# Overview of the Oregon State Lottery Commission

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# A Partnership

**Lottery** raises money by selling tickets or shares in Lottery games, according to **Commission** and **Governor** policy directives, and <u>within constitutional and statutory guidelines</u>.

Lottery Commissioners, and the Director, are appointed by the **Governor**, confirmed by the **Senate**.

The **Commission** oversees Lottery policy and budget - approves games, rules, budget, and major procurements.

The **Legislature** appropriates Lottery revenue, approves bond sales and projects, and sets gambling policy.

**Businesses** around the state sell Lottery games.





# Oregon State Lottery Commission

Established by ballot initiative in 1984

Oregon Constitution directs the Commission to establish a state lottery to raise money for public programs

#### own purposes.

mission which shall establish and operate a State Lottery. All proceeds from the State Lottery, including interest, but excluding costs of administration and payment of prizes, shall be used for the purpose of creating jobs and furthering economic development in Oregon.

Subsection 4: The State Lottery Commission shall be comsed of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. At least missioners shall have a minimum of five years of temp funds are repaired Subsection mitted in the State section 4, Article presented to, and General Election number of votage





# Commissioner Requirements

- Five members
- Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate
- Serve at the pleasure of the Governor
- At least one member with law enforcement experience
- At least one member shall be a certified public accountant
- No more than three from the same political party
- May not have a felony or gambling related conviction

# Commission Oversight Role

- Games
- Rules
- Retailer Contract
- Financials
- Major Procurements





## How?

- Regular check-ins with the director
- Audit committee updates
- **Legislative** updates
- Game performance reports
- Review and approve strategic plan
- Receive and consider public comment
- Annual revenue forecast presentations





### Public Process

Commission meets monthly

Meetings and records are open to the public

Public comment opportunity at most meetings





### Considerations

- Meet the state's revenue expectations commensurate with the public good
- Ensure long-term sustainability of the video lottery program
- Continue our commitment to responsible gaming



# Thank You

