

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: January 30, 2024
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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PUBLIC RECORDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Public Records Advisory Council subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

William Glasson of Portland
Brent Walth of Portland

Re-appointees

Tony Hernandez of Portland
Shasta Kearns Moore of West Linn
Steve Suo of Estacada

Terms

Glasson; Walth: February 16, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hernandez: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
Kearns Moore: November 19, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Suo: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 192.481 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The council consists of 14 members, including:

- a representative of the news media who is a member in good standing of a professional journalism association (**WALTH**);
- two additional representatives of the news media (**KEARNS MOORE, SUO**);
- a representative of the cities (**STAUFFER**);
- a representative of the counties (**GLASSON**);
- a special districts representative (**LANDAUER**);

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 192.481 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- a public sector workforce representative (GOTHARD);
- a member of the public (**HERNANDEZ**);
- the Secretary of State or designee (RUNKLES);
- the Attorney General or designee (KRON);
- the Oregon Department of Administrative Services Director or designee (CHIAPELLA);
- a Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate, *ex officio*, nonvoting (THATCHER);
- a Representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *ex officio*, nonvoting (ANDERSEN); and
- the Public Records Advocate (ALBERT).

Appointed members serve two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A majority of the voting members constitutes a quorum. The council must meet at least once every six months.

Duties⁴

The council works with the Public Records Advocate and the State Archives Division to study and make recommendations concerning the advocate's role, as well as practices, procedures, exemptions, and fees related to public records.

The council must:

- nominate three qualified individuals to serve as the Public Records Advocate;
- periodically survey state agency and other public body practices and procedures for: receiving public records requests, identifying the existence of responsive records and gathering and disclosing them; determining fee estimates and imposing or waiving fees; and determining and applying exemptions;
- periodically examine practices in other jurisdictions;
- identify inefficiencies and inconsistencies in application of the public records law;
- make recommendations for changes in law, policy, or practice that could enhance transparency;
- make recommendations on the role of the Public Records Advocate as facilitator in disputes between custodians of public records and public record requesters; and
- submit to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly a biennial report that describes the findings of the council.

⁴ [ORS 192.461 \(2023\) to ORS 192.843 \(2023\)](#).



The council may:

- prepare reports and studies at its discretion; and
- adopt rules governing the operations of the office of the Public Records Advocate, including rules establishing procedures for the conduct of facilitated dispute resolution.



Public Records Advisory Council

Agency: **Governor's Office**

Authorization: **ORS 192.481**

Min Members: **13** Max Members: **13**

Term Length: **2** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Intergovernmental Relations**

Board Admin: **Todd Albert**

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Current Appointments

Walth, Brent

Prof. Journalism Assoc. News Media Rep

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025

Kearns Moore, Shasta

News Media Rep

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

11/19/2023 - 12/31/2024

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2023

Mr Suo, Steven "Steve" N

News Media Rep

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025

1/1/2021 - 12/30/2023

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Stauffer, Scott

City rep—ORS 192.481(2)(f)—Four years

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026

Glasson, William

Counties Representative

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025

Mr Landauer, Mark J

Special Districts rep—ORS 192.481(2)(h)—Four years

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Gothard, Emily

Public rep—ORS 192.481(2)(i)—Three years

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025

Mr Hernandez, Jose "Tony" A

Public Member

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021

Albert, Todd	Term(s):	11/1/2020 - 10/31/2024
Public Records Advocate		
Position Number: 9		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
10	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
13	No prior appointments			