



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PORT COMMISSION**

*We consider applications for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.*

*All applicants must completely fill out the application in order to be considered for this appointment.*

*Initial Applications for Nominee selection to be listed on the Notice of Vacancy are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, to the Clerk to the Board, Jenna Riley, via email at [jennar@portofpa.com](mailto:jennar@portofpa.com).*

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Last Name: Kidwell First Name: Kelly Middle Name: Glen  
 Address: 127 Maritime Drive  
 City: Port Angeles State: WA Zip: 98362 Home Phone Number: 909-957-7717  
 Cell Phone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: (optional) kelly.kidwell@flycitizenair.com

- Are you a registered voter in Clallam County and do you live within the boundaries of Clallam County District 2?  
 Yes  No
- Have you been convicted of a crime by a court of law of a crime involving behavior that would adversely affect job performance, within the last ten years?  Yes  No

**WORK HISTORY**

*Start with your present or last job. Include any job-related military service assignments and volunteer activities. You may exclude organizations which indicate race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disabilities or other protected status.*

Dates of Employment (Month/Year) From: <u>January 1995</u> To: <u>Present</u>	Title of Position: <u>President/CEO/Chairman</u>
Brief Description of Work Performed: I am the founder of Pacific Advisors, LLC which is a financial consulting and wealth management firm with offices in 7 states. The firm has grown to more than 230 Staff and Advisors with more than 70,000 clients. At the end of 2024, I sold a minority share of my firm to my executive team and I have taken the role of Executive Chairman. Still very active but no longer President/CEO	

Dates of Employment (Month/Year) From: 2025 To: present	Title of Position: <b>Founder/CEO</b>
Description of Work Performed: In Early 2025, I formed Citizen Air, LLC in an Opportunity Zone located in Port Angeles with a mission of restoring durable Aviation Services to Port Angeles. In May of 2025, I purchased Rite Bros, LLC and in September purchased Fractional Jets, LLC to be the foundation of Citizen Air management and operations compliant for FAA and DOT. We are committed to launching a combination of services that will provide year round services to the community and year round "living wage jobs" to our employees.	

Dates of Employment (Month/Year) From: To:	Title of Position:
Description of Work Performed: <b>I also own several other businesses that I am happy to discuss in detail if interested.</b>	

**CHARITIES, SOCIAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

*Please list major activities you have participated in during the last five years.*

Organization/Location: Field Hall, Port Angeles	Group's Purpose/Objective: Support and promotion of the Arts in PA	Number of members: approx. 5000
Brief description of your participation: I began service on the Major Gifts planning committee, and then was asked to serve a three year term on the BOD. I now also serve on the Biz Ops, Finance & Endowment committees.		

Organization/Location: FINSECA	Group's Purpose/Objective: Financia Security for All	Number of members: Approx 10,000 Financial Advisors
Brief description of your participation: Finseca's sole focus is on creating an environment that enables people to protect and enhance financial well-being. Finseca brings top financial professionals (industry wide) to educate and advocate for better laws to help create Financial Security for all Americans. I was previously on the Board for the American College (Financial Planning Div.), I also served as board member of GAMA and later President.		

Organization/Location:	Group's Purpose/Objective:	Number of members:
Brief description of your participation:		

**EDUCATION**

Circle the highest grade completed: 8 9 10 11 12 Some College AA/AS Bachelors Masters PhD

Name of high school, college or vocational school & location	Academic Major, Skills or Trade	Number of Years Attended	Degree Earned
Santa Clara HS	High School	4	HS Diploma
Bethany College	Education/Psychology	4	Bachelor of Science

**SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES**

Please let us know what special attributes you would bring to the position of District 2 Port Commissioner, and why you are interested in serving.

*I believe I bring practical business experience, a track record of success, financial discipline, and a deep personal understanding of how economic opportunity changes lives.*

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

Here I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that any misrepresentation or omission shall be considered sufficient cause for employment disqualification or discharge.

I authorize my current or former employer(s) to provide to Port of Port Angeles representatives any information regarding my current or former employment. I understand that such information may or may not help my application for appointment to the Port Commission. My authorizations to current or former employers to release information are knowing, intelligent, and voluntary acts.

I understand that as a condition of appointment, I must pass a background check. See my signed Consent Form.

Signature of Applicant: *[Signature]* Date: 5/20/26

**Please submit a completed application form by Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to the Clerk to the Board, Jenna Riley, via email at [jennar@portofpa.com](mailto:jennar@portofpa.com).**



## Supplemental District 2 Commissioner Candidate Questionnaire

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Port Commissioner?

I am interested in serving as a Port Commissioner because I believe the Port of Port Angeles plays a vital role in creating local economic opportunity, supporting good jobs, and strengthening the long-term future of our community. My background as a business owner has taught me the importance of responsible budgeting, practical decision-making, and investing in growth that benefits both businesses and working families.

2. What strengths, skills or experience do you have, including public leadership, that would help the Commission?

My strengths include practical business judgment, financial discipline, and the ability to make decisions that balance opportunity, risk, and long-term impact. As the owner of multiple successful businesses, I have experience managing budgets, leading teams, solving problems, negotiating, and planning for sustainable growth.

3. What is your view on building public trust?

Trust is not something elected officials are automatically given; I believe it has to be earned through honesty, fiscal discipline, respectful communication, and a willingness to be held accountable. My unique values that have been part of each business I have built, is what I refer to as our "DEEDS: 1) Do the right thing; 2) Elevate Community; 3) Embrace Teamwork; 4) Drive Improvement; & 5) Solve the Problem."

4. How do you deal with and resolve conflict and disagreements in a small group?

I always try to start with learning each perspective of those involved and then I like to start from a principle we can all share agreement from. I make sure everyone feels heard, I focus on facts, shared goals and a balanced approach to decisions I believe will ~~be~~ best serve the known objectives.

5. What has been your involvement with the Port in the past?

- I have been involved in negotiations for long term leases of Airport ~~Fac~~ facilities and fuel services.
- I am also working closely with Port to bring scheduled commuter airline + air taxi services to the community of Port Angeles, and the greater Puget Sound area.

**SPECIAL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE TO CANDIDATE(S):** Information contained in any communication to the Port of Port Angeles may be subject to the disclosure requirements of Washington's Public Records Act, Ch. 42.56 RCW.

6. What do you think is the role of a Port Commissioner?

I believe a Port Commissioner is first, a responsible steward of public assets and economic opportunity. I assume the Commissioners should help set policy, approve budgets, guide the long term strategy of the Port, and always make sure that the Port operates in a way that benefits the public, supports local businesses and works to attract more businesses.

7. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the Port needs to address and how would you propose to address them?

From what I've had the chance to learn, I believe that protecting the working waterfront, operating our airports and providing support for economic development are all three high priorities and represent objectives that resonate with me.

8. What are your thoughts about the current strategic plan?

- I applaud the strategic objective of retaining the current team! my experience of the Port team, and my background w my own companies, I am a believer in building great culture through great people.
- As above, I also am aligned with the strategic commitment to proactively supporting economic growth in our region and to drive the expansion of local employment base. - I am also a believer in a growing diversified income stream approach!

9. What factors would you consider when there is an opportunity to purchase or sell Port property? I believe these are decisions that require fiscal discipline and a long term view. Factors always include; what is in the long term interest of the community. I am generally cautious about selling property unless there are powerful reasons it is in our long term best interest. Key factors: Does it support local businesses, does it strengthen the Port's financial position, improve infrastructure, or advance a strategic community need. Many other factors should be ~~not~~ evaluated carefully in either case.

10. What factors or methods would you consider in determining rates for the marinas, airport hangars, and leases? In these matters, I would generally start w an understanding of current norms. Then evaluate any modifications that drive a strategic objective beyond the revenue benefit in the moment. I believe it's important to evaluate the long term total benefit, not just immediate

**Note:** If you are selected for an oral interview, you will be asked to prepare 3-5-minute remarks about the value you would bring to the Commission.

**SPECIAL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE TO CANDIDATE(S):** Information contained in any communication to the Port of Port Angeles may be subject to the disclosure requirements of Washington's Public Records Act, Ch. 42.56 RCW.

# KELLY G. KIDWELL, CFP®, ChFC®, CSPG

Founder & CEO, Citizen Air • Founder, Executive Chairman & Former CEO, Pacific Advisors  
127 Maritime Drive, Port Angeles, WA 98362 • 909-957-7717 • kelly.kidwell@flycitizenair.com

## SUMMARY

---

Clallam County resident (District 2) and entrepreneur with a financial-services career since 1987 and 30+ years of executive leadership across financial services, regional aviation, and community real estate development. Founder of two operating companies headquartered to serve the Western U.S. and the Olympic Peninsula. Brings practical business judgment, financial discipline, and a track record of investing in local economic opportunity, good jobs, and the long-term future of Port Angeles.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

---

### **Founder & Chief Executive Officer** | Citizen Air, LLC | Port Angeles, WA *2025–Present*

- Formed in an Opportunity Zone in Port Angeles with a mission to restore durable aviation services to the community and create year-round “living-wage” jobs.
- Acquired Rite Bros, LLC (May 2025) and Fractional Jets, LLC (September 2025) as the foundation of Citizen Air’s FAA- and DOT-compliant management and operations.
- Service lines: Part 135 Charter, Part 91K Fractional, FBO Services, MRO, and Flight Instruction, based at William R. Fairchild International Airport (CLM). FAA Air Carrier Certificate RTEA81H.
- Working actively with the Port of Port Angeles on long-term airport facility and fuel leases and on bringing scheduled commuter airline and air-taxi service to Port Angeles and the greater Puget Sound region.
- Industry memberships: NBAA, HJOPA, and PNBA.

### **Founder, Executive Chairman & Former CEO** | Pacific Advisors, LLC *1993–Present*

- Founded Pacific Advisors in 1993 (financial-services career began 1987); grew it from a Southern California boutique into a Guardian Master Agency and Diamond International Management Award agency.
- Firm (2026): 230+ staff and advisors, 70,000+ clients, and offices across seven Western states; \$29B life insurance in force and \$7B assets administered.
- Honors: ranked Guardian’s #1 brokerage firm nationally and 3rd-largest premium agency; named a GAMA International Top 250 firm; personally recognized by GAMA for excellence in management.
- At the end of 2024, sold a minority share to the executive team and stepped back from President/CEO; remains highly engaged as Chairman in strategy, governance, and long-range planning.

### **Developer & Investor** | Clallam County Holdings *2017–Present*

- Colette’s Bed & Breakfast, Port Angeles, owned and operated by the Kidwells since 2017 (Cristy as owner-operator).
- Pacific Trail Side, sponsoring a 38-unit residential rental development in Port Angeles (under construction, 2023–); additional smaller residential holdings in Clallam County since 2021.

## CIVIC & BOARD LEADERSHIP

---

- Field Arts & Events Hall, Port Angeles, Major Gifts planning committee (2024); Board of Directors, three-year term (2025–2028); currently serves on Business Operations, Finance, and Endowment committees.
- Inaugural Chairman, FINSECA (2021–2022), led the newly merged GAMA / AALU organization representing financial security professionals nationwide; instrumental in the 2018 merger that formed FINSECA.
- Past President (2020) and Past Board Member (2019), GAMA International.
- Past Board Member, The American College of Financial Services Foundation (2016–2017).
- Chair, Charitable Planning Committee, AALU (Association for Advanced Life Underwriting), 2009–2010.
- National Planned Giving Chair, March of Dimes (2006–2013).
- Member, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA).
- Member, Los Angeles Estate Planning Council.

## EDUCATION

---

- M.A., Educational Psychology, University of San Francisco. B.S., Education / Psychology, Bethany College (1982–1986). Diploma, Santa Clara High School.

## CREDENTIALS & LICENSES

---

- Designations: CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC®), and Certified Specialist in Planned Giving (CSPG).
- Honor: Top of the Table, Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).
- Securities: Series 6, 7, 63, and 66; registered since 1987 in CA, CO, FL, MI, and NV.
- Registered Principal & Financial Advisor, Park Avenue Securities LLC (FINRA, SIPC).
- Principal Owner, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America®.
- FAA Private Pilot Certificate, Airplane Single-Engine Land (ASEL) with Instrument Airplane (IA) rating.

## GUIDING VALUES | DEEDS

---

The values Kelly carries from every business he has built into public service:

**Do the Right Thing • Elevate Community • Embrace Teamwork  
Drive Improvement • Solve the Problem**

*References available upon request.*