

2026 HORIZON COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ben Spence
Chair

Matt Roepstorff
Vice Chair/Nominating Committee

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Treasurer

Richard Akin
Secretary

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Horizon Foundation President

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Arts and Cultural Committee

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Business Issues Committee

Karen Moore
Business Resources Committee

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Bylaws/Governance Committee

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Sports Council Committee

Shelby Baucom
STEM to Career Connection Committee

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Strategic Planning Committee

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Development Financing Task Force

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Remote Work/Home Based Business Task Force

Robbie Roepstorff
Industrial Development Authority

Laura Carr
City of Bonita Springs

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City of Cape Coral

Diana Giraldo
City of Fort Myers

Holly Smith
City of Sanibel

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Town of Fort Myers Beach

Rafael Lopez
Village of Estero

Dr. Denise Carlin
School District of Lee County

Dr. Aysegul Timur
Florida Gulf Coast University

Dr. Jeffery Allbritten
Florida SouthWestern State College

Donna Germain
Southwest Florida Alliance of Chambers

Steve Hennigan – ex-officio
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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, AND TRADE ORGANIZATIONS

Airport Special Management Committee Randy Krise
American Institute of Architects Ryan Richards
Associated Builders & Contractors Jeanie Richards
Cape Coral Construction Industry Association Wade Kunding
Cape Coral Council for Progress Foundation Dusty Shelton
CareerSource Southwest Florida Mike Biskie
FL Restaurant & Lodging Association, Lee Co Chapter Jay Johnson
Leadership NEXT..... Meagan Baskin
Lee Building Industry Association Richard Durling
Lee County Legislative DelegationTiffany Esposito
Lee County Medical Society Julie Ramirez
Lee County Sheriff's Office Alan Canfield
Real Estate Investment Society..... Josh Philpott
Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association Shane Spring
School District of Lee County Armor Persons
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) SWFL.....Eileen Buchanan
Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) SWFL..... Brian Sauls
SWFL Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) Eric Edwards
SWFL Hispanic Chamber of Commerce..... Edey Button
SWFL Tech Laura Schmidt
SW Regional Manufacturers Association of FL (SRMA) Rob Harris
Tourist Development Council Tony Lapi

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Dawn Belamarich / Marshall Bower / Sam Fisher / Mary Gentile /
Victor Gonzalez / Dennis Landfried / Bev Larson / Abdul Muhammad II
/ Dean Piccirillo / Ray Sandelli / Christine Sardina / Ben Siegel /
Shawn Smith / Chris Spiro / Mark Stevens / John Streger /
Butch Swank / Denise Vidal / Greg Weisburgh /Jen Whyte /
Matthew Zwack /

LEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Gary Griffin / Doug Gyure / Teri Hansen / Tom Hoolihan /
Gail Markham / Matt Price / Robbie Roepstorff

(limited to 90 voting members in total)