

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Business Development Commission, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointee

Tamara Brown of Portland

Term

October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Statutory Authority

[ORS 285A.040 \(2023\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission consists of nine members:

- seven are appointed to four-year terms with consideration for expertise or training in international trade, traded sector business development, small business development, local economic development, finance and business development, innovation, or other areas identified by the Governor (ARREOLA (R), **BROWN (D)**, CHEUNG (N/A), GOPALPUR (D), INSKO (R), MINTY (R), WYSS-SCHOENBORN (R));
- one Senator, nonvoting (MEEK (D)); and
- one Representative, nonvoting (ELMER (D)).

The Senator is appointed to a four-year term by the President of the Senate, and the Representative is appointed to a two-year term by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One gubernatorial appointee with expertise or training in local development must also be an elected local government official with experience in economic development, and at least one must be a resident of the area east of the Cascade Range. No more than five members may belong to one political party.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 285A.040 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.1009 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The commission develops the state's economic development strategy and oversees the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon). Its duties include:

- developing and maintaining the state's economic development policy and strategy;
- providing oversight and direction to Business Oregon;
- maintaining complete and accurate records of all commission activities;
- coordinating activities with federal, state and local agencies, community partners and regions;
- biennially reporting economic development efforts to the governor and legislature; and
- making specified findings prior to the approval of bond financing or economic development projects.

The commission may also:

- delegate power, duties, or functions to designated department officers, agents, employees, or committee members;
- prepare and submit suggested administrative rules to Business Oregon; and
- establish advisory and technical committees.

⁴ [ORS 285A.045 to 285A.060 \(2023\)](#).



Business Development Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Business Development Department, Oregon**

Policy Area: **Jobs/Economy**

Authorization: **ORS 285A.040**

Board Admin: **None**

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

Address:

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

Business Development Department

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

Mr Insko, Thomas A

Republican

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Senator Meek, Mark W

Senator (Non-voting)

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/27/2023 -**

Representative Elmer, Lucetta

Representative (Non-voting)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **8/7/2023 -**

Mr Gopalpur, Chandrakanth "Kanth" C

Democrat

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

2/17/2016 - 6/30/2017

Mr Cheung, Raymond C

Not a member of a party

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

3/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

Brown, Tamara

Democrat

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

Mrs Morris, Kelley M

Republican

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021

Wyss-Schoenborn, Stacie

Republican

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**

Arreola, Marin	Term(s):	2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027
Republican		
Position Number: 9		

Vacant Positions