

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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RESIDENTIAL OMBUDSMAN AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN ADVISORY BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Gerald Cohen of Lake Oswego

Reappointee

Gerald Cohen of Lake Oswego

Terms

May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2030

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 441.416 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 Oregon residents:

- seven individuals appointed by the Governor (ALLEN, ALRICK, **COHEN**, ST. JOHN, GLAUS, WILLIAMS, VACANT);
- one individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (JANSSEN);
- one individual appointed by the President of the Senate (STOCK);
- one individual appointed by the House Minority Leader (J. TERRY); and
- one individual appointed by the Senate Minority Leader (MOWRY).

Governor appointees may not have a financial or fiduciary interest in residential facilities, long term care facilities, or service providers, or involvement in the licensing or certification of residential facilities, long term care facilities, or service providers. One

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 446.416 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

member is appointed by the Governor from each list of four names submitted by organizations for seniors, organizations for persons with mental illness, and the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. Of the four remaining members, two must have expertise in the provision of guardianship, conservatorship, and other fiduciary services for persons with inadequate resources. Members serve four-year terms.

The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board must meet at least once each month and confer each month with the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Duties⁴

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program serves long term care facility residents through complaint investigation, resolution, and advocacy for improvement in resident care. The board monitors the program and advises policymakers on related issues.

The board must

- monitor the Long Term Care Ombudsman program;
- advise the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on the Long Term Care Ombudsman program; and
- nominate, after interviews and according to prescribed criteria, three persons to fill the Long Term Care Ombudsman position or to fill a vacancy in the position.

The board may review any action by the ombudsman appealable to the board and, if the board disagrees with the action of the ombudsman, refer the resolution back with instructions.

⁴ [ORS 441.416 to 441.419 \(2023\)](#).



Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board

Agency: **Aging & People with Disabilities (ODHS)**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Authorization: **ORS 441.416**

Board Admin: **Fred Steele**

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

Address:

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

830 D Street NE

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

| | | |
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| Janssen, Roberta House Speaker's Appointee Position Number: 1 | Term(s): - - | 8/7/2023 - 8/6/2027 |
| Mr Terry, Joseph W House Minority Leader Appointment Position Number: 2 | Term(s): | 10/1/2016 - 6/30/2020 |
| Ms Stock, Sherry Senate President's Appointment Position Number: 3 | Term(s): | 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027 10/1/2019 - 6/30/2023 |
| Mr Mowry, Dwight D Senate Minority Leader's Appointment Position Number: 4 | Term(s): | 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022 11/28/2016 - 6/30/2018 |
| Allen, Diana L Governor's Appointee Position Number: 8 | Term(s): | 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023 |
| Mr Alrick, Daniel L OCDD Recommendation (IDD Expertise) Position Number: 5 | Term(s): | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028 |
| St. John, Melanie Governor's Appointee Position Number: 6 | Term(s): | 4/26/2023 - 6/30/2025 |
| Glaus, Ronald Governor's Appointee Position Number: 7 | Term(s): | 9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026 |

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| Mr Cohen, Gerald J | Term(s): | 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2030 |
| Governor's Appointee (Expertise in guardianship, conservatorship, and fiduciary services) | | 5/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 |
| Position Number: 9 | | |

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| Mr Williams, Mark M | Term(s): | 12/17/2022 - 12/16/2024 |
| Governor's Appointee (Expertise in guardianship, conservatorship, and fiduciary services) | | 12/17/2018 - 12/16/2022 |
| Position Number: 10 | | |

| Vacant Positions | | | | |
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| Pos | Former Member | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End |
| 11 | Hines, Allen M | Governor | 2/14/2020 | 2/13/2024 |
| 11 | Mr Giles, Thomas "Tom" B | Governor | 4/1/2015 | 3/31/2019 |