

#### LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

OFFICE: Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

APPOINTEE: Elliot Hinkle of Woodburn; New appointment replacing Stapp

TERM: Unexpired 4-year term: February 14, 2018 - June 30, 2018

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY: House Bill 4080 (2016)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST REQUIRED (ORS 244.050): Not required.

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: House Bill 4080 (2016)

Affirmative action policy: See ORS 182.100. Diversity criteria: See ORS 236.115.

- Eleven members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms;
- Members must be Oregon residents with experience and expertise in the foster care system in this state, including but not limited to:
  - o Foster and biological parents and children involved in the foster care system;
  - Representatives of advocacy organizations that advocate regarding issues pertaining to the foster care system in this state;
  - Representatives of public, private, profit and nonprofit agencies, organizations and other entities with experience in, interest in and responsibility for the provision of care to children in the foster care system in this state;
  - o Members of the Oregon State Bar with expertise in family and juvenile dependency law;
  - o Representatives of law enforcement agencies and district attorneys;
  - Former employees of the DHS, OHA and DOJ who were responsible for the administration and oversight of the child welfare and foster care systems in this state,
  - Representatives of the Judicial Department in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and
  - Representatives of federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon and organizations serving Native Americans.

## DUTIES AND AUTHORITY: HB 4080 (2016)

- Members shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson
- The Commission shall meet at least once every three months
- The Commission shall advise the Governor and the Director of Human Services, and make recommendations for legislation, regarding the foster care system in this state.
- The Commission shall study and report to the Governor and the director with respect to the following:
  - Legal and policy issues pertaining to the foster care system in this state;
  - Monitoring accountability in the foster care system by measuring outcomes, including but not limited to the following:
    - Increasing the number of children committed to the custody of the Department of Human Services who are placed with family members, relatives or next of kin;

- Decreasing the number of placements in, and removals from, substitute care for individual children committed to the custody of the department;
- Decreasing the length of time children spend in substitute care;
- Decreasing incidences of abuse, neglect and maltreatment for children in substitute care;
- Increasing the number of children who receive permanent placements within 24 months of entering substitute care;
- Decreasing the number of children who, upon becoming ineligible for substitute care, have not achieved independent living status;
- Increasing the number of children who are placed with adoptive parents within 12 months of termination of the parental rights of a child's biological parents;
- Reducing demographic disproportionality in substitute care;
- Increasing the number of families involved in the foster care system receiving services and assistance to make it possible for children in substitute care to safely return home; and
- Increasing the number of families involved in the foster care system having access to culturally relevant services;
- Necessary and recommended improvements to the internal operations of the department, including but not limited to the following:
  - Monitoring, licensing and supervision of foster care providers;
  - Caseload management;
  - Procedures for investigation of abuses and deficiencies;
  - Recruitment, training and retention of foster parents; and
  - Quality assurance;
- Recommendations to improve and expand the availability of foster care and, where applicable, to provide alternatives to foster care for children who are in need of care and services;
- o Promotion of responsible statewide advocacy for children in foster care; and
- Ongoing review of foster care providers in this state and the identification of barriers to the provision of quality care and services to children in the foster care system.
- The Commission shall consider reports, findings and recommendations that have been or will be issued by legislative and agency task forces, work groups and committees that have undertaken study, review or oversight of the foster care system in this state.
- Adopt rules for the administration of its responsibilities

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# **Child Foster Care Advisory Commission**

Agency: Governor's Office Authorization: HB 4080 Members: Min: 11 Max: 11 Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2 Senate confirmation required? Yes

#### Policy Area: Human Services

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# **Current Appointments:**

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Timothy J Colahan	
Term(s): 07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2017	Position Number: 4
Gina ∀alerie M Colas	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 5
Caroline M Cruz	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 1
Robin C Donart	
Term(s): 07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2017	Position Number: 6
Elliott O Hinkle	
Term(s): 02-14-2018 - 06-30-2018	Position Number: 8

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

Child Foster Care Advisory Commission	
Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)	Policy Area: Human Services
Denise Loraditch	
Term(s): 11-17-2017 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 10
Lluvia M Merello	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 11
Emily M Reiman	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 3
Kari D Rieck	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2018	Position Number: 7
Katie Robertson	
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2018	Position Number: 9
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2018 Bill Wagner	Position Number: 9