



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: January 21, 2022
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

COMMISSION ON BLACK AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Black Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Torrey Simms of Salem
Kenny Farley, Jr. of Tigard
Liz Fouter-Branch of Portland

Reappointee

Djimet Dogo of Portland

Term

New Appointees: March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2026
Dogo: June 1, 2021 – May 30, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.420 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission is comprised of 11 members:⁴

- one senator appointed by the President of the Senate (MANNING);
- one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (SPENCE); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (ADDAE, BOOKER, **DOGO**, DUNCAN, **FARLEY**, **FOUTHER-BRANCH**, GARY-SMITH, PRICE, **SIMMS**).

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

² See [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 185.420 \(2021\)](#).

All members must be Oregon residents. Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms; legislators serve two-year terms. Commission members must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Appointments must be made to ensure representation of black persons in Oregon.

Duties and Authority

The commission was created to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for black persons in Oregon.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon's black population;
- identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the black community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs;
- maintain a liaison between the black community and government entities;
- encourage black representation on state boards and commissions; and
- meet at least annually in a joint meeting with other commissions to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance.

⁵ [ORS 185.410 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 185.430 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Black Affairs, Commission on

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 185.420

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)

Angela E Addae

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 03-15-2019 - 03-14-2022

05-25-2018 - 03-14-2019

Silky J Booker

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 11-18-2025

Djimet Dogo

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-30-2025

06-01-2018 - 05-30-2021

Ben Duncan

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 03-15-2019 - 03-14-2022

03-01-2019 - 03-14-2019

Kenny Farley Jr.

Position Number: 4

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

Liz Foucher-Branch

Position Number: 11

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

Mariotta P Gary-Smith, Vice-Chair

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-30-2022

06-01-2016 - 05-31-2019

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Black Affairs, Commission on

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

Akasha Lawrence Spence
House Speaker's Appointment
Term(s):

Position Number: 10

Senator James Manning, Jr
Senate President's Appointment
Term(s):

Position Number: 5

Jessica Price

Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 11-18-2025

Position Number: 7

Torrey Sims

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

Position Number: 1