



**THE  
CLIMATE  
TRUST**

# Board Membership

## Recruitment for Open Positions

### MISSION

Building upon a legacy of innovation and leadership in the carbon market, The Climate Trust accelerates the pace of carbon mitigation through conservation finance. We value air, water and soil through the development, purchase and sale of qualified offsets and a relentless investment in people and projects with environmental purpose.

### ABOUT US

The Climate Trust, a quickly growing nonprofit based in Portland, OR, is a national leader in the development and promotion of high-quality greenhouse gas offset projects. We are committed to staving off a disastrous rise in global temperatures by accelerating the pace of carbon mitigation through increased deployment of conservation finance. To accelerate the pace of project development, we have found that early-stage funding is critical—offering greater potential for impact and supporting the scaling of low-carbon initiatives.

Climate Trust Capital, an independent firm of The Climate Trust, launched a first-of-its-kind carbon investment fund to channel large volumes of financing into projects that will create real and permanent reductions and generate verifiable offsets. We are currently deploying the funding of our pilot fund in our preferred sectors—forestry, grassland conservation, and livestock digesters. We plan to incorporate additional sectors, and move beyond domestic borders as our investment fund scales.

To date, The Trust's positive environmental impact is equivalent to the carbon sequestered by **3,286,765 acres** of U.S. forests in one year, helping to protect our natural heritage.

### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

**Laura Beane, Chair**

CEO, Avangrid Renewables

**Renee Dowlin, Vice Chair**

Senior Environmental Consultant,  
Aviation Inc.

**Arya Behbehani, Secretary**

Manager of Environmental Services, PGE

**Neal Sacon, Treasurer**

Managing Director, SkyBlue Center for  
Community Development LLC

**Odin Knudsen, Member**

President/CEO, Real Options Intl.

**Bettina Redway, Member**

Retired, Deputy Treasurer, California  
State Treasurer

**Patrick Maloney, Member**

Principal, Occam Advisors

**Jason Johns, Member**

Partner, Stoel Rives, LLP

**Marc Hiller, Member**

Director of Acquisitions, Greenwood  
Resources

Invest with purpose.

## SKILLS DESIRED

We are actively searching for board candidates that possess any of the following skill areas. Professionals with a clean tech/clean energy background are given priority for the two open seats.

- Investment fund management
- Impact/institutional fund raising
- Employment law
- Carbon/climate policy
- Organization development
- Foundation/PRI
- Media and brand building

## EXPECTATIONS

All board members are expected to serve the best interest of The Climate Trust and its affiliates with a minimum board term of three (3) years. The Board's primary responsibilities are to ensure sound business decisions, fiscal responsibility, operational success, and to act as a positive communications agent generating new opportunities for the organization. The board provides governance in the following areas (directly or by way of committees):

- Organizational leadership and direction
- Fiscal controls, budgets, and reporting
- Investment management and approval of annual operating budget
- Risk management
- Partnerships and networking

Board members are asked to attend quarterly meetings and participate in at least one subcommittee. Meetings generally occur during the first week of March, June, September, and December during normal business hours.

Please visit [climatetrust.org/about/leadership/board-recruitment](https://climatetrust.org/about/leadership/board-recruitment) to express your interest in board membership, via our abbreviated online application process. Applications submitted prior to 5/31/17 will be given priority for the two open board seats, however, submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis for the remainder of the year.