



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Date: April 27, 2021  
By: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst  
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

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## QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Quality Education Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Appointees

Cam Preus of Salem; New Appointment  
Whitney Swander of Bend; New Appointment

### Term

Preus: May 14, 2021 – May 13, 2025  
Swander: May 14, 2021 – May 13, 2025

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 327.500 \(2019\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate (HENRY, HEPPEL, LARSON, **PREUS**, REXFORD, SEQUEIRA, **SWANDER**).<sup>4</sup> No more than five members of the commission may be employed by a school district at the time of appointment (MOONEY, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT). Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment.

The Governor must select one of the members of the commission as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices as the Governor determines.<sup>5</sup> A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission meets at the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the commission.

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

<sup>2</sup> See [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 327.500 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 327.502 \(2019\)](#).

## Duties and Authority

The Oregon Educational Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century established quality education goals for the state's K-12 public schools.<sup>6</sup> The commission determines the amount of funding needed to meet those goals.<sup>7</sup> The commission must:<sup>8</sup>

- each biennium, determine the amount of moneys sufficient to ensure that the state's system of K-12 public education meets the quality goals;
- identify best practices based on research, data, professional judgment, and public values that lead to high student performance and the costs of implementing those best practices in the state's K-12 public schools; and
- each biennium, issue a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly that identifies: current practices in the state's system of K-12 public education, the costs of continuing those practices, and the expected student performance under those practices; and the best practices for meeting the quality goals, the costs of implementing the best practices, and the expected student performance under the best practices; and at least two alternatives for meeting the quality goals.

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<sup>6</sup> [ORS chapter 329 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> Oregon Department of Education, *Quality Education Commission Reports*, <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/taskcomm/Pages/QEMReports.aspx> (last visited July 31, 2020).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 327.506 \(2019\)](#).

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Quality Education Commission

Agency: Oregon Department of Education  
Authorization: ORS 327.500  
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Samuel D Henry Term(s): 08-01-2019 - 07-31-2023 02-17-2016 - 07-31-2019	Position Number: 6
Dana T Hepper Public Member Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 10
Charles J Larson Term(s): 02-14-2018 - 07-31-2021	Position Number: 4
Tricia Mooney School District Employee Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 5
Cam Preus Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-13-2025	Position Number: 1
John M Rexford Term(s): 08-01-2017 - 07-31-2021 09-26-2016 - 07-31-2017	Position Number: 2
Carlos A Sequeira, EdD Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 7
Whitney M Swander Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-13-2025	Position Number: 8

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### Quality Education Commission

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Education

#### Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
3	Colt J Gill School District Employee	Governor	08/01/2015	07/31/2019
3	Colt J Gill School District Employee	Governor	06/01/2012	07/31/2015
3	Mark S Mulvihill, Ed.D. School District Employee	Governor	03/01/2010	07/31/2011
3	Edward M Jensen School District Employee	Governor	08/01/2007	07/31/2011
3	Edward M Jensen School District Employee	Governor	04/12/2004	07/31/2007
3	Yvonne Curtis School District Employee	Governor	09/10/2001	08/01/2002
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	Judith F Stiegler	Governor	12/13/2016	07/31/2020
9	Judith F Stiegler	Governor	12/13/2012	12/12/2016
9	Lynn R Lundquist VICE-CHAIR	Governor	08/01/2008	07/31/2012
9	Lynn R Lundquist VICE-CHAIR	Governor	04/01/2005	07/31/2008
9	Kenneth Thrasher CHAIR	Governor	09/10/2001	08/01/2004
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Ana C Gomez At large member	Governor	09/18/2013	07/31/2017
11	David Bautista School District Employee	Governor	10/01/2010	07/31/2014
11	Emilio Hernandez, Ph.D.	Governor	08/01/2008	07/31/2012
11	Emilio Hernandez, Ph.D.	Governor	02/18/2008	07/31/2008
11	Lorenzo T Poe, Jr	Governor	04/01/2005	07/31/2008