

# 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 ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Kimberley Dixon of Portland

### Reappointee

Aparna Rajagopal-Durbin of Portland

### Terms

Dixon: May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2029  
Rajagopal-Durbin: May 23, 2025 – May 22, 2029

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.610 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The commission consists of 11 Oregon residents who represent Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans:

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (DEMBROW);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (D. NGUYEN); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (AKKARAJU, DERTING, **DIXON**, KIM, LEUNG, PHAN, **RAJAGOPAL-DURBIN**, TANEGA, TRAN).

Members serve four-year terms. The commission elects a chair and vice chair for one-year terms. A majority of members constitutes a quorum.

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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 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 185.610 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

## Duties<sup>4</sup>

The commission works toward the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for API Americans and assesses the issues and needs confronting them.

The commission must

- identify barriers to the economic development and trade opportunities of API Americans, and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those barriers;
- establish an API Affairs Network;
- identify and examine the needs of API American residents;
- compile information relating to services available to API American residents;
- develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with API American groups and organizations to inform API American residents of services available to them;
- assess all state agencies' programs operating for the benefit of API American residents and make recommendations for improvement;
- serve as liaison to other state boards and commissions as required by law;
- submit a biennial report to the Governor describing API American needs and programs, projects, and activities that the commission will undertake; and
- meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission for Women to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 185.620 and 185.625 \(2023\)](#).



## Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.610**

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

**Rajagopal-Durbin, Aparna**

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **5/23/2025 - 5/22/2029**

**6/22/2023 - 5/22/2025**

**Ms Leung, Jacqueline "Jackie"**

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **9/25/2020 - 9/24/2024**

**9/25/2017 - 9/24/2020**

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Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029**

**Derting, Mickie**

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/9/2026**

**Tanega, Joselito**

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **9/25/2024 - 9/24/2028**

**4/26/2023 - 9/24/2024**

**Kim, Sy**

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 2/28/2026**

**Dixon, Kimberly**

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029**

**Phan, Sam**

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

**Akkaraju, Padma**

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **6/22/2023 - 6/21/2027**

**Senator Dembrow, Michael**

Senator

Position Number: **10**

Term(s): **-**

**Representative Nguyen, Daniel**

Representative

Position Number: **11**

Term(s): **-**

Vacant Positions