

Memorandum

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



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OREGON LIQUOR AND CANNABIS COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Mary Ellen Glynn of Portland
Nikhil Chourey of Tigard
Tamiko Warren of Forest Grove

Terms

Chourey and Glynn: February 16, 2024 – March 31, 2027
Warren: February 16, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 471.705 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission has nine Oregon residents, with no more than five belonging to the same political party.⁴ Membership includes:

- one individual from each congressional district (**WARREN (CD1/D)**, CURRIN (CD2/R), FLOYD (CD3/I), HAYS (CD4/D), MALETIS (CD5/R), GYAPONG (CD6/D),
- one individual from eastern Oregon (DOHERTY (D));
- one individual from western Oregon (**CHOUREY (D)**); and
- one individual representing the public at large (**GLYNN (D)**).⁵

Each commissioner must have resided in Oregon for at least five years preceding their appointment, must be an elector, and must be at least 30 years old. One member must

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 471.705 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ This reflects a change in membership, established by [Senate Bill 1095 \(2023\)](#) (Chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2023), due to the addition of a sixth congressional district, which was established in [Chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2021 \(first special session\)](#).

⁵ *Ibid.*

represent the food and beverage industry (FLOYD). Other than this member, no commissioner may have a financial interest, or a household or immediate family member with financial interest, in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in Oregon. The term of office ends if the commissioner is not a resident or if industry qualification is not met. The Governor may remove any commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, after providing an opportunity for hearing.⁶

Commissioners serve four-year terms from the time of appointment and qualification and until a successor qualifies for appointment. The terms of the commissioners commence April 1. Each commissioner is eligible for reappointment, limited to two full terms.

The Governor designates the chair, and the member from the food and alcoholic beverage retail industry may not serve as chair.⁷ A majority of the commissioners constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁸

The commission is responsible for regulating the manufacture, possession, sale, purchase, transportation, importation, and delivery of alcoholic liquor, wine, beer, cider, and marijuana in Oregon by administering the Liquor Control Act and the Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act. The agency also regulates the production, processing, and sale of medical products sold to Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) cardholders in OLCC licensed marijuana retail shops.

The commission must:

- appoint an administrator who serves as the commission secretary, records custodian, as well as the manager who administers the laws and handles personnel;
- grant, refuse, suspend, delay, or cancel licenses or permits;
- collect specified taxes and fees and maintain specified funds;
- investigate and aid in the prosecution of statutory violations;
- adopt necessary rules and regulations;
- regulate the advertisement of alcohol;
- establish stores and warehouses for selling alcohol;

⁶ [ORS 471.710 \(2023\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 471.715 \(2023\)](#).

⁸ ORS chapters [471](#), [473](#), [474](#), [475C](#) (2023).



- administer the Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act and portions of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act;
- report specified information to the Legislative Assembly each biennium;
- consult and coordinate with state agencies and local government; and
- establish and consult with specified advisory committees.

The commission may:

- issue, renew, suspend, revoke, or deny licenses and permits;
- issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and testimony, administer oaths, and take depositions;
- exercise all powers incidental, convenient, or necessary to enable the commission to administer or carry out its statutory duties;
- purchase, possess, seize, transfer to a licensee, or dispose of regulated product to ensure compliance;
- require the fingerprints of specified individuals; and
- investigate any potential violation of laws administered by the commission and act upon proof of violation, including the imposition of civil penalties.



Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Liquor & Cannabis Commission, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 471.705**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **9**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Craig Prins**

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Current Appointments

Mr Maletis, Matthew "Matt"

CD 5; Republican

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025

11/17/2017 - 3/31/2021

Mr Doherty, Dennis D

CD 5; Democrat (East of the Cascades Rep)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 3/31/2024

Mrs Floyd, Kiauna K

CD 3; Independent (Food & Beverage Rep)

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025

3/1/2019 - 3/31/2021

Ms Hayes, Alicia A

CD 4; Democrat

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

10/5/2023 - 3/31/2027

Gyapong, Fay

CD 6; Unaffiliated

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 3/31/2025

Warren, Tamiko

CD 1; Democrat

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 3/31/2025

Ms Currin, Jennifer E

CD 2; Republican

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025

9/25/2017 - 3/31/2021

Glynn, Mary Ellen

CD 3; Democrat (Public Member)

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 3/31/2027

Chourey, Nikhil "Nik"

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 3/31/2027

CD 6; Democrat (West of the Cascades Rep)

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions