

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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STATE AVIATION BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Aviation Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

William Graupp of Wilsonville
James Knight of Astoria
Jeffrey Pricher of Scappoose

Reappointee

William Graupp of Wilsonville
Cathryn Stephens of Eugene

Term(s)

Graupp: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Graupp: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028
Knight: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2026
Pricher: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027
Stephens: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 835.102 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of seven members appointed to represent both public and private aviation interests. Membership requires:

- no more than four members in the same political party, and considering different geographic regions of the state (**GRAUPP (N/A)**, **KNIGHT (N/A)**, **NAGY (D)**, **LUCAS (R)**, **STEPHENS (D)**, **VACANT**); and
- one resident from east of the Cascade Range (**PRICHER (N/A)**);

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

Members serve four-year terms⁴; the Governor designates a chair and vice chair; a majority of members constitutes a quorum; and the board must meet at least once quarterly.

Duties⁵

The board provides policy oversight for the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV). Its duties include:

- incorporating a plan for the development of airports, state airways, airplane industries, and general aviation with ODAV's advice;
- cooperating with, and assisting, federal and local governments, and others in the development of aviation activities, through ODAV;
- overseeing ODAV administration, including authorizing contracts and the receipt and use of federal funds and moneys in the State Aviation Account;
- performing its duties commensurate with and for the purpose of protecting the general public and the safety of persons receiving instruction for operating or traveling in aircraft, and developing and promoting aviation; and
- establishing rules governing seaplane safety and operations in state waters, in consultation with the State Marine Board and the State Parks and Recreation Department.

The board may also:⁶

- perform such acts, adopt or amend and issue such orders, rules and regulations, and make, promulgate, and amend such minimum standards as it considers necessary to perform its statutory duties; and
- fix the compensation of the director of the department.

⁴ [ORS 835.102 \(2021\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 835.015 \(2021\) to ORS 835.210 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ *Id.*



Aviation Board, State

Agency: **Transportation, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 835.102 & .104**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Board Admin: **Holly Herrera**

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Current Appointments

Lucas, Sarah

Republican

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Mr Graupp, William "Bill" B

Unaffiliated

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**
10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024

Stephens , Cathryn

Democrat

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**
3/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

Ms Meeker, Martha A

Republican

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**
3/1/2019 - 6/30/2019
7/1/2015 - 6/30/2019

Pricher, Jeffrey

Unaffiliated

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Nagy, Stephen

Democrat

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Mr Krueger, Thomas "Tom" J Sr

Republican

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**
3/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

Knight, James

Unaffiliated

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2026**

| Vacant Positions | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Pos | Former Member | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End |
| 3 | Oliver, Michael D | Governor | 11/19/2021 | 6/30/2024 |
| 3 | Mr Peters, Mark A | Governor | 7/1/2020 | 6/30/2024 |
| 3 | Mr Peters, Mark A | Governor | 5/25/2018 | 6/30/2020 |
| 3 | Mr Whiteside, Brian P | Governor | 9/26/2016 | 6/30/2020 |