# 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



### **OREGON RACING COMMISSION**

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Racing Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### **New Appointee**

Marc Kinsley of Philomath

#### Term

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029

# **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

ORS 462.210 (2023)

#### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Required.

## Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of five members who must be U.S. citizens and Oregon residents and electors (BERRY, DOHERTY, FOWLER, **KINSLEY**, STEIN).

Members serve four-year terms, serve until a successor is appointed, may be removed for cause, and must take an oath of office. The commission elects its chair and vice chair. 4

No member, employee, or immediate family member thereof, may:5

- own or have any other financial interest in any animal participating in any race, any race meet, or public training track or race course; or
- bet or wager, in any manner, on any race meet held under the license and supervision of the commission if such individual acts in an official capacity in connection with that race meet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 and ORS 171.565 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ORS 244.050 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ORS 462.210 (2021); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ORS 462.210 (2023) and 462.240 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ORS 462.273 (2023).

#### **Duties**<sup>6</sup>

The commission regulates all aspects of the pari-mutuel industry, including racing, onand off-track wagering, and multi-jurisdictional account wagering hubs, for the good of the horses, the horsemen and women, the bettors, the licensees, and the citizenry.

#### The commission must:

- license, regulate, and supervise all race meets;
- visit and inspect race sites at least once each fiscal year;
- administer a state mutuel wagering system including allowable activities;
- appoint an executive director, who may be a member of the commission or an employee of the commission in another capacity;
- appoint necessary officials, including a board of stewards, for each race meet;
- adopt necessary rules and regulations;
- write an annual report and submit it to the Governor and Legislative Assembly;
- appoint enforcement agents to serve and execute warrants; and
- administer a state exchange wagering program allowing licensed operators to operate on- and off-track wagering and multi-jurisdiction account wagering.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ORS 462.020 to ORS 462.740 (2023).



LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

# Racing Commission, Oregon

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 462.210

Min Members: 5 Max Members: 5

Term Length: 4 Term Limit: None

Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes

Policy Area: Public Safety

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# **Current Appointments**

**Doherty, Margaret** 

t Term(s):

9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026

Position Number: 1

Berry, Quinn

Term(s): 4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027

Position Number: 2

Dr. Kinsey, Marc

Term(s):

10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029

Position Number: 3

Stein, Harvey

Term(s):

6/1/2025 - 5/31/2029

10/1/2024 - 5/31/2025

Fowler, Lindsay

Position Number: 5

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027

### **Vacant Positions**