



# 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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## STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Parks and Recreation Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Appointees

Victoria Berger of Salem; Reappointment  
Doug Deur of Arch Cape; Reappointment  
Steven Grasty of Hines; Reappointment  
Elizabeth Hill of Roseburg; New Appointment

### Term

Berger: June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025  
Deur: June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025  
Grasty: June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025  
Hill: June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 390.114 \(2019\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> The Governor must appoint one member of the commission from each of the congressional districts of this state (ALLEN (CD1), **BERGER** (CD5), BLASHER (CD3), **GRASTY** (CD2), **HILL** (CD4)), one member from among individuals who reside west of the summit of the Coast Mountain Range (**DEUR**) and one member from among individuals who reside east of the summit of the Cascade Mountain Range (DAWSON).

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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 390.114 \(2019\)](#).

Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment. The Governor must designate one member as chairperson, and the members shall select such other officers, for such terms and with such duties and powers necessary for the performance of such offices as commission determines appropriate.<sup>5</sup> A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission meets at least once every three months and at such other times and places as are specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the commission.

## **Duties and Authority**

The commission promotes the policy of this state toward outdoor recreation resources and establishes policies for the operation of the State Parks and Recreation Department in a manner consistent with the policies and purposes established in statute.<sup>6</sup>

The commission must:<sup>7</sup>

- appoint as State Parks and Recreation Director an individual well qualified by training and experience to serve for a term of four years unless sooner removed by the commission;
- provide direction to the director;
- authorize the use of specified funds, gifts, and donations;
- recommend policies and procedures for the administration of the Office of Outdoor Recreation;
- consult with the director on the appointment of an Associate Director of Outdoor Recreation;
- in consultation with the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the governing bodies of the Oregon Indian tribes, adopt rules to establish mediation and arbitration procedures to settle disputes regarding archaeological sites and historical materials; and
- appoint members to and consult with the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Commission and the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council.

The commission may:<sup>8</sup>

- delegate to the State Parks and Recreation Director certain powers, duties, and functions;
- acquire real property or any right or interest therein deemed necessary for the operation and development of state parks and associated facilities and areas or any right or interest because of its natural, scenic, cultural, historic or recreational value, or any other places of attraction and scenic or historic value which in the judgment of the department will contribute to the general welfare, enjoyment and pleasure of the public;

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 390.117 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [Id.](#)

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 390.127 to 390.977 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 390.117 to 390.124 \(2019\)](#).

- construct, improve, develop, manage, operate, and maintain facilities and areas, including but not limited to roads, trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps and nature study areas;
- sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose or permit use of real or personal property, including equipment and materials acquired by the department, if in the opinion of the department it is no longer needed, required or useful for department purposes;
- enter into contracts deemed necessary for the construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, or betterment of parks or for the accomplishment of the purposes established in statute;
- publish guides and other materials relating to recreational opportunities in this state or to any program or function administered by the department;
- establish priorities for the acquisition of property; and
- adopt rules necessary to carry out the duties, functions and powers imposed by law upon the commission and the department.

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Parks and Recreation Commission, State

Agency: Parks & Recreation  
Authorization: ORS 390.114  
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Natural Resources

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Jennifer H Allen, PhD CD1	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 03-01-2019 - 02-28-2023 06-01-2015 - 02-28-2019	

Victoria J Berger District 5	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Jonathan T Blasher CD3	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019	

Lisa M Dawson East of Cascades	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 03-01-2018 - 02-28-2022 03-01-2014 - 02-28-2018	

Doug Deur, PhD District 1	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Steven E Grasty District 2	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Liz Hill District 4	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025	