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<u>**MEDIA ADVISORY**</u>
National Academy of Public Administration
To Hold Virtual Fall Meeting November 5-10
Meeting Will Focus on Fostering Resilience Amid Grand Challenges

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration will hold its annual Fall Meeting virtually November 5-10, focusing on the Grand Challenges in Public Administration and ways that government at all levels can foster community resilience in the midst of today's turbulent times.

"We look forward to hosting a unique but very important Fall Meeting this year," said Terry Gerton, Academy President, CEO and Fellow. "We are in unprecedented times, with governments operating amid a global health pandemic, nationwide social unrest, significant climate events, economic instability, and an historic presidential election. Our public administrators are essential to the country's ability to function successfully, now and in the years to come, so this year's Fall Meeting will focus on how communities can face Grand Challenges and emerge stronger and more resilient."

Topics related to the Grand Challenges initiatives and community resilience will be examined at the virtual Fall Meeting by panels of experts from the public, private and academic arenas. Live and "On-Demand" sessions will focus on topics including election integrity and voter participation, social equity, agile government, planning for technological evolutions, data protection and privacy, environmental and climate concerns, intergovernmental coordination, the long-term fiscal outlook, the future of the federal workforce, and others.

Live panel sessions include:

- **Managing Technological Challenges**, moderated by the Honorable Martin O'Malley, former Governor of Maryland, live on November 5 at 3:00 PM ET
- **Ensuring Environmental Stability**, moderated by Dr. Nicole Darnall, an Associate Dean of the College of Global Futures at the Arizona State University, live on November 6 at 3:00 PM ET

- **Strengthening Social and Economic Development**, moderated by Jodi Sandfort, Professor at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, live on November 9 at 11:00 AM ET
- **Protecting and Advancing Democracy**, moderated by Chris Mihm, Managing Director for Strategic Issues at U.S. GAO, live on November 9 at 3:00 PM ET

Other key live speakers include:

- **Naomi Barry-Pérez**, Director of the Civil Rights Center at the U.S. Department of Labor, will deliver the Elmer B. Staats Lecture – "Fostering Social Equity Through Public Administration" – live on November 5 at 11:00 AM ET.

- **Rachel Augustine Potter**, Assistant Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia and the winner of the Academy's 2020 Louis Brownlow Book Award, will discuss her book, "Bending the Rules: Procedural Politicking in the Bureaucracy" live on November 5 at 1:00 PM ET.

- **Dr. Anne Schuchat,** Principal Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Rear Admiral (Ret.) of the U.S. Public Health Service, will deliver a plenary session – "Public Service/Private Resilience: Pandemics are Personal" – live on November 9 at 1:00 PM ET.

- **Dr. Joshua Sharfstein**, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, will deliver the James E. Webb Lecture – "The Challenge of Public Health Administration in a Pandemic: Crisis, Response and Integrity" – live on November 10 at 3:00 PM ET.

The Fall Meeting also will highlight the Academy's 2020 Class of Fellows; the presentation of the 2020 George Graham Award for Exceptional Service to the Academy to Fellow **Myra Shiplett**; and the announcement of the 2020 Herbert Roback Scholarship Award to **Rayza Oblitas**, a graduate student at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

A detailed meeting agenda and registration details can be found here.

WHAT: National Academy of Public Administration's Virtual 2020 Fall Meeting

WHEN: November 5-10, 2020

WHERE: The meeting will be held virtually

WHO: **Naomi Barry-Pérez**, Director of the Civil Rights Center, U.S. Department of Labor
Teresa Gerton, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration

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