

RTD BOARD COMMITTEES – 2026

Executive Committee

(Elected by Board)
Patrick O’Keefe, Chair
Ian Harwick, First Vice Chair
Chris Gutschenritter, Second Vice Chair
Chris Nicholson, Secretary
Karen Benker, Treasurer
(Quorum of 3 for 5)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Appointments made by Executive Committee, ratified by Board)

Finance and Planning Committee (7)

2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
Karen Benker (Chair), Cindy Arcuri (Vice Chair)
Lynn Guissinger
Chris Gutschenritter
Michael Guzman
Matt Larsen
JoyAnn Ruscha
(Quorum of 4 for 7)

Operations and Safety Committee (7)

2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
Ian Harwick (Chair), Kathleen Chandler (Vice Chair)
Julien Bouquet
Vince Buzek
Chris Nicholson
Brett Paglieri
Troy Whitmore
(Quorum of 4 for 7)

Performance Committee (7)

2nd Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
Chris Gutschenritter (Chair), Chris Nicholson (Vice Chair)
Kathleen Chandler
Lynn Guissinger
Michael Guzman
Matt Larsen
Patrick O’Keefe
^Not a Committee of the Whole
(Quorum of 4 for 7)

OTHER IN-HOUSE APPOINTMENTS:

RTD Salaried Employee Pension & Retirement Trustees (2)

Vince Buzek Troy Whitmore

(Terms expire December 31, 2026)

^Independent. Not a Committee of the Whole. Membership comprised of staff and Directors appointed by Board)

Audit Committee (5)

Vince Buzek	term expires 12/31/2026
Michael Guzman	term expires 12/31/2027
Matt Larsen	term expires 12/31/2027
Jim Brendel	External term expires 12/31/2026
John Olenberger	External term expires 12/31/2028

(Quorum of 3 for 5)

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(Appointments made by Board)*

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

(Appointments made by Board Chair)

AC-REP (Adams County Regional Economic Partnership)

(1) 4 – 6 major meetings a year
Troy Whitmore JoyAnn Ruscha (Alt)

CDOT, CTE, CTIO Liaison (1)

Karen Benker Lynn Guissinger (Alt)

CDOT-RTD Liaison: Jennifer Uebelher
303.757.9025

DRCOG Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) (4 votes)

Monthly 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
(6 Board Members - 3 voting, 3 alternates; and 2 staff)

<u>Board – Primary</u>	<u>Board – Alternate</u>
Karen Benker	Julien Bouquet (Alt)
Michael Guzman	Ian Harwick (Alt)
Matt Larsen	Brett Paglieri (Alt)

<u>Staff – Primary</u>	<u>Staff – Alternate</u>
Debra Johnson GM/CEO	Bill Sirois (Alt)

E-470 Public Highway Authority Board (1)

Monthly 2nd Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
Kathleen Chandler JoyAnn Ruscha (Alt)

JEFFTAAG (Jefferson County Transportation Advisory Group) (1) Quarterly, 2nd or 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Cindy Arcuri Brett Paglieri (Alt)

Metro Mayors Caucus (1) Bi-monthly on the first Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Chris Nicholson JoyAnn Ruscha (Alt)