Lisa Eccles is President, COO, and a board member of the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation. Directing the operations of one of Utah’s largest private philanthropic foundations, she is deeply committed to building on the state’s past and ensuring its vibrant future. Working closely with statewide nonprofits, she oversees the Foundation’s grantmaking program that has awarded more than $600 million since 1982 in focus areas including Arts & Culture, Community/Social Services, Education, Health & Wellness, and Preservation/Conservation.

Through partnerships in every corner of the state, the Foundation has awarded more than $62 million to assist in preserving and protecting thousands of acres of valued natural lands and open spaces, including support for Utah’s National Parks. In 2014, the Foundation sponsored the Utah Symphony’s “Mighty Five” tour of Utah, attracting thousands of citizens and visitors to enjoy music under the stars with the backdrop of Utah’s five National Parks. Lisa continues to be a catalyst for nonprofits to succeed in fostering enduring appreciation and a lasting future for Utah’s extraordinary landscapes, many among the most beautiful in the nation.

A graduate of the University of Utah, Lisa’s active leadership roles at her alma mater have included membership on its Board of Trustees - including chairing its Campus Master Plan Committee - and service on its National Advisory Council and capital campaign steering committee, among others. She is also a director of the Spencer F. and Cleone P. Eccles Family Foundation and the Eccles family- owned Goldener Hirsch Inn in Deer Valley, Utah. Her other community board memberships have included the Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, Utah Heritage Foundation, Intermountain Healthcare’s Community Care Foundation, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival, to name only a few.

Lisa received a Sundance Institute “Women’s Leadership Award” in 2019, and has been named one of “30 Women to Watch” by Utah Business magazine. She has also been honored by organizations such as Catholic Community Services of Utah and the Utah Humanities Council.