

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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SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Salem Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointees

Sara Duncan of Salem
Maria Hinojos Pressey of Salem
Ramiro Navarro, Jr. of Keizer

Terms

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 267.090 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven members, one member from each of the seven subdistricts: (LARA MIDKIFF (D1), **NAVARRO (D2)**, CARNEY (D3), **HINOJOS PRESSEY (D4)**, DAVIDSON (D5), **DUNCAN (D6)**, and HOLSTROM (D7)).

One of the members must regularly use mass transit system services. Members must reside in their appointed subdistrict. Members serve four-year terms, are eligible for reappointment, and continue to serve after their term expires until a successor is appointed, unless discharged by the Governor. Each member must take an oath of office. The board chooses, by majority vote, a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, to serve two-year terms. The board must meet monthly.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 267.090 and 267.120 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations and are treated as local governments. The governing body of the most populous city in a metropolitan statistical area may propose to create a district if it finds that area-wide mass transit needs cannot be met by local transit. The Salem Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors establishes priorities, evaluates transit system performance, approves budgets, and works with the community to improve bus service and address transit-related issues.

The board must

- purchase or lease only motor vehicles capable of using alternative fuel and report annually to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Energy on the status of alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels used;
- appoint a district general manager;
- annually determine the district territory; and
- prepare and revise a general plan for mass transit operation.

⁴ [ORS 267.030 \(2023\) to ORS 267.430 \(2023\)](#).



Salem Area Mass Transit District

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 267.090 & .120**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Board Admin: **Kirra Pressey**

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Current Appointments

Lara Midkiff, Joaquín

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Subdistrict 1

Position Number: **1**

Mr Navarro, Ramiro

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

Subdistrict 2

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

Position Number: **2**

Ms Carney, Sadie K

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Subdistrict 3

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **3**

Hinojos Pressey, Maria

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

Subdistrict 4

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

Position Number: **4**

10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

Mr Davidson, Ian T MPP

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Subdistrict 5

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **5**

Duncan, Sara B

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

Subdistrict 6

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

Position Number: **6**

Holmstrom, William

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Subdistrict 7

9/28/2022 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **7**

Vacant Positions