

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: September 20, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

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

### New Appointee

Mark Webb of Mount Vernon

### Term

October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2025

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 468.010 \(2021\)](#)

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

Required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of five members (BARASO, GEORGE, KILE, SCHLUSSER **WEBB**). Members serve four-year terms, and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.<sup>4</sup>

### Duties

The commission establishes the policies for the operation of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) consistent with the air and water quality policies and purposes established in statute.<sup>5</sup>

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

- adopt rules and standards necessary to perform duties and functions;
- appoint a Director of DEQ who holds office at the pleasure of the commission and provide policy direction to the director and agency;

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 468.010 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 468.015 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 468.020 to 468.996 \(2021\)](#), [ORS 448.407 to 448.450 \(2021\)](#), [454.030 to 454.795 \(2021\)](#), [468A.020 to 468A.820 \(2021\)](#), [468B.010 to 468B.485 \(2021\)](#).

- administer, license, permit, certify, and issue other authorizations related to sewage treatment and disposal, air quality, and water quality;
- administer federal air and water quality requirements;
- maintain and administer funds and grants;
- receive aid and advice from advisory committees;
- review and investigate applications and issue orders to administer air and water quality policies; and
- establish specified priorities for DEQ.

The commission may:<sup>7</sup>

- adopt administrative rules for specified fees and standards for sewage treatment and disposal, air quality, and water quality;
- grant authorization, approve specific actions by, and delegate specified duties or authorities to, DEQ, the director, the Oregon Health Authority, and other entities;
- access property records when investigating either an actual or suspected source of water or air pollution or air contamination;
- institute actions or proceedings for legal or other remedies to enforce compliance or to restrain further violations of laws;
- conduct public hearings, issue subpoenas for the production of witnesses and records, administer oaths, and make or cause to be taken depositions;
- assess, remit, or mitigate civil penalties for violations;
- accept federal funds and participate in federal matching fund programs;
- institute actions or proceedings for legal or equitable remedies to enforce compliance with specified provisions;
- enter into agreements with local governments;
- suspend or revoke specified licenses, permits, and certifications; and
- grant specified variances.

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<sup>7</sup> [ORS 468.050 to 468.996 \(2021\)](#), [454.020 to 454.779 \(2021\)](#), [468A.030 to 468A.803 \(2021\)](#), [468B.030 to 468B.485 \(2021\)](#).



## Environmental Quality Commission

Agency: **Environmental Quality, Department Of**

Authorization: **ORS 468.010**

Min Members: **5**    Max Members: **5**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

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## Current Appointments

**Mr Baraso, Sam Y**

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

**7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

**2/1/2017 - 6/30/2020**

**Mr Webb, Mark R**

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

**10/5/2023 - 6/30/2025**

**Dr Kile, Molly L**

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

**7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

**5/3/2017 - 6/30/2019**

**Ms Schlusser, Amelia "Amy" R**

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

**11/19/2021 - 6/30/2023**

**Ms George, Kathleen N**

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

**7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

**5/3/2017 - 6/30/2020**

## Vacant Positions