



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

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Lane Transit District Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Susan Cox of Eugene; New Appointment
Michelle Webber of Springfield; New Appointment

Term

Cox: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024
Webber: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 267.090 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ One member must be appointed from each of seven subdistricts, which must be of as nearly equal in population as possible based on the latest federal census (**COX**, **NORDIN**, **SECORD**, **SKOV**, **VARGAS**, **WEBBER**, **YETT**). The Governor must appoint as one of the members a person who regularly uses the services provided by a mass transit system. Members must reside in the subdistrict from which they are respectively appointed.

Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment. A member whose term has expired continues to serve until the appointment of a successor unless discharged by the Governor. Before appointing a member to the board of a district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding 400,000, the Governor must solicit recommendations of qualified individuals from each city and county

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 267.090 \(2019\)](#).

located wholly or partly within the subdistrict for which the appointment will be made.⁵ Each member, before entering upon the duties of office, must take and subscribe to an oath that the member will honestly, faithfully, and impartially perform duties as a member and disclose any conflict of interest the member may have in any matter to be acted upon by the board.⁶

The board must choose from among its members, by majority vote of the members, a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, to serve for terms of two years. The board must hold regular monthly meetings at a time and place fixed by the rules of the board and may hold special meetings when called by the president or a majority of the members.

Duties and Authority

Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations of this state and treated as local government.⁷ The governing body of the most populous city in a metropolitan statistical area may propose the creation of a mass transit district if the governing body finds that area-wide mass transit needs cannot be met by local transit operation.⁸ Once a mass transit district has been formed, the Governor appoints members of the board.⁹ The territorial boundaries of a mass transit district include, at a minimum, the territory within the urban growth boundary of the city that proposed the creation of the district.¹⁰ The Lane Transit District Board provides policy direction and collaborates with local elected officials on regional transportation planning.¹¹

The board must:¹²

- to the extent that it is economically and technologically possible, purchase or lease only motor vehicles capable of using alternative fuel and report annually to the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Department of Energy on alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels used;
- appoint a general manager to administer the operations of the district and enforce ordinances adopted by the board;
- determine annually the territory in the district within which the transit system of the district will operate; and
- prepare and revise as necessary a general plan for mass transit operation.

The board may:¹³

- enact police ordinances relating to the protection, use, and enjoyment of district property and facilities, and appoint peace officers to enforce those ordinances;

⁵ [ORS 267.097 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 267.120 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 267.200 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 267.107 \(2019\)](#).

⁹ [ORS 267.108 \(2019\)](#).

¹⁰ [ORS 267.114 \(2019\)](#).

¹¹ Lane Transit District, *Board of Directors*, <https://www.ltd.org/board-of-directors/#:~:text=Lane%20Transit%20District%20is%20a,officials%20on%20regional%20transportation%20planning>. (last visited November 19, 2020).

¹² [ORS 267.030 to 267.210 \(2019\)](#).

¹³ [ORS 267.150 to 267.430 \(2019\)](#).

- by ordinance, provide a procedure for the conduct of public hearings on proposed changes in transit routes and schedules;
- delegate specified duties to the general manager or other administrative officer;
- call an election for the purpose of referring an ordinance to the electors of a district for their approval before the ordinance takes effect;
- classify and designate as a service area the territory within the district that is benefited by the mass transit system beyond the general benefit to all territory within the district, and amend the boundaries of the service area to conform to changes in the mass transit system service;
- alter the territorial boundaries of the district by a nonemergency ordinance adopted at any regular meeting; and
- finance construction, acquisition, purchase, lease, operation, and maintenance of a mass transit system and related facilities using specified methods including: the levy of stated taxes; the imposition of user charges, fees, and tolls; and the issue of general obligation bonds.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Lane Transit District Board

Agency: Transportation
Authorization: ORS 267.090
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Transportation

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Susan S Cox Subdistrict 7 Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2024	Position Number: 3
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Donald M Nordin Subdistrict 3 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022 05-22-2015 - 12-31-2018	Position Number: 6
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Emily A Secord Subdistrict 4 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 2
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Joshua Skov Subdistrict 5 Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 1
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Caitlin F Vargas Subdistrict 6 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 4
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Michelle R Webber Subdistrict 2 Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2024	Position Number: 7
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Carl A Yeh Subdistrict 2 Term(s): 01-01-2017 - 12-31-2020 03-15-2013 - 12-31-2016	Position Number: 7
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Steven R Yett Subdistrict 1 Term(s): 06-01-2017 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 5
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