

NOAA Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

Member Terms

Current Members (as of August 2025)

Terms are for three years unless noted otherwise. See the [Board Members](#) web page for more information about each member.

Name	Appointment Term(s)	Current Term	Contact Information
Vicki Ferrini	Sept 30, 2020 - Sept 30, 2023 Oct 1, 2023 - Sept 30, 2026	2nd	ferrini@ldeo.columbia.edu ; vlf2102@columbia.edu
Peter Girguis	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 July 24, 2025 - July 2, 2028	2nd	pgirguis@oeb.harvard.edu
Keven Hand	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 July 24, 2025 - July 2, 2028	2nd	kevin.p.hand@jpl.nasa.gov
Lesley laukea	Apr 18, 2023 - Apr 17, 2026	1st	liaukea@hawaii.edu
Eric King	Sept 30, 2020 - Sept 30, 2023 Oct 1, 2023 - Sept 30, 2026	2nd	eking@schmidttocean.org
Veronique Le Roux	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 July 24, 2025 - July 2, 2028	2nd	vleroux@whoi.edu
Justin Manley	Sept 30, 2020 - Sept 30, 2023 Oct 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2026	2nd	jmanley@alum.mit.edu
David Millar	Sept 30, 2020 - Sept 30, 2023 Oct 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2026	2nd	dmillar@fugro.com
Mark Moline	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 July 24, 2025 - July 2, 2028	2nd	mmoline@udel.edu
Frank Muller-Karger	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 July 24, 2025-July 2, 2028	2nd	carib@usf.edu

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Clara Smart	Oct 1, 2023 - Sept 30, 2026 Sept 30, 2020 - Sept 30, 2023	2nd	clarajsmart@gmail.com
Ramsay Taum	Oct 1, 2023 - Sept 30, 2026	1st	ramsay.taum@gmail.com

Board Alumni

Name	Term Expiration Date(s)
Jamie Austin	September 30, 2019** ¹
Amanda Demopoulos*	1st Term: September 30, 2018* 2nd Term: June 30, 2021
Jacqueline Dixon	1st Term: September 30, 2017 2nd Term: September 30, 2020
Paul Gaffney	1st Term: September 30, 2017 ² (Chair from December 2014 — February 2017)
Chris German	1st Term: September 30, 2019** 2nd Term: June 30, 2022
Cameron Hume	1st Term: September 30, 2019** 2nd Term: June 30, 2022 (Chair from April 2020)
John Kreider	1st Term: September 30, 2018* 2nd Term: May 31, 2021 ³ (Chair from February 2017 — April 2020)
David Lang	1st Term: September 30, 2017 2nd Term: September 30, 2020

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Darlene Lim*	1st Term: September 30, 2018* 2nd Term: June 30, 2021
Nicolette Nye	1st Term: September 30, 2017 2nd Term: September 30, 2020
Ellen Prager	Aug 1, 2022 - July 3, 2025 ⁴
Rick Rickoski	1st Term: September 30, 2017 2nd Term: September 30, 2020
Dominique Rissolo	1st Term: September 30, 2018* 2nd Term: June 30, 2021
Lance Towers	1st Term: September 30, 2017 2nd Term: September 30, 2020

* Four-year term.

** Five-year term.

¹ Stepped down November 30, 2019, to take a position with OER.

² Stepped down in February 2017.

³ Stepped down from OEAB in April 2020 to serve as chair of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

⁴ Stepped down in July 2025.