legg Mason's nine affiliates.

John lives in Wayzata, Minnesota, and can be reached at [j.kenney@mac.com](mailto:j.kenney@mac.com).

### **Jeanette Loeb**

Jeanette Loeb has been an independent director with AB Funds since April 2020. Jeanette is a retired Goldman Sachs investment banking partner. She has also been the CEO of an online pet pharmacy and a director at Apollo Investment Corporation. Jeanette currently serves on the board of the New York City Center.

Jeanette lives in New York City.

### **Toni Massaro**

Toni Massaro has served as an independent trustee of WisdomTree Trust since 2006. She is a professor of law at the University of Arizona.

Toni lives in Tucson, Arizona.

### **Jill Mavro**

Jill Mavro has been an independent director at BNY Mellon ETF Trust since February 2020. Jill previously worked for State Street Global Advisors for 23 years. She now owns her own consulting firm and serves on two non-profit boards: Beth Israel Hospital and Women in ETFs.

Jill lives in Boston, Massachusetts and can be reached at [jillmavro@gmail.com](mailto:jillmavro@gmail.com).

### **Mark Robinson**

Mark Robinson has been an independent director of Wasatch Funds since April 2020. Mark has been the CFO of Truckstop.com, CFO of Saba, and CFO of Calypso Technology. He serves on the boards of Vita Vis Nutrition Inc. and Clickguard Corporation.

Mark lives in Holladay, Utah, and can be reached at [mark\\_w\\_robinson@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_w_robinson@yahoo.com).

### **Thomas "Tom" Schmidt**

Thomas "Tom" Schmidt has been an independent director of M360 Funds Series Trust since July 2018. Tom was an executive for 28 years at DST Systems and now has his own consulting practice. He serves on the board of FNEX Closed End Interval Fund.

Tom lives in Lenexa, Kansas, and can be reached at [tjschmidt000@gmail.com](mailto:tjschmidt000@gmail.com).

### **Marcus Smith**

Marcus Smith has been an independent trustee of Eaton Vance Funds since November 2018. Marcus is an independent corporate director for MSCI and has been a director with DCT. He also previously served as director of equity at MFS Investment Management. In addition to serving on the board of MSCI, he is on the Posse Boston Advisory Board.

Marcus lives in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts and can be reached at marc.smith56@gmail.com.

### **Kathleen Stephansen**

Kathleen Stephansen has been an independent trustee of Equitable Funds since 2018. Kathleen has been a chief economist. She serves on the boards of Global Interdependence Center and NABE.

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### **Kirk A. Sykes**

Kirk A. Sykes has been an independent trustee of Natixis Loomis Sayles Funds since 2019. Kirk lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Matthew Thornton III**

Matthew Thornton III has been an independent director of Nuveen Funds since August 2020. Matthew previously served in executive management in the transportation industry. He serves on the board of The Sherwin Williams Company.

Matthew lives in Germantown, Tennessee, and can be reached at mt3thornton@gmail.com.

### **Jacqueline A. Williams**

Jacqueline A. Williams has been an independent trustee of Ultimus Managers Trust since June 2019. Since 2017, she has served as an independent consultant with Custom Strategy Consulting. Previously, she was with Cambridge Associates.

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### **Kathy Williams**

Kathy Williams has been an independent director of American Funds since January 2019. She has also served on county and private non-profit boards.

Kathy lives in San Rafael, California.