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NEW MEXICO FOUNDATION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SHANNON KUNKLE AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Albuquerque, N.M. -- The Board of Directors of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (FOG) has named Shannon Kunkle as the new Executive Director of the organization beginning Jan. 3, 2022.

Kunkle is an Albuquerque native who graduated with honors from the University of New Mexico, where she studied journalism, advertising and marketing.

Her past employment includes work in the marketing departments of the Roadrunner Food Bank and the Albuquerque Publishing Company.

Most recently she worked with Common Cause New Mexico, managing digital and social media, as well as outreach and development for the organization. Kunkle also worked with FOG before as a part time membership director.

“Transparency and the public’s right to know are coming under attack from numerous fronts,” Susan Boe, president, said. “We are pleased to welcome Shannon onboard at this critical time as FOG takes on these challenges.”

Kunkle takes over from Melanie Majors who announced in October she was retiring from FOG.

As an advocate for transparency in government, FOG’s mission is to defend the public’s right to know and to educate citizens and government agencies about their rights and responsibilities under New Mexico’s open-meetings and open-records laws. FOG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, member-supported organization that serves the open government interests of the general public, the business community, elected officials, journalists and lawyers. For questions or concerns regarding IPRA or the OMA, contact the Hotline at 1-505-764-3750.

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