

Planning Commission Members

This document lists Jonestown residents who reportedly served on the Peoples Temple planning commission, which evolved into the governing council of Jonestown. This research document is original to this site. Please credit [this website](#) for any use of this material.

There are 37 names on this list. Much of the information for this list comes from statements which surviving Temple members gave to the FBI in November and December 1978, either before the members left Guyana or immediately upon their return to the United States. The names of the people giving the statements were blacked out.

Everyone was asked to give a general statement, but agents also had a specific list of questions – Who was on the Planning Commission? Who was on security? What do you know about the fate of these 30-40 individuals? – which they asked everyone.

We recognize that any attempt to define the membership of so amorphous and fluid a group is by definition subjective, especially if the list were to include PC members who either left the governing body – or even the Temple itself – before the migrations to Guyana, or who remained in San Francisco or Los Angeles, and never lived in Jonestown. There are some reports that the number of people on the Planning Commission at any given moment was as high as 75, and we do not dispute this number.

Even with these caveats, we recognize that several others who died in Guyana (or survived the deaths) may have been on the governing council. For that reason, we welcome corrections to this list. Please contact [Fielding McGehee](#) with any corrections you may have.

The chart below lists the 37 names in alphabetical order, followed by the sex and race of each person, as well as the source of the information. (The gender breakdown of this Planning Commission list is 25 females and twelve males, while the racial breakdown is 31 whites and six blacks.) The FBI documents were released to this website in response to *McGehee v. FBI*. The other source – *Raven* – refers to the book by Tim Reiterman and John Jacobs.

Superscripted numbers refer to notes at the end of this document.

Paula Jean Adams ^{1, 2}	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Sharon Amos	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Jack Lovell Beam	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Rheaviana Wilson Beam	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Deborah Layton Blakey ³	F	C	Raven
Tersa Buford ⁴	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Michael Julian Carter ¹	M	C	Raven

Timothy James Carter ¹	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Patricia Ann Cartmell	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Patricia Pauline Cartmell	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Eugene Bernard Chaikin	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1552
Sandra Cobb, aka Sandy Jones	F	B	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Lemuel Thomas Grubbs, aka Tom Grubbs	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Judith Kay Ijames	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Marion Lee Ingram, aka Lee Ingram ¹	M	B	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Ava Jones, aka Ava Cobb, Ava Brown	F	B	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Johnny Jones, aka Johnny Moss Brown	M	B	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Maria Mary Katsaris	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Carolyn Louise Moore Layton	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Karen Lea Layton	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Laeticia Leroy, aka Tish Leroy	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Christine Renee Lucienties	F	C	Raven
Ann Elizabeth Moore	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Beatrice Alethia Morton, aka Bea Orsot ¹	F	B	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Enola Marthenya Nelson, aka Kay Nelson	F	B	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Dale Edwin Parks ¹	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Joyce Ann Parks ¹	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Michael Joseph Prokes ^{1, 5}	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Laurence Eugene Schacht	M	C	Raven
Carol Ann Stahl	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Cleave Lonso Swinney	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Helen Beatrice Swinney ¹	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1557
Charles E. Touchette ¹	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1552
Joyce Touchette, aka Joyce Swinney	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1552
Harriet Sarah Tropp, aka Sarah Tropp	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Richard David Tropp	M	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207
Rita Jeanette Tupper	F	C	FBI document 89-4286-1207

Notes:

¹ Survived deaths in Jonestown (12)

² Died in a murder suicide in October 1983

³ Left Jonestown in May 1978

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⁵ Committed suicide in Modesto, California in March 1979