

# 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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## OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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The Governor has reappointed the following individuals to the Oregon Business Development Commission, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Marin Arreola of Salem  
Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn of Albany

### Terms

February 16, 2024 – June 30, 2027

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 285A.040 \(2023\)](#).

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

Required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of nine members:

- seven are appointed to four-year terms with consideration for expertise or training in international trade, traded sector business development, small business development, local economic development, finance and business development, innovation, or other areas identified by the Governor (**ARREOLA** (R), **CHEUNG** (N/A), **GOPALPUR** (D), **HAYES** (D), **INSKO** (R), **MINTY** (R), **WYSS-SCHOENBORN** (R));
- one Senator, nonvoting (**MEEK** (D)); and
- one Representative, nonvoting (**ELMER** (D)).

The Senator is appointed to a four-year term by the President of the Senate, and the Representative is appointed to a two-year term by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One gubernatorial appointee with expertise or training in local development must also be an elected local government official with experience in economic development, and at least one must be a resident of the area east of the Cascade Range. No more than five members may belong to one political party.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 285A.040 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.1009 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

## Duties<sup>4</sup>

The commission develops the state's economic development strategy and oversees the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon). Its duties include:

- developing and maintaining the state's economic development policy and strategy;
- providing oversight and direction to Business Oregon;
- maintaining complete and accurate records of all commission activities;
- coordinating activities with federal, state and local agencies, community partners and regions;
- biennially reporting economic development efforts to the governor and legislature; and
- making specified findings prior to the approval of bond financing or economic development projects.

The commission may also:

- delegate power, duties, or functions to designated department officers, agents, employees, or committee members;
- prepare and submit suggested administrative rules to Business Oregon; and
- establish advisory and technical committees.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 285A.045 to 285A.060 \(2023\)](#).



## Business Development Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Economic Development**

Authorization: **ORS 285A.040**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Jobs/Economy**

Board Admin: **None**

Address:

**Business Development Department**

**121 SW Salmon Street, Ste #205**

**Portland, OR 97204**

**503-910-6932**

## Current Appointments

**Mr Insko, Thomas A**

Republican

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**Senator Meek, Mark W**

Senator

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/27/2023 -**

**Ms Hayes, Paula J**

Democrat

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

**9/26/2016 - 6/30/2020**

**Representative Elmer, Lucetta**

House of Representatives (Non-voting)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **8/7/2023 -**

**Mr Gopalpur, Chandrakanth "Kanth" C**

Democrat

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

**7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021**

**2/17/2016 - 6/30/2017**

**Mr Cheung, Raymond C**

Not a member of a party

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

**3/1/2020 - 6/30/2021**

**Mrs Morris, Kelley M**

Republican

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

**9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021**

**Wyss-Schoenborn, Stacie**

Republican

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**

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**Arreola, Marin**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**

Republican

Position Number: **9**

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## Vacant Positions

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