

**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)**

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

**Operations and Safety Committee (7)**

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m.*  
Chris Gutschenritter (Chair), Chris Nicholson (Vice Chair)  
Kathleen Chandler  
Lynn Guissing  
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, Chair              term expires 12/31/2027  
Matt Larsen                      term expires 12/31/2027  
Jim Brendel, Vice Chair              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 Guissing (Alt)

CDOT-RTD Liaison: Jennifer Uebelher  
303.757.9025

**DRCOG Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) (4 votes)**

*Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:00 a.m.*  
Kathleen Chandler                      JoyAnn Ruscha (Alt)

**JEFFTAAG (Jefferson County Transportation Advisory Group) (1) Quarterly, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)