

# 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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## JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Juvenile Justice Policy Commission, subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Kyla Armstrong-Romero of Portland  
Kather Berger of Keizer  
Laurie Davala of Tigard  
Mary Geelan of Salem  
Brendan Murphy of Salem  
Joe O'Leary of Salem  
Molly Rogers of The Dalles  
Pablo Rojo of Portland  
Nancy Seyler of Warm Springs  
Lisa Kay Williams of Portland  
Carmen Xiomara Urbina of Salem

### Terms

Of the voting members first appointed to the Commission:

Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2025:

Berger; Geelan; Xiomara Urbina: February 16, 2024 – January 1, 2025;

Five shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2026:

Armstrong-Romero; Murphy; O'Leary; Rogers: February 16, 2024 – January 1, 2026;  
and

Five and serve for a term ending January 1, 2027:

Davala; Rojo; Seyler; Williams: February 16, 2024 – January 1, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 419A.289 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

## Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of 17 members, including:<sup>4</sup>

- one representative of the Oregon Youth Authority (**O’LEARY**);
- one representative of the Department of Human Services (**GEELAN**);
- one representative of the Department of Education (**XIOMARA URBINA**);
- two directors of county juvenile departments (**ARMSTRONG-ROMERO, ROGERS**);
- one representative of the office of public defense services with experience in juvenile delinquency (**OSBORNE-BERGER**);
- one representative of the Oregon District Attorney’s Association with experience prosecuting juvenile delinquency (**MURPHY**);
- one representative of a youth advocacy organization (**WILLIAMS**);
- one representative of a victim advocacy organization (**VACANT**);
- one person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon (**SEYLER**);
- two public members:
  - one with experience with the juvenile justice system as a youth (**ROJO**); and
  - one with experience as family member of a youth in the juvenile justice system (**DAVALA**);
- two senators, each of different political parties, appointed by the President of the Senate, ex officio, nonvoting (**VACANT, VACANT**);
- two representatives, each of different political parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (**VACANT, VACANT**); and
- one representative of the Judicial Department, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (**VACANT**).

Non-legislative members serve four-year terms; legislators serve either four-year terms, or until the end of their legislative term—whichever comes first. Members are eligible for reappointment but may serve only two consecutive terms. Non-state employees and legislators receive per diem. The Governor selects the chair, who serves as chair for one year. The voting members select the vice chair.

## Duties<sup>5</sup>

The Commission is established within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to provide data-driven policy recommendations to strengthen public safety and improve youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system. It must provide a report to the Legislative

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<sup>3</sup> [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 419.289 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 419A.289 through 419A.292 \(2023\)](#).



Assembly by September 1 of each even-numbered year. The Commission shall oversee and examine:

- key drivers of system involvement and opportunities for improved diversion and restorative justice;
- drivers of detention and residential placement and any available or needed alternatives;
- policies and practices of assessment, court process, community supervisions and reentry;
- service delivery for youth under supervision, with evaluation of whether resources are used efficiently and whether collaboration is effective;
- racial, ethnic, and other disparities among youth impacted by the system;
- efficiency and effectiveness of state and county quality assurance, data collection, and reporting and oversight systems;
- opportunities for better alignment with constitutional mandates, local and national best practices and research;
- public safety within the context of personal responsibility, accountability and reformation; and
- victim rights.

The Commission may:

- recommend legislation, appropriations, and administrative policies and practices;
- assess the impact of current legislation;
- develop data-driven best practices, guidance, training, and materials for state agencies, juvenile courts, county juvenile departments and practitioners; and
- oversee state and private funding for policy projects, system innovations and other initiatives through competitive selections processes.



## Juvenile Justice Policy Commission

Agency: **Criminal Justice Commission**

Authorization: **HB 2320 (2023)**

Min Members: **0**    Max Members: **17**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Ken Sanchagrin**

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## Current Appointments

**Director O'Leary, Joseph A**

Oregon Youth Authority Rep

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

**Geelan, Mary**

Oregon Department of Human Services Rep

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2025**

**Ms Urbina, Carmen X**

Oregon Department of Education Rep

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2025**

**Armstrong-Romero, Kyla**

County Juvenile Department Director

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

**Ms Rogers, Molly A**

County Juvenile Department Director

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

**Osborne-Berger, Katherine**

Office of Public Defense Services Rep

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2025**

**Murphy, Brendan**

Oregon District Attorneys Association Rep

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

**Williams, Lisa Kay**

Juvenile Justice Policy Commission

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027**

**Seyler, Nancy**

Tribal Rep

Position Number: **10**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027**

<b>Rojo, Pablo</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Public Member w/ experience as Youth in Juvenile System		
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>Davala, Laurie</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Public Member w/ experience as family of youth in juvenile system		
Position Number: <b>12</b>		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
13	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
14	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
15	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
16	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
17	No prior appointments			