



2025 Annual Meeting bios

- Board of Directors (*3 year terms*) **Chris Otey, Tom Light, Nikki Wesley**
- Supervisory Committee (*3 year term*) **Renee Michel**

Chris Otey, 3 Year Term

Chris has been a dedicated volunteer with South Bay Credit Union since 2008. With fifteen years of experience in the credit union and banking industry, Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and a unique perspective that helps drive the growth and development of SBCU. Each year, he visits over thirty different credit unions and attends numerous industry conferences, staying on the cutting edge of trends and best practices. He has also shared his expertise at national conferences, delivering presentations on topics ranging from retail delivery channels to regulatory compliance.

Chris's vision for SBCU is focused on strategic, conservative growth and attracting a younger generation of members. He is confident that by leveraging the strong leadership and member relationships currently in place, SBCU can expand its offerings and provide cost-effective services to meet the evolving needs of South Bay residents.

Tom Light, 3 Year Term

Since 2016, Tom has been an invaluable volunteer with South Bay Credit Union, contributing his expertise and time to help foster community growth. A former executive at Hewlett Packard, Tom brings a wealth of experience in corporate sales and strategic leadership, which has been instrumental in his volunteer efforts. His dedication extends beyond the credit union, having also volunteered with the Peninsula Committee for Children's Hospital and Bay Shore Church, where he has made a lasting impact in his community.

A long-time resident of Palos Verdes for over two decades, Tom has built strong ties to the local area. Now enjoying retirement, he embraces an active outdoor lifestyle, whether tending to his garden, staying fit through exercise, or hitting the golf course. Tom's passion for community service and his vibrant personal life reflects his commitment to making the most of every opportunity.

Nikki Wesley, 3 Year Term

Nikki has lived in the South Bay her entire life. She is currently the Superintendent of the Redondo Beach Unified School District, where she has dedicated herself to improving education and serving the needs of students and families. Nikki's journey in education began when she was just 22 years old, starting her career as a 6th-grade teacher. Over the years, she has worked her way up, becoming a leader and advocate for students in the district.

Outside of her professional career, Nikki enjoys bike riding, attending music concerts, and watching her daughter play volleyball. These activities allow her to relax and spend quality time with loved ones. Nikki also serves as an advisory board member for the California Surf Club and UCLA's Women's School Leadership Academy, offering guidance and support to help the organizations achieve their goals and serve their stakeholders effectively. She also serves on the Redondo Beach Round Table and Chamber of Commerce.

Looking ahead, Nikki's vision for South Bay Credit Union is to expand access to value-added banking services for more community members. She believes that financial inclusion is key to supporting the growth and well-being of local residents, and she is committed to helping shape the future of the Credit Union in this way.



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Renee Michel, 3 Year Term Supervisory Committee

Renee has been a South Bay resident for over 20 years and currently resides in Torrance. She has 20 years of experience working for a local government agency, building a strong foundation in public service.

In her personal life, Renee enjoys a variety of hobbies that allow her to spend time with her family exploring the local community and enjoying the outdoors. She and her family are big patrons of our local libraries (always on the lookout for the next good read!), support South Bay restaurants, go hiking & traveling, and play golf.

Renee is also passionate about contributing to the community and envisions SBCU becoming a well-established, trusted name within the region. She hopes to see SBCU recognized not only as a strong and stable institution but also as a friendly, approachable, and dependable resource for all community members.