

Larry Kelley
Bio

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Larry Kelley serves as Port Director and CEO for the Port of Port Arthur in Port Arthur, Texas. Larry is actively engaged in port growth while focusing on local jobs and economic development at a modern maritime transportation facility. His career to date involves many aspects of the transportation industry including marine, rail, trucking, pipeline, aviation and facility operations. Beyond transportation operations, he is actively engaged in State and Federal transportation policy and planning. Prior to joining the port, he oversaw Texas operations and management of a large third-party logistics company. Occupationally he is a Certified Logistics Professional, CLP and a Professional Port Executive, PPX.

Over the years, Larry has served on various state, national and international industry trade boards in a range of leadership capacities. Currently he serves as a board member for the Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center, Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation, Regional Economic Development Initiative and Lamar University Center for the Advancement in Port Management and VP for the Texas Ports Association. He is in a mentor role in the American Association of Port Authorities, AAPA Port Professional Manager development program.

Larry has undergraduate and two postgraduate degrees from Lamar University. He earned a Business with an Industrial Engineering concentration, 1989; and a Master of Public Administration, 1994. For continued professional development he is the first graduate of the Master of Science program in Port and Terminal Management, in Lamar University's Department of Engineering, 2019.

As an aviation pilot, Larry holds advanced professional pilot, instructor, and mechanic ratings. He is an active pilot and involved in an aircraft restoration project and volunteers in the Experimental Aviation Association – Young Eagles program.

Texas natives, Larry and his wife Melissa enjoy travel and reside in Port Arthur, Texas.

