

Memorandum

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



WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT-LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Emily Rivas of Beaverton

Term

March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 656.790 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The committee consists of 11 members:

- five organized labor subject workers' representatives (BULLING, MERRICK, **RIVAS**, STRICKLAND, WEDDELL);
- five subject employers' representatives (DUCKWALL, HEARN, LEWALLEN, PRIEST, SCHLESSINGER); and
- the Department of Consumer and Business Services Director, *ex officio*, (STOLFI).

Appointed members serve three-year terms.

Duties⁴

The committee provides a forum for business and labor to meet to resolve issues involving the workers' compensation system. The committee must

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 656.790 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 656.790 \(2023\)](#).

- biennially review evaluation standards for permanent disability and recommend modifications;
- biennially review and recommend modifications to permanent partial disability benefits;
- advise the director on proposed changes in program operation of those funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund;
- report the committee's findings to the director; and
- report findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.



Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee

Agency: **Consumer & Business Services, Department of**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Authorization: **ORS 656.790**

Board Admin: **Teri Watson**

Min Members: **10** Max Members: **11**

Address:

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Department of Consumer and Business

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

Bulling, Lorne

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 6/4/2027**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **1**

Rivas, Emily

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **2**

Merrick, Sarah

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **3**

Mr Strickland, Scott M

Term(s): **9/19/2024 - 9/18/2027**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **4**

9/19/2021 - 9/18/2024

10/1/2020 - 9/18/2021

Ms Weddell, Margaret F Esq

Term(s): **11/19/2024 - 11/18/2027**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **5**

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024

Schlessinger, Kim

Term(s): **11/19/2024 - 11/18/2027**

Employer Rep

Position Number: **6**

2/16/2024 - 11/18/2024

Lewallen, Stacy

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2026**

Employer Rep

Position Number: **7**

Hearn, Ryan

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2026**

Employer Rep

Position Number: **8**

Priest, Patrick

Term(s):

11/19/2024 - 11/18/2027

Employer Rep

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024

Position Number: **9**

Duckwall, Sara

Term(s):

11/19/2024 - 11/18/2027

Employer Rep

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024

Position Number: **10**

Mr Stolfi, Andrew R

Term(s):

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DCBS Director, Ex Officio

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions
