



# 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

## QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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

### New Appointees

Monica Cox of Portland  
Andrea Townsend of Eagle Point  
Reed Scott Schwalbach of Portland

### Term

Cox: March 1, 2022 – July 31, 2025  
Townsend: March 1, 2022 – July 31, 2025  
Scott Schwalbach: March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 327.500 \(2021\)](#)

### 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, HEPPER, PREUS, REXFORD, SEQUEIRA, **SCOTT SCHWALBACH**, SWANDER).<sup>4</sup> No more than five members of the commission may be employed by a school district at the time of appointment (**COX**, MOONEY, **TOWNSEND**, 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

<sup>1</sup> See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#), [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 327.500 \(2021\)](#).

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.

## **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>5</sup> [ORS 327.502 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS Chapter 329 \(2021\)](#).

<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 \(2021\)](#).

## 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)**

Monica B Cox

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 07-31-2025

Samuel D Henry

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 08-01-2019 - 07-31-2023  
02-17-2016 - 07-31-2019

Dana T Hepper

Public Member

Position Number: 10

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023

Tricia Mooney

School District Employee

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023

Cam Preus

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-13-2025

John M Rexford

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 08-01-2017 - 07-31-2021  
09-26-2016 - 07-31-2017

Reed A Scott-Schwalbach

Position Number: 4

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

Carlos A Sequeira, EdD

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023

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### Quality Education Commission

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Education

Whitney M Swander

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-13-2025

Andrea Townsend

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 07-31-2025

### Vacant Appointments:

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