Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments

2026 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Paul Helenberg
Lee Tischer

Mike Karnofski, Chairperson
Troy Stariha, Vice-Chairperson
Steven Ferrell

Bob Wile
Patti Bowen

Finance Committee

Rachelle Burch

Scott Westlund

General Members (Voting)

County / Cowlitz County - 360-577-3020
Steven Ferrell / Richard Dahl
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us

County / Wahkiakum County - 360-795-8048
Lee Tischer / Mark Letham
www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us

City of / Castle Rock - 360-274-8181
Paul Helenberg / Carie Cuttonaro
www.ci.castle-rock.wa.us

City of / Kalama - 360-673-4562
Jon Stanfill / Adam Smee
www.cityofkalama.com

City of / Kelso - 360-423-1371
Mike Karnofski / Jim Hill
www.kelso.gov

City of / Longview - 360-442-5000
Erik Halverson / Kalei LaFave
www.mylongview.com

City of / Woodland- -360-225-8281
Brittny Michaelson / Jason Friend
www.ci.woodland.wa.us

Town of / Cathlamet - 360-795-3203
Nicholas Sevald / Tyson Clark
www.townofcathlamet.com

Special Members (Voting)

Fire District / Cowlitz County FD No. 1 - 360-225-7462
Eric Dehning / Dave Pietz
www.cowlitz1.com

Fire District / Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue - 360-578-5218
Bill Hallanger **/**Jon Olson
www.c2fr.org

Fire District / Cowlitz County FD No. 5 - 360-673-2222
Jason Petrillo / Victor Leatzow
www.cowlitzfd5.org

Port of / Kalama - 360-673-2325
Troy Stariha **/** Eric Yakovich
www.portofkalama.com

Port of / Longview - 360-425-3305
Evan Jones
www.Portoflongview.com

Port of / Wahkiakum Port District No. 1 - 360-795-3501
Scott Anderson / Todd Souvenir
www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us

Port of / Woodland - 360-225-6555
Bob Wile / Chris Herman
www.portofwoodland.com

School District / Castle Rock #401 - 360-501-2940
Chris Fritsch / Bryan Keatley
www.crschools.org

School District / Kalama #402 - 360-673-5282
Dr. Wesley Benjamin
www.kalamaschools.org

School District / Kelso #458 - 360-501-1900
Scott Westlund / Mary Beth Tack
www.kelso.wednet.edu

School District / Longview #122 - 360-575-7016
Patti Bowen
www.longviewschools.com

School District / Woodland #404 - 360-841-2700
Asha Riley / Stacy Brown
www.woodlandschools.org

PUD / Cowlitz County PUD - 360-423-2210
Duane Dalgleish /Steve Taylor
www.cowlitzpud.org

PUD / Wahkiakum County PUD #1 - 360-795-3266
Gene Healy / Dennis Reid
www.wahkiakumpud.org

Water District / Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District 360-636-3860
Dell Hillger /Dean Takko
www.bhwsd.org

Water District / Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority - 360-577-2040
Debbie Stanley / Stephanie Helem
www.trrwa.org

Associate Members (Non-voting)

911 Public Authority - 360-577-1213
Darr Kirk / Brianna Harvill
www.cowlitz911.org

City of / Rainer, OR - 503-556-7301
Paul Langner / Scott Jorgensen
www.cityofrainier.com

Chamber / Kelso-Longview Chamber - 360-423-8400
Bonnie Delaney
kelsolongviewchamber.org

Chamber / Wahkiakum Chamber - 360-795-9996
Steve Carson / Ryan Murillo
www.wahkiakum.us

Cowlitz Economic Development Council - 360-423-9921
Ted Sprague / Mike Karnofski
www.cowlitzedc.com

Cowlitz Transit Authority - 360-442-5663
Jim Seeks / Doreen Daggett
www.rctransit.org

Housing Opportunities of SW WA - 360-423-0140
Jennifer Westerman / Rachelle Burch
www.hoswwa.org

Lower Columbia Community Action Pgrm 360-261-6600
Ilona Kerby / Amanda Rasmussen
www.lowercolumbiacap.org

Lower Columbia College - 360-442-2100
Kristen Finnel / Wendy Hall
www.lowercolumbia.edu

Affiliate Members (Non-voting)

City of / Battle Ground – 360-342-5000
Tamara Gunter – tamara.gunter@cityofbg.org
www.cityofbg.org

City of / Camas - 360-817-7013
Jennifer Gorsuch
www.cityofcamus.us

City of / Washougal – 360-835-8501
Teresa Stedman / David Scott
www.cityofcamas.us