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Fireside chat with Neel Kashkari and Gov. Chris Waller

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As a law firm dedicated to serving the global legal needs of our clients, the Economic Club of Minnesota provides an important forum for our clients and colleagues to hear from thought leaders on critical business, economic and public policy issues impacting our region, our country and the world. The ECOM events also provide a regular opportunity for us to connect with our clients and other business and government leaders.

Steven Kennedy, Partner  
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Peter Ekberg, Partner  
DLA Piper LLP

Small Business Diversity Summit Panel Discussion, moderated by Amanda Brinkman, Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe



# 2021-2022 Speakers



**The Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, MP**  
Minister of State (Minister for Europe and North America) in the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office



**Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.**  
Recipient of the *2021 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*; Vice Chair, Policy, Ford



**Minister Ville Skinnari**  
Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland



## **Small Business Diversity Summit**

- **Renay Dossman**, President, Neighborhood Development Center
- **Tameka Jones**, Founder & CEO, Lip Esteem
- **Kenya McKnight Ahad**, Founder, Black Women's Wealth Alliance
- **Moderator: Amanda Brinkman**, Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe



## **The Rural Voice**

- **Kelly Asche**, Research Associate, Center for Rural Policy and Development
- **Benya Kraus**, Founder & Executive Director, Lead for Minnesota
- **Teresa Kittridge**, Founder, 100 Rural Women
- **Panel Moderator: Kerri Miller**, Journalist, Minnesota Public Radio



**Gov. Chris Waller**, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System



## **Walking the Talk of Diversity Investment**

- **Dr. Paul Campbell**, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Brown Venture Group, LLC
- **Sri Zaheer**, Dean, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota
- **Mark Irvin**, Chief Inclusion, Diversity and Talent Officer, Best Buy
- **Moderator: Roshini Rajkumar**, Executive Crisis Coach, Roshini Multi-Media

## Young Professional Club Events



**Dave St. Peter**  
President & CEO, Minnesota Twins



# By The Numbers

## This Season



22

Student  
Scholarship  
Partner Schools



14

Speakers and  
Panelists



9

Podcasts Produced

## Historically



14

Seasons



9

Bill Frenzel  
Champion of Free  
Trade Awards



157

Speakers and  
Panelists



131

Events



101

Podcasts



30,770

All-Time Podcast  
Downloads



# Mission

The Economic Club of Minnesota's mission is to provide a world-class, non-partisan forum for national and international leaders in business and public policy, to discuss ideas that affect how Minnesota can better compete in the global economy.



Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. accepting the *Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award (COFTA)* from Chair of the COFTA Advisory Panel, Devry Boughner Vorwerk



The Rural Voice Panel Discussion, moderated by Kerri Miller

