

Memorandum

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



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COMMISSION ON BLACK AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Black Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Mitchell Asemota of Portland
Lakayana Drury of Portland
LaNicia Duke of Warrenton

Terms

Asemota: April 26, 2023 – February 28, 2026
Drury: April 26, 2023 – February 28, 2026
Duke: April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.420 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission is comprised of 11 members:⁴

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (MANNING);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (NELSON); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (**ASEMOTA**, BAILEY, BOOKER, DOGO, **DRURY**, **DUKE**, DUNCAN, FOUTHER-BRANCH, PRICE).

All members must be Oregon residents. Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms; legislators 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 black persons in Oregon.

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 [ORS 185.420 \(2021\)](#).

Duties and Authority

The commission was created to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for black persons in Oregon.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon's black population;
- identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the black community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs;
- maintain a liaison between the black community and government entities;
- encourage black 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.

⁵ [ORS 185.410 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 185.430 \(2021\)](#).



Black Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.420**

Min Members: **9** 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

Drury, Lakayana Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **1**

Mr Dogo, Djimet Term(s): **6/1/2021 - 5/30/2025**

Position Number: **2** **6/1/2018 - 5/30/2021**

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

Position Number: **3**

Asemota, Mitchell Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **4**

Mr Duncan, Benjamin "Ben" E Term(s): **3/15/2019 - 3/14/2022**

Position Number: **6** **3/1/2019 - 3/14/2019**

Price, Jessica Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

Position Number: **7**

Dr. Booker, Silky J Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

Position Number: **8**

Bailey, Erica Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026**

Member

Position Number: **9**

Rep. Nelson, Travis Term(s): **-**

House Speaker's Appointment

Position Number: **10**

Senator Manning, Senator James Jr Term(s): **-**

Senate President's Appointment

Position Number: **11**

Fouther-Branch, Liz

Term(s):

3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Mr Duncan, Verne A	Senate President		
5	Senator Bates, Alan C	Senate Republican Leader		
5	Senator Monroe, Rod W	Senate President		
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