

Memorandum

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



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COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission for Women subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Sarah Koski of Eugene
Alexia Wellons of Portland

Terms

May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.520 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission has 11 Oregon residents:

- Nine at-large members (CHAPMAN, FORDE, HAUNSPERGER, KONEV, **KOSKI**, PARENT, SAECHAO, **WELLONS**, WIRZ);
- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (PATTERSON); and
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT).

Governor appointees serve four-year terms; lawmakers serve two-year terms. The commission elects its chair and vice chair and must meet at least three times a year.

Duties⁴

The commission works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for women and maintains a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting women in Oregon. The commission must

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 185.520 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 185.510 to 185.540 \(2023\)](#).

- submit a report to the Governor each biennium about the concerns and issues confronting women in Oregon and the programs, projects, and activities the commission will undertake to address them;
- analyze the legal status of women and men relating to civil rights, contracts, income, property, and the family to assure full equality and treatment;
- work for equal opportunity and treatment in employment by analyzing employment policies and practices;
- evaluate the development of methods to assure fuller employment options and examine methods to develop greater employment opportunities;
- evaluate the progress of providing equality of educational opportunities;
- inform women about nontraditional educational and employment opportunities;
- promote the elimination of sexist and racist barriers in the educational process;
- encourage women to pursue a variety of roles in life and promote the full recognition of their contributions;
- promote the value of work within the home and encourage women to serve on appointive boards and commissions and to seek elective office; and
- meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission for Women, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance.



Women, Commission for

Agency: **Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.520**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Racial Justice & Equity**

Board Admin: **Terrence Saunders**

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Current Appointments

Chapman, Alicia	Term(s):	4/26/2023 - 8/28/2025
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Position Number: **1**

Wirz, Jackie	Term(s):	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029
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Position Number: **2**

Haunsperger, Natasha	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028
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Position Number: **3** **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

Koski, Sarah	Term(s):	5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029
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Position Number: **4**

Saechao, May	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025
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Position Number: **5**

Wellons, Alexia	Term(s):	5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029
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Position Number: **6**

Konev, Irene	Term(s):	4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027
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Position Number: **7**

Dr Parent, Krista D	Term(s):	3/1/2021 - 2/28/2025
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Position Number: **8**

Forde, Libra	Term(s):	4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027
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Position Number: **9**

Rev. Dr. Senator Patterson, Deborah L	Term(s):	-
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Senate President's Appointment

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Representative Schouten, Sheri L	House Speaker		
11	Representative Schouten, Sheri L	House Co/Speaker's Office		
11	Ms Komp, Betty E	House Democrat Leader		
11	Ms Komp, Betty E	House Speaker		
11	Senator Thatcher, Kim	House Speaker		