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Western Reserve Public Media Announces New Board Officers

KENT, OH — Thursday, May 23, 2019 — On Tuesday, May 21, Romona Davis was elected chair of the board of directors of Western Reserve Public Media. She replaces Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, director of community relations/government affairs for Youngstown Jewish Federation.

Western Reserve Public Media is a PBS member station that provides broadcast channels WNEO and WEAO to 4.9 million viewers in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. “Our organization is in the early stages of transforming into a new digital public media company,” noted President and CEO Trina Cutter. “Ms. Davis’ professionalism and high level of business acumen will ensure that our governing board will set policies and exercise the kind of fiscal oversight that will be vitally important to our success as the corporation enters this new, uncharted territory.”

Davis is vice president—senior SBA business development officer for The Huntington National Bank. She has been a board member since 2005 and was appointed vice chair in 2018. She has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry and has received numerous awards and accolades throughout her career.

Also newly named to board leadership positions are Nathan Ritchey, vice chair, and Stephanie Werren, secretary. Ritchey is vice president, Kent State System Integration and interim dean, Regional College. Werren is director of Leadership Stark County.

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About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media is the business name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 4.9 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates two standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) and MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3).

Our Educational Services Department provides technology training and educational content to more than 24,000 educators and over 300,000 K-12 students, plus Ready To Learn Services to over 100,000 preschool children's parents and child-care providers.

For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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