



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 HISPANIC AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Commission on Hispanic Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Melina Moran of Bend

Term

March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.320 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission comprises 11 members:⁴

- one senator appointed by the President of the Senate (VACANT);
- one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (A. SALINAS); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (CASTILLO, CHAVEZ BAEZ, ESPINOZA VALDEZ, GALLEGOS, LOPEZ-CEVALLOS, MORALES, **MORAN**, RIGGS, M. SALINAS).

All members must be residents of Oregon. Members appointed by the Governor serve four-year terms; lawmakers 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 Hispanic persons in Oregon.

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 185.320 \(2021\)](#).

Duties and Authority

The commission works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Hispanics in Oregon.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- make recommendations to the Governor and report to each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly;
- monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of the Hispanic population;
- identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs;
- maintain a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities;
- encourage Hispanic 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 185.310 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 185.310 to 185.330 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Hispanic Affairs, Commission on

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 185.320

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)

Linda Castillo, MS

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-31-2022

06-01-2016 - 05-31-2019

Jonathan Chavez Baez

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 03-15-2020 - 03-14-2024

03-15-2017 - 03-14-2020

Ashley L Espinoza Valdez

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 03-01-2019 - 02-28-2022

Daniel F Lopez-Cevallos, PhD

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 02-17-2019 - 02-16-2022

02-17-2016 - 02-16-2019

Gustavo Morales, Vice-Chair

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 09-25-2017 - 09-24-2020

Melina Moran

Position Number: 1

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

Josefina N Riggs

Position Number: 7

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

Andrea Salinas

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 02-06-2020 - 02-06-2022

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Hispanic Affairs, Commission on

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

Marisa F Salinas

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 11-20-2018 - 11-19-2021
11-20-2015 - 11-19-2018

Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	Judith A Parker	Governor	06/01/2013	05/31/2016
9	Judith A Parker	Governor	06/01/2010	05/31/2013
9	Verenice Gutierrez, Ph.D.	Governor	07/01/2008	06/30/2011
9	Francisca E Johnson-Leyva	Governor	04/16/2004	04/15/2007
9	Francisca E Johnson-Leyva	Governor	04/16/2001	04/15/2004
9	Francisca E Johnson-Leyva	Governor	04/16/1998	04/15/2001
9	Henry Montes	Governor	09/03/1996	09/02/1999
9	Wendy Veliz	Governor	09/03/1993	09/02/1996
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
10	Susan Castillo Machu	Senate Republican Leader	01/11/1999	01/08/2001
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Tony Corcoran	Senate President		
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Peter C Courtney, Senator	Senate President		
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Fred F Girod	Senate President		
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Chip Shields	Senate Republican Leader		
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Sara A Gelser	Senate President		
	Senate President's Appointment			
10	Brady L Adams	Senate President		