Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules

and Executive Appointments

DATE: September 12, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Energy Facility Siting Council, subject to Senate confirmation:

New Appointee

Patricia Perry of Pendleton

Re-appointee

Ann Beier of Bend

Terms

Beier: November 19, 2025 – June 30, 2029 Perry: October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Statutory Authority

ORS 469.450 (2023).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The council consists of seven public members (**BEIER**, CONDON, DEVLIN, GRAIL, HOWE, IMES, **PERRY**).

Appointees are prohibited from serving if they have a conflict of interest. They cannot be a current or retired employee, director, or consultant, or have anything other than an incidental pecuniary interest in entities operating, or that want to operate, an energy facility in Oregon, nor in manufacturers of any related equipment. They serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment, limited to two full terms, and may not accept employment with an owner or operator of an energy facility subject to council regulation for two years after the expiration of their term. The council elects a chair and vice chair annually; a majority constitutes a quorum.

¹ Or. Const. art. III, §4; ORS 171.562 (2023) and ORS 171.565 (2023) .

² ORS 244.050 (2023).

³ ORS 469.450 (2023); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The council implements energy policy and oversees the development of large-scale electric generating facilities, gas pipelines, and high voltage transmission wires, among other projects. If a facility is approved, the council maintains regulatory jurisdiction over construction and operation. Council duties include:

- investigating and researching all aspects of site selection;
- encouraging voluntary cooperation among all stakeholders;
- advising and consulting with all interested groups and political subdivisions;
- consulting with the Water Resources Commission on its determinations to allocate water for hydroelectric development;
- designating local governing bodies as special advisory groups where facility locations are proposed;
- forming an Electric and Magnetic Field Committee and reporting its findings to the legislature;
- applying legal standards to determinations regarding proposed energy facility sites; and
- reviewing programs to monitor environmental and ecological impacts of construction and operation of facilities.

⁴ ORS 469.460 to 469.520 (2023); Oregon Department of Energy, *About the Council* < https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/About-the-Council.aspx (last visited September 9, 2025).



Energy Facility Siting Council

Agency: Energy, Oregon Department Of

Authorization: ORS 469.450

Min Members: 7 Max Members: 7

Term Length: 4 Term Limit: 2

Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes

Policy Area: **Energy**

Board Admin: Todd Cornett

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Current Appointments

Ms Condon, Cynthia "Cindy" R	Term(s):	12/13/2024 - 6/30/2028
Position Number: 1		12/13/2020 - 12/12/2024
		2/14/2020 - 12/12/2020
Beier, Ann	Term(s):	11/19/2025 - 6/30/2029
Position Number: 2		6/10/2022 - 11/18/2025
Ms Grail, Marcia L	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026
Position Number: 3		7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022
		9/26/2016 - 6/30/2018
Imes, Katie	Term(s):	2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027
Position Number: 4		
Perry, Patricia	Term(s):	10/1/2025 - 6/30/2029
Position Number: 5		
Devlin, Richard	Term(s):	1/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
Position Number: 6		
Howe, Kent D	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026
Position Number: 7		9/28/2018 - 6/30/2022

Vacant Positions