

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate  
DATE: April 18, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

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

### New Appointees

Katya Butler of Portland  
Humberto Marquez Mendez of Portland  
Christina Wood of Salem

### Reappointee

Christina Wood of Salem

### Terms

Butler: April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2027  
Marquez Mendez: April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2027  
Wood: April 26, 2023 – March 14, 2024  
Wood: March 15, 2024 – March 14, 2028

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

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

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The commission comprises 11 members:<sup>4</sup>

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (VACANT);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT); and

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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 185.320 \(2021\)](#).

- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (**BUTLER**, CHAVEZ BAEZ, **MARQUEZ MENDEZ**, MORALES, MORAN, RIGGS, **WOOD**, VACANT, VACANT).

All members must be residents of Oregon. Members appointed by the Governor serve four-year terms; lawmakers serve two-year terms. Commission members must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Appointments must be made to ensure representation of Hispanic persons in Oregon.

### **Duties and Authority**

The commission works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Hispanics in Oregon.<sup>5</sup>

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

- make recommendations to the Governor and report to each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly;
- monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of the Hispanic population;
- identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs;
- 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.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 185.310 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 185.310 to 185.330 \(2021\)](#).



## Hispanic Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 185.320**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Racial Justice and Equity**

Board Admin: **Albert Lee**

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## Current Appointments

**Wood, Christina**

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **3/15/2024 - 3/14/2028**

**4/26/2023 - 3/14/2024**

**Marquez Mendez, Humberto**

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**

**Butler, Katya**

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**

**Mr Chavez Baez, Jonathan**

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/15/2020 - 3/14/2024**

**3/15/2017 - 3/14/2020**

**Ms Riggs, Josefina N**

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **4/1/2019 - 3/31/2022**

**Mr Morales, Gustavo**

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **9/25/2017 - 9/24/2020**

**Moran, Melina**

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Espinoza Valdez, Ashley L	Governor	3/1/2019	2/28/2022
5	Mr. Moreno, Alberto	Governor	6/1/2015	5/31/2018
5	Mr. Moreno, Alberto	Governor	6/1/2012	5/31/2015
5	Professor Bender, Steven W	Governor	10/1/2009	9/30/2012

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
6	Ms Castillo, Irma Linda "Linda" MS	Governor	6/1/2019	5/31/2022
6	Ms Castillo, Irma Linda "Linda" MS	Governor	6/1/2016	5/31/2019
6	Mrs Maurer, Lupita G	Governor	6/1/2011	5/31/2014
6	Mr Molina, David	Governor	4/10/2009	4/9/2012
6	Mr Molina, David	Governor	4/10/2006	4/9/2009

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
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		

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
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		