

Larry Irving

Larry Irving was elected to the NERC Board of Trustees in February 2021. Mr. Irving is the chair of the Nominating Committee and serves on the Corporate Governance and Human Resources, Regulatory Oversight, and Technology and Security Committees.

Mr. Irving is president and CEO of the Irving Group, a consulting firm providing strategic advice and assistance to international telecommunications and information technology companies, investors, philanthropies and non-profit organizations. From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Irving also served as vice president for Global Government Affairs for the Hewlett Company.

Prior to founding the Irving Group in 1999, Mr. Irving served for almost seven years as assistant secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), where he was a principal advisor to the president, vice president, and secretary of Commerce on domestic and international telecommunications and information technology issues.

Mr. Irving was one of the principal architects and advocates of the Clinton Administration's telecommunications and Internet policies, playing a key role in the administration's successful efforts to reform U.S. telecommunications law. In large part due to his work to promote policies and develop programs to ensure access to advanced telecommunications and information technologies, Newsweek Magazine named Mr. Irving one of the fifty most influential persons in the "Year of the Internet."

In 2019, Mr. Irving was elected to the Internet Hall of Fame for his pioneering efforts identifying the "digital divide" and advocating for domestic and international policies to increase more equitable access to the Internet and related technologies.

Mr. Irving currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Education Networks of America, The Texas Tribune, and ReliabilityFirst Corporation. He also serves as a member of Northwestern University's Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors for the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences of Northwestern University, the Board of Visitors for Stanford Law School, and as president of Northwestern's Alumni Association.

He received his bachelor's degree and an Alumni Merit Award for distinguished professional achievement from Northwestern University, where he is a Salute to Excellence Honoree of the Northwestern University Black Alumni Association. He is also a graduate of Stanford University School of Law, where he was elected president of his graduating class and is a Stanford Associate.