

# 2026 HORIZON COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Ben Spence**  
Chair

**Matt Roepstorff**  
Vice Chair/Nominating Committee

**Molly Scott**  
Treasurer

**Richard Akin**  
Secretary

**Helen Edenfield**  
Horizon Foundation President

**Devon Parker**  
Arts and Cultural Committee

**Gary Tasman**  
Business Issues Committee

**Karen Moore**  
Business Resources Committee

**Richard Akin**  
Bylaws/Governance Committee

**Adam Palmer**  
Sports Council Committee

**Shelby Baucom**  
STEM to Career Connection Committee

**Ben Spence**  
Strategic Planning Committee

**Dan Eveloff**  
Development Financing Task Force

**Matt Roepstorff**  
Remote Work/Home Based Business Task Force

**Robbie Roepstorff**  
Industrial Development Authority

**Laura Carr**  
City of Bonita Springs

**Rachel Kaduk**  
City of Cape Coral

**Diana Giraldo**  
City of Fort Myers

**Holly Smith**  
City of Sanibel

**Dan Allers**  
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 ..... John Lai  
North Fort Myers ..... John Gardner  
Pine Island .....Stephen 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 Delegation .....Tiffany 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..... Silvia Diez  
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)