

Memorandum

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



OREGON CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Holly Harris of Bend
Christopher Parosa of Eugene

Terms

May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 137.654 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of nine members:

- seven appointed by the Governor, one of whom is appointed as the chair, and no more than four of which are the same political party (BEACH (N/A), FREEMAN (R), **HARRIS (D)**, MACPHERSON (N/A), NORTON (N/R), **PAROSA (D)**, SOLOMON (D));
- one senator, appointed by the President of the Senate, nonvoting; (PROZANSKI); and
- one representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, nonvoting (LEWIS).

Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of their appointing authority (or until the end of a legislative member's legislative term, whichever occurs first). Members are eligible for reappointment but may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 137.654 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The primary duty of the commission is to develop and maintain a criminal justice policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated state criminal justice system encompassing public safety, offender accountability, crime reduction and prevention, and offender treatment and rehabilitation. Its duties include

- conducting joint studies by agreement with other state entities on any matter within its jurisdiction;
- serving as a clearinghouse for the collection, preparation, analysis, and dissemination of information on state and local sentencing practices and best practices applicable to drug court programs;
- providing technical assistance and support to local public safety coordinating councils;
- receiving grant applications to start or expand drug court programs and making rules to govern the administration of grant programs and funds;
- preparing racial and ethnic impact statements for proposed legislation;
- amending criminal sentencing guidelines and submitting proposed amendments to the Legislative Assembly for approval; and
- at the direction of the chair, creating committees within the commission.

⁴ [ORS 137.656 to 137.685 \(2023\)](#).



Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Criminal Justice Commission**

Authorization: **ORS 137.654**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Ken Sanchagrin**

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Current Appointments

Mr Solomon, Paul J

Democrat

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/18/2024 - 2/17/2028**

9/28/2022 - 2/17/2024

DA Parosa, Christopher

Democrat

Position Number: **2**

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

Macpherson, Carl IV

Unaffiliated

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Mr Freeman, Timothy "Tim" J

Republican

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **2/18/2024 - 2/17/2028**

9/28/2022 - 2/17/2024

Harris, Holly

Democrat

Position Number: **5**

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

Ms Beach, Jessica L

Unaffiliated

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **12/13/2024 - 12/12/2028**

12/13/2020 - 12/12/2024

9/28/2018 - 12/12/2020

Ms Norton, Elizabeth "Lisa" M

Not Registered

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 11/18/2025**

Rep. Lewis, Rick

State Rep

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **-**

Senator Prozanski, Floyd Senator	Term(s):	-
Senate President's Appointment		
Position Number: 9		

Vacant Positions