

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: January 27, 2025
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointees

Ketan Sampat of Portland
Stuart Strader of West Linn

Terms

Both appointees: March 15, 2025 – March 14, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 778.215 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine U.S. citizens and Oregon residents, with not fewer than two from each county constituting the port district:

- Clackamas County (LAM, **STRADER**);
- Multnomah County (ADAMS, DEVAUGHN, JOHNSON, NIEMI);
- Washington County (LUTHER, **SAMPAT**); and
- Other Counties outside the port district (COBA).

Commissioners must have resided within the state for one year immediately preceding appointment. They serve four-year terms and may be removed for malfeasance after a hearing and upon determination of the Multnomah County Circuit Court.

The board must hold at least one meeting each month. The Governor designates the president of the board, who must designate a vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 778.205 to 778.235 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board sets policy for the operation of the Port of Portland. The board must

- oversee the finances of the port, including the issuance and sale of revenue bonds and the approval of contracts for work and materials;
- determine the fair value of property acquired by the port; and
- provide assessment of the damages and benefits of the filling or reclamation of any low, swamp, or submersible land as contemplated by the port.

⁴ [ORS 778.020 to 778.260 \(2023\)](#)



Port of Portland, Board of Commissioners of the

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 778.215**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Board Admin: **Pam Thompson**

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Current Appointments

Mr Strader, Stuart W

Clackamas County

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

3/15/2025 - 3/14/2029

3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Ms Coba, Katy M

Marion County

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026

Luther, Richelle

Washington County

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028

6/10/2022 - 2/16/2024

Johnson, Sam

Multnomah County

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028

DeVaughn, Michael "Mike"

Multnomah County

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

7/1/2023 - 5/24/2026

Ms Adams, Rukaiyah N

Multnomah County Resident

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Ms Lam, Katherine

Clackamas County

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Ms Niemi, Meg M

Multnomah County

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Sampat, Ketan R

Term(s):

3/15/2025 - 3/14/2029

Washington County

3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions
