

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: September 15, 2023
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

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

New Appointees

Nancy Ayala-Johnson of Salem
Joanne Mina of Bend

Reappointees

Gustavo Morales of Ontario
Josefina Riggs of Redmond

Terms

Ayala-Johnson: October 5, 2023 – October 4, 2027
Mina: October 5, 2023 – October 4, 2027
Morales: September 25, 2020 – September 24, 2024
Riggs: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission has 11 members. All appointees must be Oregon residents and must represent Hispanic persons in Oregon. Membership includes:⁴

- nine members appointed by the Governor (**AYALA-JOHNSON**, CHAVEZ BAEZ, MARQUEZ MENDEZ, **MINA**, **MORALES**, MORAN, **RIGGS**, WOOD, VACANT);
- one senator appointed by the President of the Senate (VACANT); and
- one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 185.320 \(2021\)](#).

Members appointed by the Governor serve four-year terms; lawmakers serve two-year terms. Members elect a chair and vice-chair, and a majority of members constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁵

The commission works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Hispanic persons in Oregon. The commission must:

- identify and research problem areas, monitor existing programs and legislation, and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly;
- 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 to 185.330 \(2021\)](#).



Hispanic Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.320**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **11**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Racial Justice & Equity**

Board Admin: **Albert Lee**

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Current Appointments

Wood, Christina Term(s): **3/15/2024 - 3/14/2028**
Position Number: **1** **4/26/2023 - 3/14/2024**

Marquez Mendez, Humberto Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**
Position Number: **2**

Butler, Katya Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**
Position Number: **3**

Mr Chavez Baez, Jonathan Term(s): **3/15/2020 - 3/14/2024**
Position Number: **4** **3/15/2017 - 3/14/2020**

Ayala Johnson, Nancy Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**
Position Number: **5**

Mina, Joanne Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**
Position Number: **6**

Ms Riggs, Josefina N Term(s): **4/1/2022 - 3/31/2026**
Position Number: **7** **4/1/2019 - 3/31/2022**

Mr Morales, Gustavo Term(s): **9/25/2020 - 9/24/2024**
Position Number: **8** **9/25/2017 - 9/24/2020**

Moran, Melina Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**
Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
10	Ms Castillo Machu, Susan	Senate Republican Leader	1/11/1999	1/8/2001
10	Senator Girod, Fred F	Senate President		
10	Senator Shields, Chip	Senate Republican Leader		

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Representative Salinas, Andrea	House Speaker	2/6/2020	2/6/2022
11	Representative Harker, Chris	House Democrat Leader	7/27/2011	7/26/2013
11	Representative Alonso Leon, Teresa	House Speaker		