

# About the Commission

## Commissioners



### **Lura Powell, Ph.D., Non-Voting Chair (Richland)**

Lura chairs the Board of Trustees of the Washington State Life Sciences Discovery Fund. She previously served as President and CEO of Advanced Imaging Technologies, Inc.; Senior Vice President of Battelle; Director of the U.S. Dept. of Energy Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; and Director of the Advanced Technology Program at the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. She earned a doctoral degree in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Maryland and is a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



### **Slade Gorton, Senate Republican Appointee (Clyde Hill)**

Slade is counsel for K&L Gates LLP and has served on the National Commission on Federal Election Reform, the 9/11 Commission, the BP Independent Safety Review Panel, the National War Powers Commission, and the Bipartisan Policy Center's National Transportation Policy Project. Previously he served in the WA State House of Representatives (1959 to 1969; Majority Leader 1967 to 1969); Washington State Attorney General (1968 to 1981); United States Senate (1981 to 1987, and 1989 to 2001).

**Staff:** Ryan Moore (Staff Counsel), Nathan Johnson (Policy Analyst), Kelly Singh (GIS Analyst)



### **Tim Ceis, Senate Democratic Appointee (Seattle)**

Tim is a partner at Ceis, Bayne East Strategic. He served as Deputy Mayor for the City of Seattle; Chief of Staff to King County Executive Ron Sims; Director of the King County Endangered Species Act Policy Office; Executive Policy Coordinator for Governor Gary Locke; and Deputy Director of Budget and Strategic Planning for King County Executive Gary Locke. Tim's focus has been on community development, environmental stewardship and public safety.

**Staff:** Carolyn Busch (Chief of Staff), Emily Walters (Policy Analyst), Steve Garrett (GIS Analyst)



### **Dean Foster, House Democratic Appointee (Olympia)**

During high school and college, Dean worked for the WA State Senate, participating in redistricting. Following college, he joined the U.S. Air Force and achieved the rank of Captain. He later served as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives (1973 to 1984); Co-Chief Clerk (1979 to 1981 and 1999); and Chief of Staff for Gov. Booth Gardner (1984 to 1993). After his retirement, Dean was appointed to the Shoreline Hearings Board and the 2001 Redistricting Commission. Dean was raised in Carnation, Washington.

**Staff:** Amy Ruble (Legislative Ops. Mgr.), Adam Bartz (Policy Analyst), Steve Garrett (GIS Analyst)



### **Tom Huff, House Republican Appointee (Gig Harbor)**

Tom is active in civic and business organizations statewide and is the founding chair of the Washington Retail Association. He previously worked until retirement as an executive for Sears, Roebuck and Company. He also served in the WA State House of Representatives (1995 to 2000), where he chaired the Appropriations Committee. He also chaired the Board of St. Martin's University, in Lacey, for several years. Tom is a graduate of Sumner High School and the University of Puget Sound.

**Staff:** Jay Balasbas (Asst. Director of Policy), Don Skillman (Policy Analyst), K-Y Su (GIS Analyst)

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