

MATTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS AMANDA ESCEN AS CHAIR

MINNEAPOLIS (February 17, 2021) – MATTER announced today that Amanda Escen has been elected as board chair. Amanda assumes the board chair position from Casey Carl, EVP and Chief Omni Strategy and Operations Officer at Walmart, who will continue to serve on the MATTER board.

"Amanda brings many years of service and support of MATTER to her new role as board chair," stated Quenton Marty, President of MATTER. "As a board member for the last seven years, and our former finance committee chair, Amanda brings a deep understanding of the organization to this leadership position and we are excited to continue MATTER's growth under her leadership."

Amanda Escen is the Manager of Investment Operations at ECMC Group, a Minneapolis nonprofit focused on helping students succeed. She is responsible for all operational aspects of the investment portfolio which include, but are not limited to, performance reporting, systems management, analytics, and operational due diligence. Most recently, Amanda held the position of CFO/COO of Castalian Partners, where she oversaw the fund administration relationship, operations, cash management, human resources, information technology, compliance, and investor relations. Before her time at Castalian Partners, Amanda held the position of Manager – Accounting and Reporting for ECMC Group, overseeing the accounting for its student loan activity and its investment pool, along with overseeing its treasury function. Prior to that, she held various positions in operations, accounting, and credit/risk management in both the US and Switzerland with Cargill, Inc. within its financial services businesses, including Global Accounting Manager and EMEA Transaction Management Manager for its Trade & Capital Markets division. Amanda earned her B.S. in Accounting, International Business, and Human Resources/Industrial Relations from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive).

Amanda commented, "Given my involvement with MATTER over many years, I believe wholeheartedly in MATTER's mission and look forward to leading, as board chair, our continued innovative approach in serving communities here in Minnesota, throughout the nation, and around the world."

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About MATTER

MATTER, a Minnesota-based global NGO, brings together the best companies, experts, problem solvers, dreamers and above all, doers, to kickstart big ideas that can change the world. This collaborative movement has inspired solutions in health access, activating healthy eating for children and families, regenerative agriculture, and student-centered education, collectively impacting more than 14 million lives. MATTER's guiding belief is encapsulated in the simple yet powerful expression, YOU MATTER. Learn more at <u>www.matter.ngo</u>.