



Avista 2026 Equity Advisory Group (EAG) Members

Area Represented	Agencies/Organization	Name	Title/Position
Tribal	Spokane Tribe member	Clyde Abrahamson	Retired
Ecology/ Environment	WA Department of Ecology	Brook Beeler	Regional Director
Black, Indigenous, and People of Color	Community Advocate	Karen Boone	Retired Professional, Volunteer
Clean Air	Spokane Clean Air	Margee Chambers	Rule Writer & SIP Planner
Affordable Housing	Spokane County Housing and Community Development	George Dahl	Administrator
Medical Community	Providence	Tami Dillion	Manager Administrative Services
Primary Education	Spokane Public Schools	Andrew Gardner	Athletics/Activities Program Manager
Energy and rental assistance	SNAP	Carmen Groom	Energy Manager
2SLGBTQIA+	Spectrum Center	KJ January	Director, Advocacy and Engagement
Mobile Home Park, low income	Takesa Village (Homeowners Cooperative)	Cindy Kimmet and Ronaele Fitzpatrick (substitute)	Resident, Rules Chair, community member
Seniors	Aging & Long-Term Care of Eastern WA (ALTCEW)	Jean Kindem	Retired, Senior Advocate
Education/ Disabled	NEWESD101	Connie Kliewer	Director, Center for Special Education Services
Slavic Community	Pilgrim Slavic Baptist Church	Valdimir Kronin	Pastor
Rural Communities	Community Advocate	Sue Lani Madsen	Self-employed journalist, rancher, and semi-retired architect
Workforce Development	Spokane Workforce Council	Maliek Martin	Community Engagement Coordinator
Government Agency/City Library Services	Spokane Public Library	Vanessa Strange	Adult Services Manager
Ethnoecology and Faith Based Community	Rural Community Member	Lynn Suksdorf, PhD	Rural Community Member
Othello, School, English as 2nd Language	Hiawatha Elementary School	William von Bracht	Principal
Small business/ Community Organizing	Vision Properties	Latrice Williams	Vision Properties Broker/Owner

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