

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 GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION

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

New Appointee

Cheri Helt of Bend

Term

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 244.250 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission has nine members:

- two House Democrat recommendations: MCAULEY (D), PAYNE (D);
- two House Republican recommendations: BURKE (L), **HELT (R)**;
- two Senate Democrat recommendations: JANJI (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.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 244.250 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

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.

⁴ [ORS 244.050 to 244.390 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.740 to 171.778 \(2023\)](#), and [ORS 192.685 \(2023\)](#).



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

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

House Democrat Recommendation; Democrat

Position Number: **1**

Mr Fiskum, David M

Term(s): **5/31/2021 - 5/2/2025**

Governor's Appointee; Non-Affiliated

5/3/2017 - 5/2/2021

Position Number: **9**

Payne, Shenoa

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

House Democrat Recommendation; Democrat

Position Number: **2**

Representative Helt, Cheri

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**

House Republican Recommendation; Republican

Position Number: **3**

Mr Burke, Richard P

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

House Republican Recommendation; Libertarian

9/23/2016 - 9/22/2020

Position Number: **4**

Janci, Peter

Term(s): **5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029**

Senate Democratic Recommendation; Unaffiliated

Position Number: **5**

Resendiz Gutierrez, Iván

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

Senate Democratic Recommendation; Democrat

Position Number: **6**

Mr Thompson, Jonathan E

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

Senate Republican Recommendation; Republican

Position Number: **7**

Metler, Ann	Term(s):	3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029
Senate Republican Recommendation; Republican		
Position Number: 8		

Vacant Positions