

2026 HORIZON COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS



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Lee County Port Authority

Brian Hamman – ex-officio

Lee County Commission

Dave Harner – ex-officio

Lee County Administration

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Cape Coral Donna Germain

East Lee County Mike Welch

Estero Jordan Azis

Fort Myers Beach..... Jacki Liszak

Greater Fort Myers Jen Whyte

North Fort Myers John Gardner

Pine IslandStephen Longest

Sanibel-Captiva..... Mark Blust

Southwest Florida.....Tom Mueller

SWFL Inc. Troy Bolivar

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Associated Builders & Contractors Jeanie Richards

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Cape Coral Council for Progress Foundation Dusty Shelton

CareerSource Southwest Florida Mike Biskie

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Real Estate Investment Society..... Josh Philpott

Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association Shane Spring

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SWFL Tech Laura Schmidt

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Greg Weisburgh /Jen Whyte / Matthew Zwack /

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(limited to 90 voting members in total)