



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

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Martha Gross of Portland; Reappointment
Lindsey Rogers of Baker City; New Appointment

Term

Gross: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Rogers: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2023

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 342.350 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ Membership must consist of:

- four elementary teachers (CARRASCO, **GROSS**, JIMENEZ, **ROGERS**);
- four middle school or high school teachers (BARNEY, BRUNER, CLASSEN, YORK);
- one elementary school administrator (TOLENTO);
- one middle school or high school administrator (BARE);
- one superintendent of a school district (SWEENEY);
- one superintendent of an education service district (BREYER);
- one member from the faculty of an approved educator preparation provider within a private college or university in Oregon (WEITZEL);
- one member from the faculty of an approved educator preparation provider within a public university (NEWMAN);

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 342.350 to 342.360 \(2019\)](#).

- one member who is also a member of a district school board (WOLF); and
- two members of the general public (BULLOCK, MARSON).

Members serve three-year terms. Except for the public members and member of the school district board, members must have been actively engaged in teaching, personnel service work, or administering in the public schools or approved educator preparation providers in Oregon for the period of five years immediately preceding appointment. One member must hold a teaching license with an endorsement in some aspect of special education or have demonstrated knowledge or experience in special education.

The commission must select one of its members as chairperson, and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with such powers and duties necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the commission shall determine. The commission must meet at least once every six months.

Duties and Authority

The commission maintains and improves performance in the education profession by approving teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities; by licensing teachers, administrators and other personnel employed in Oregon schools; and by taking disciplinary actions when educators commit crimes or violate Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- appoint a qualified person as executive director;
- administer licensing for educators and other personnel employed in schools;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutes;
- establish a public charter school teacher and administrator registry;
- administer a pilot program on alternative authorization requirements for teachers of noncore courses;
- establish and collect fees for specified services;
- adopt and administer standards for approval of educator preparation providers and educator preparation programs;
- award grants from the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account;
- adopt procedures to assess the proficiencies developed through workshops and courses in grade I and grade II Braille that are consistent with standards set by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress;
- investigate complaints;
- render decisions after disciplinary hearings and notify specified parties of those decisions in writing; and

⁵ Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, *About TSPC*, <https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/about/Pages/default.aspx> (last visited November 19, 2020).

⁶ [ORS 342.121 to 342.430 \(2019\)](#).

- regularly publish online specified information regarding individuals subject to discipline that can be accessed by school districts, public charter schools, and education service districts.

The commission may:⁷

- employ persons to provide such service as the commission shall require;
- accept from any source any grant, donation, or gift of money or other valuable thing made to the commission for purposes of the National Board Certification Fund;
- disburse moneys from the National Board Certification Fund to applicants for assistance with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining national board certification;
- establish other types of teaching licenses as the commission considers necessary for operation of the public schools of the state;
- refuse to issue a license, registration, or approval under specified circumstances;
- suspend or revoke the license or registration of a teacher or administrator, discipline a teacher or administrator, or suspend or revoke the right of any person to apply for a license or registration under specified circumstances;
- appoint investigators as necessary to conduct investigations of complaints;
- issue subpoenas to compel attendance at a hearing;
- issue a letter of informal reproof to a person licensed, registered, or certified by the commission under specified circumstances;
- issue a license to an out-of-state applicant if the applicant has met the professional requirements established by rule by the commission and has completed a course of study that is acceptable to the commission; and
- require fingerprints for the purpose of requesting a criminal records check from individuals subject to the regulation of the board.

⁷ *Id.*

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Agency: Oregon Department of Education
Authorization: ORS 342.350
Members: Min: 17 Max: 17
Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Education

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Erika J Bare Jr/High School Principal Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 10
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Jessica L Barney High School Teacher Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 7
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Sam Breyer ESD Superintendent Term(s): 01-01-2020 - 12-31-2022 09-28-2018 - 12-31-2019	Position Number: 12
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Judy Brizendine Elementary Teacher/Special ED Term(s): 01-01-2015 - 12-31-2017 03-01-2012 - 12-31-2014	Position Number: 3
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Allan Bruner Jr/Sr High Teacher Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 5
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Peggy A Bullock Public Member Term(s): 01-01-2021 - 12-31-2023 10-01-2020 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 17
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Iris Carrasco Elementary Teacher Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 2
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Jessica Classen Secondary Teacher Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2021 11-17-2017 - 12-31-2018	Position Number: 8
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Policy Area: Education

Martha D Gross Elementary Teacher Term(s): 01-01-2021 - 01-01-2023 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 1
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Liliana Jimenez Elementary Teacher Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020 09-26-2016 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 4
Erica N Marson Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 16
Rae Ette V Newman, PhD State Institution of Higher Learning Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 12-31-2020	Position Number: 14
Lindsey M Rogers Elementary Teacher/Special ED Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2023	Position Number: 3
Tim Sweeney Superintendent of City Schools Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 11
Teresa Tolento Elementary School Principal Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 9
Bruce N Weitzel, PhD State Institution of Higher Education; Private Dean Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020 11-20-2015 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 13
Maureen J Wolf School Board Member Term(s): 01-01-2020 - 12-31-2022 01-01-2017 - 12-31-2019	Position Number: 15
Michelle C York Jr/Sr High Teacher Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 6