# **Memorandum**

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules

DATE: March 27, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



#### **OREGON GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

#### **New Appointee**

Peter Janci of Portland

#### **Term**

May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2029

### **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

ORS 244.250 (2023)

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

Required.

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

The commission has nine members:

- two House Democrat recommendations: MCAULEY (D), PAYNE (D);
- two House Republican recommendations: BURKE (L), MASON (R);
- two Senate Democrat recommendations: JANCI (N/A), RESENDIZ GUTIERREZ
  (D);
- two Senate Republican recommendations: METLER (R), THOMPSON (R); and
- a ninth appointee: FISKUM (N/A).

No more than three members may be members of the same political party. A person who holds any public office for which a statement of economic interest is required, except as a member of the commission, may not be appointed. Members serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two full terms and may serve out an unexpired term. The commission elects its chair and vice chair. A quorum consists of five members, but a final decision may not be made without an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to the commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 and 171.565 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ORS 244.050 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ORS 244.250 (2023); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

#### **Duties**<sup>4</sup>

The commission administers and enforces state government ethics laws, lobby regulation laws, and the executive session provisions of Oregon's public meetings laws. The commission must

- administer statement of economic interest requirements for specified public officials, candidates, and participating political subdivisions;
- develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system;
- receive and review conflict of interest records submitted by a public body;
- receive and review rules or policies adopted by a state agency or statewide public association that interpret provisions of ethics laws;
- administer legal expense trust fund requirements for public officials;
- estimate operating expenses for each biennium and assess specified public bodies an appropriate portion of those expenses;
- receive, review, investigate, and report findings on filed ethics complaints;
- accept and file any information voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of ethics laws;
- prepare and publish reports;
- make statements and information filed with the commission available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours;
- not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year, report to the Legislative Assembly on any recommended changes to the statutes administered by the commission;
- adopt rules necessary to carry out statutory duties;
- administer an electronic filing system for filing required statements;
- make statements filed with the commission, advisory opinions issued by the commission or the executive director of the commission, findings of a violation of Oregon government ethics laws, and lobbyist registration statements searchable via the internet;
- appoint an executive director to serve at the pleasure of the commission;
- prepare, publish, and distribute a manual on government ethics that explains the requirements of Oregon government ethics laws and the commission's interpretation of those requirements;
- prepare and present a program of continuing education for public officials;
- annually report to the Legislative Equity Officer on training attended by registered lobbyists; and
- administer lobbyist registration requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ORS 244.050 to 244.390 (2023), ORS 171.740 to 171.778 (2023), and ORS 192.685 (2023).



LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

**Government Ethics Commission, Oregon** 

Agency: **None** 

Authorization: ORS 244.250, HB 2019

Min Members: 9 Max Members: 9

Term Length: 4 Term Limit: 2

Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes

Policy Area: Intergovernmental Relations

Board Admin: Susan Myers

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**Current Appointments** 

McAuley, Alicia

House Democrat Recommendation, Democrat

Position Number: 1

Mr Fiskum, David M

Governor's Appointee; Non-Affiliated

Position Number: 9

Term(s):

Term(s):

5/31/2021 - 5/2/2025

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025

5/3/2017 - 5/2/2021

9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026

Payne, Shenoa

House Democrat Recommendation; Democrat

Position Number: 2

Mr Mason, Daniel C

Term(s):

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

Position Number: 3

Mr Burke. Richard P

House Republican Recommendation; Libertarian

House Republican Recommendation; Republican

Position Number: 4

Term(s):

9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026

9/23/2016 - 9/22/2020

OSITION NUMBER. 4

Janci, Peter

Term(s):

5/1/2025 - 4/30/0209

Senate Democratic Recommendation; Unaffiliated

Position Number: 5

Resendiz Gutierrez, Iván

Senate Democratic Recommendation; Democrat

Position Number: 6

Term(s):

7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028

Mr Thompson, Jonathan E

Senate Republican Recommendation; Republican

Position Number: **7** 

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025

Metler, Ann Term(s): 3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029

Senate Republican Recommendation; Republican

Position Number: 8

## **Vacant Positions**