

Memorandum

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



DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Director of the Oregon State Lottery subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointee

Michael Wells

Term

Serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[Or. Const. art. XV sect. 4\(4\)\(b\)](#); [ORS 461.150 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The director must be qualified by training and experience to direct the operations of a state-operated lottery and must not have been convicted of a felony or gambling related offense.⁴

Duties⁵

The director implements and operates the Oregon State Lottery (Lottery) under the guidance of the Oregon State Lottery Commission. The director must:

- act as secretary and executive officer of the Commission;
- promote integrity, security, honesty, and fairness;
- recommend rules pertaining to Commission staff;
- advise the Commission and meet monthly about Lottery operation and administration, and make recommendations for improvement;
- allow the Commission to inspect Lottery information and documents;

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 [Or. Const. art. XV sect. 4\(4\)\(b\)](#) and [ORS 461.150 \(2021\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 461.150 to 461.300 \(2021\)](#).

- create and maintain a study of other public lotteries and applicable federal laws, and of the reaction of Oregon residents to Lottery games, with a view toward recommending improvements;
- make and keep books and records of each day's transactions, and make monthly financial reports for the Commission;
- contract with an independent firm to study the demographic characteristics of the players of each Lottery game and the effectiveness of Lottery communications;
- notify the Department of Human Services of the name and social security number of the winner of any prize of \$1,250 or more; and
- contract with Lottery game retailers.

