

2026 KPURA Election for Board of Directors

Biography for Terri Van Steinburg

Terri has been a labour leader, community and political activist for more than forty five years.

As well as being an educator who taught in the Career and Life Success Program for Women at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Terri has served on many boards and executives at the local, provincial and national levels.

Prior to retiring, Terri served as a full-time officer of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE), first as Secretary-Treasurer then as President.

Terri held various leadership positions in the Kwantlen Faculty Association, finally serving as President from 2004 to 2015.

Nationally, Terri served as the President of the National Union of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (NUCAUT) and as a member of the Canadian Labour Congress Canadian Council.

She also served as an Executive member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and as the Chair of the CAUT Collective Bargaining and Economic Benefits Committee.

Provincially, Terri has served as BC Federation of Labour Trustee, Executive Council member and as a Vice-President.

Terri has participated on a number of local boards including the United Way of the Fraser Valley and the Union Protein Project.

In 2020, Terri was appointed to the College of Chiropractors of BC Board of Directors. Terri was later elected Chair of that Board. Following amalgamation of several health colleges, Terri was appointed to the Board of Directors of the College of Complimentary Health Professionals of BC.

In 2021, Terri joined the Board of the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Retirees Association (KPURA) and currently serves as Vice-Chair. She represent KPURA as delegate to the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) and serves as Second Vice-President for COSCO BC.

Terri continues to be a fierce advocate social justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in all she does.