

Capital Projects Advisory Board (CPAB) Members*

- **Robert Chandler** – Robert Chandler became Assistant Public Works Director in Salem, Oregon, in 2009. With 420 employees and an operating and construction budget of \$254M, Salem Public Works provides drinking water and wastewater treatment services for the region; and stormwater, transportation, parks, recreation, and project delivery services for Salem. His wide-ranging responsibilities include master planning, floodplain management, flood risk reduction, development services, land use regulations, watershed planning, inter-agency coordination, and emergency planning, to name a few. A graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in mechanical engineering, Roberts served for 10 years as a nuclear submarine officer and 20 years in the Reserves before retiring in 2010 as a Navy captain. In 1993, he returned to the UW, earning a master's degree in Engineering in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1995. Dr. Chandler is a licensed Civil Engineer in the states of Washington and Oregon.
- **Bill Foster, Chair** – Bill worked as a contractor and architect before spending much of his career working for the Oregon Department of General Services and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). He served as a Construction Project Manager, the Design and Construction Management Section Manager, State Architect, and Administrator of the Facilities Division before retiring and doing some consulting for a few years.
- **Ben Kaiser** – Ben Kaiser is owner and principal of Kaiser + Path Architecture in Portland, OR. Ben brings a unique perspective to urban development, informed by over 20 years of serving as the owner, developer, architect, and general contractor on his projects. Ben is committed to mass timber construction and believes it is the future of sustainable development. To bring his signature project, Carbon12, to life, Ben successfully worked with state officials to waive the restrictive codes that limit the height of wood buildings. This accomplishment has made mid- to high-rise cross-laminated timber buildings possible for the first time in the United States. Ben was involved in the early stages of Portland's Pearl District and has spearheaded redevelopment in NE Portland, including the Historic Mississippi District and the Williams/Vancouver corridor. He holds a Bachelor of architecture and Bachelor of fine arts, Rhode Island School of Design, and served as Design Commissioner for the Portland Design Commission from 2008–2016.
- **William Messner, Vice Chair** – William joined Portland General Electric in early February 2014 as director of PGE's newly centralized Safety department. Since that time Bill has been given expanded responsibilities and is now PGE's Director of Director Wildfire Mitigation & Resiliency. This new role includes not only PGE's health and safety but also workers compensation, physical security and business continuity and emergency management teams. Bill joined PGE from Southern California Edison Co. in Rosemead, Calif., where he served as director and principal manager of the company's Corporate Environmental, Health & Safety. In that role, Bill was instrumental in the initial efforts of transforming the SoCal Edison safety culture. Bill joined SoCal Edison as an attorney specializing in environmental, real properties and local governance law. He also worked more than 12 years for Exxon Mobil Corporation as an environmental project engineer and an attorney. Bill has a Bachelor of Science Degree from California Polytechnic University Pomona, Juris Doctorate from Suffolk Law School, and a Master in Business Administration from University of California at Los Angeles.

- **Cindy Wagner** – Cindy Wagner oversees major construction projects at Salem Health. For the last four years she has focused on an extensive campus expansion project which includes a 203,000 sq. ft. 7 story tower that adds 150 inpatient beds to the hospital. A second major portion of the project is a seismic retrofit of a 1300 stall on-campus parking structure. Another recent project was the complete renovation of a medical office building into an outpatient surgery center. Cindy's responsibility for projects begins at planning and continues through building activation and occupation. She is also responsible for enterprise-wide real estate and space planning.
- **Norman Wright** – Norman Wright is the Director of Community Development for the City of Salem where he leads a staff of 104 delivering urban planning, code administration, development services, library services, and support to neighborhoods, arts, and culture. His background includes serving as a director of similar functions in Colorado, Tennessee, and South Carolina. He holds a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Clemson University and contributes research regularly to the American Planning Association (APA) and International City Managers Association (ICMA).
- **Bruce Johnson** – Bruce Johnson is the lead capital analyst for the Postsecondary Finance and Capital Team at the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. In that role he facilitated the development of the Strategic Capital Development Plan. He has capital experience working in not-for-profit, tribal, and military settings. In addition, he has experience in State budget processes, capital processes, bond funding, project development and analytics.

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