

# Oregon Government Ethics Commission

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To impartially and effectively administer and enforce Oregon's government ethics laws for the benefit of Oregon's citizens. The Commission emphasizes education in achieving its mission.

# Agency Summary

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## ■ Established in 1974

- Post Watergate Era
- Safeguard Public Trust
- Statewide Ballot Measure
  - Supported by more than 70% of voters

## ■ Jurisdiction

- ORS Chapter 244 – Ethics
- ORS Chapter 171.725-171.785 - Lobby Law
- ORS Chapter 192.660 & 192.685 – Executive Session

## ■ Funded by Assessment Revenue

- \$2,934,592 2019-2021 Budget
- \$3,191,597 2021-2023 Budget Request

## ■ Pending Legislative Concepts

- Senate Bill 60
- Senate Bill 61
- Senate Bill 62
- Senate Bill 63



# Composition

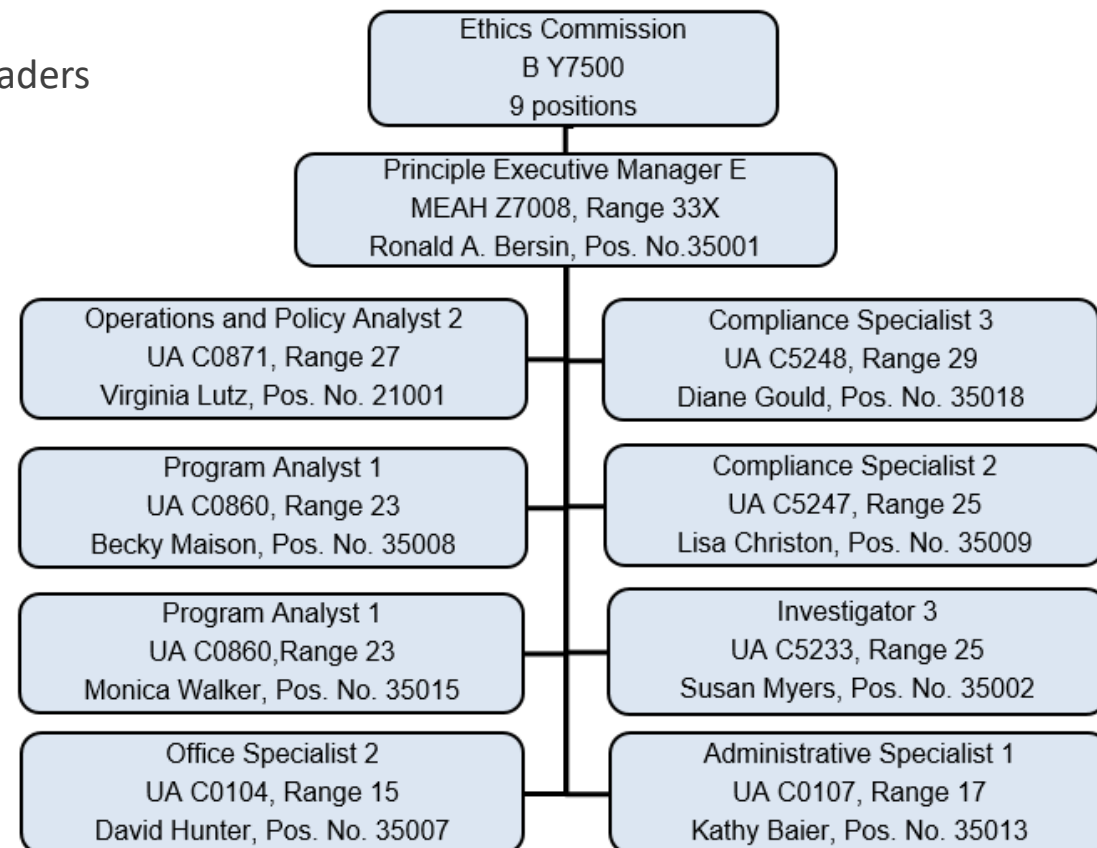
## ■ Commission

- 9 Volunteer Members
  - 8 Members are recommended by Democratic & Republican Leaders
  - 1 Members is selected by Governor directly
- All are appointed by Governor & confirmed by Senate vote
- No more than 3 members from same political party
- Serve one four year term per law

## ■ Staff

- 9 Member Staff
  - Executive Director
  - Operations and Policy Analyst
  - Compliance Coordinator
  - 2 Investigators
  - 2 Trainers
  - 2 Administrative Support Staff

2021 - 2023 Organizational Chart



# Public Trainings

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## ■ Monthly Trainings

- Lobby Law
- Executive Session
- New Public Official
- Gifts
- Conflicts of Interest
- Use of Office/Official Position

## ■ Yearly Trainings

- Jurisdictional Contact Trainings
- Annual Statement of Economic Interest Trainings

## ■ Customized Trainings

- Large Scale Conferences
- Agency Specific Trainings
- Interested Groups or Organizations

## ■ iLearn Trainings (Soon to be Workday)

- Overview of Oregon Ethics Law

## ■ 2019 Statistics

- Total Persons Trained: 3,941
- Total # of Trainings: 2,980
  - In-Person: 50
  - Webinar: 3
  - iLearn: 2,927

## ■ Adaptive Online Training

- Interactive Polling Software
- Customized Training
- Multiple Platforms



# Advice & Opinions

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## ■ Informal Advice

- Provided by Staff
- Unpublished

## ■ Staff Advice

- Signed by Executive Director
- Published via Case Management System (CMS)

## ■ Staff Opinion

- Signed by Executive Director
- Published via CMS

## ■ Commission Advisory Opinion

- Signed by Commission Chair
- Published via CMS

## ■ Commission Issued Guides

- Guide for Public Officials
- Public Official's Supplementary Guide
- Guide to Lobbying in Oregon

## ■ Oregon Administrative Rules

- Chapter 199
  - Procedural Rules
  - Gifts
  - Lobbying Registration and Reporting
  - Statement of Interest
  - Executive Session



# Investigations

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- **Signed, Written Complaint**

- Cannot be Anonymous

- **Own Motion**

- Opened by Commission

- **Preliminary Review**

- 30 Day Period for Exec. Session & Ethics
- 135 Day Period for Lobby
- Confidential
- Commissioners Vote to Dismiss or Move to Investigation

- **Investigation Phase**

- 180 Day Period
- No Longer Confidential
- Commissioners Vote to Dismiss or Make Findings of Violation

- **Conclusion**

- Dismissal
- Stipulated Final Order
- Default Final Order
- Contested Case
  - 100% Settlement Rate

## Complaint Breakdown

- **Ethics**

- 54% of All Complaints

- **Executive Session**

- 44% of All Complaints

- **Lobby**

- 2% of All Complaints

