



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: February 23, 2021
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

COMMISSION ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Susan Cox of Eugene; Reappointment
Jacqueline Leung of Salem; Reappointment
Neha Subramanyam of Portland; New appointment

Term

Cox: September 25, 2020 – September 24, 2024
Leung: September 25, 2020 – September 24, 2024
Subramanyam: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.610 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of 11 members;⁴

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (MICHAEL DEMBROW);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT);
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (AL-BAIATY, ALYAJOURI, ASAI, **COX**, **LEUNG**, MOSES-MESUBED, SINLAPASAI-OKAMURA, SONEOULAY-GILLESPIE, **SUBRAMANYAM**).

All members must be residents of this state. Members serve four-year terms. The commission must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for a term of one year and determine the duties of the officers. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

¹ See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

² See [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ See [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 185.610 \(2019\)](#).

Appointments shall be made to ensure the ethnic representation of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Oregon.

Duties and Authority

The commission must work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in this state and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in this state.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- identify barriers to the economic development and trade opportunities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans within this state, and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those barriers;
- establish an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate the work of the commission;
- identify and examine the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state;
- compile information relating to services available to Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state, including but not limited to education and training programs, work programs, dispute resolution programs, trade opportunities, housing programs, health programs, mental health programs including alcohol and drug services, and welfare programs from local, state and federal sources and through private agencies;
- develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with Asian and Pacific Islander American groups and organizations to inform Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state of services available to them;
- assess all programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of those programs;
- serve as liaison to other state boards and commissions as required by law;
- submit to the Governor at the beginning of each biennium a report that describes the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and that specifies the programs, projects, and activities that the commission will undertake regarding those needs; and
- meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission for Women to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

⁵ [ORS 185.625 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 185.620 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 185.610
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Hussein Al-Baiaty

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 11-20-2018 - 11-19-2021
11-20-2015 - 11-19-2018

Mohamed Alyajouri

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 04-01-2019 - 03-31-2022

Jessica A Asai

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 12-16-2021

Susan S Cox

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024
06-01-2017 - 05-31-2020
12-19-2016 - 05-31-2017

Susan S Cox

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024
06-01-2017 - 05-31-2020
12-19-2016 - 05-31-2017

Michael Dembrow

Senator

Position Number: 10

Term(s):

Jackie Leung

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024
09-25-2017 - 09-24-2020

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

Jackie Leung	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024 09-25-2017 - 09-24-2020	
Bennie K Moses-Mesubed	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 10-01-2017 - 09-30-2020 11-20-2015 - 09-30-2017	
Carla C Piluso Representative	Position Number: 5
Term(s):	
Chanpone P Sinlapasai-Okamura, JD, Chair	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 04-01-2018 - 03-31-2021 04-01-2015 - 03-31-2018	
Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	
Neha C Subramanyam	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	
David Y Tam	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 10-01-2015 - 09-30-2018 05-25-2015 - 09-30-2015	