



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Date: February 4, 2022  
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.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Marilyn McClellan of Salem  
Sam Phan of Portland

### Reappointee

Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie of Hillsboro

### Term

New Appointees: March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2026  
Soneoulay-Gillespie: May 25, 2021 – May 24, 2025

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.610 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The commission consists of 11 members;<sup>4</sup>

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (DEMBROW);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (ALYAJOURI, COX, IGLESIAS, LEUNG, **MCCLELLAN, PHAN, SONEOULAY-GILLESPIE**, SUBRAMANYAM, VACANT).

<sup>1</sup> See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> See [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 185.610 \(2021\)](#).

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. 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.<sup>5</sup>

The commission must:<sup>6</sup>

- 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.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 185.625 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 185.620 \(2021\)](#).

## 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)

Mohamed Alyajouri

Position Number: 9

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

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):

John Iglesias

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 11-20-2021 - 11-19-2025

Jackie Leung

Position Number: 2

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

09-25-2017 - 09-24-2020

Marilyn McClellan

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026

Sam Phan

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026

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### Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Diversity & Inclusion

Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie		Position Number: 1
Term(s):	05-25-2021 - 05-24-2025 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	
Neha C Subramanyam		Position Number: 7
Term(s):	03-15-2021 - 03-14-2025 03-15-2021 - 03-14-2025	
Kien Truong, Chair		Position Number: 4
Term(s):	03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026	

### Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Fu Li House Speaker's Appointment	House Democrat Leader	01/01/2000	12/31/2002
5	Peter Leung House Speaker's Appointment (1st term Governor's Appt)	House Co/Speaker	11/20/1997	11/19/1999
5	Thomas Higashi Speaker of the House Appointment	House Democrat Leader		
5	John Lim, Rep House Speaker's Appointment	House Democrat Leader		
5	Nick Kahl, Rep House Speaker's Appointment	House Co/Speaker's Office		
5	Gene Whisnant House Speaker's Appointment	House Co/Speaker		
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5	Carla C Piluso Representative	House Co/Speaker		