

Melba Bartels

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Melba Bartels is BECU's executive vice president and chief financial officer (CFO). She oversees all of BECU's financial operations, including finance business support, treasury, accounting, company-wide budgets, tax compliance reporting, financial analysis and a new non-finance enterprise strategic services function, focused on organization-wide execution of strategic initiatives. Melba also manages BECU's relationships with the financial community, including regulators and auditors.

Since joining BECU in 2017, Melba has streamlined internal processes and established a strong, diversified financial division that has not only led to efficiencies across the business, but has allowed for new innovation, which ensures the cooperative is positioned well for sustainable long-term growth. She has brought new sophistication and capabilities in pricing, hedging/capital markets, budgeting, planning, operations, control functions, reporting and more – all to the benefit of BECU's over 2,800 employees and nearly 1.4 million members.

Before BECU, Melba served as senior executive vice president and CFO at HomeStreet Bank, where she was responsible for all aspects of financial management. She also spent six years at JPMorgan Chase and held numerous financial leadership positions during 20 years of service at Washington Mutual Bank.

Melba attended South Seattle College before graduating from the University of Washington with an MBA and BA in finance.

Beyond the office, Melba is equally dedicated to serving her local communities and living BECU's community-focused values. In 2018, she joined the Seattle Central Foundation Board which has now been integrated into the Seattle Colleges Foundation which serves all the Seattle District Colleges, focused on providing quality education opportunities to all. Melba currently serves on the Seattle Colleges Foundation Board and as the finance committee chair. In 2019, Melba was recognized as an honoree for the Puget Sound Business Journal's [CFO of the Year](#) and in 2020 was an honoree of Seattle Business Magazine's [Executive Excellence awards](#).