

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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STATE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Apprenticeship and Training Council subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Francisco Saldivar of Keizer

Re-appointees

Brenda Aranda of Newberg (previously Brenda Neri Wong)

Nathan Philips of Eugene

Term

Aranda: March 15, 2025 – March 14, 2029

Philips: November 19, 2025 – November 18, 2029

Saldivar: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 660.110 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The council has nine members, including:

- eight appointed by the Governor:
 - four from apprenticeable building and construction crafts or trades; two representing employers (**PHILLIPS**, **STUART**), and two representing employees (**SWENSON**, **VACANT**);
 - two from other apprenticeable occupations with programs; one representing employers (**JEFFRIES**) and one representing employees (**LOWERY**) and,
 - two public members (**ARANDA**, **SALDIVAR**) and,

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 660.110 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), *ex officio* (STEPHENSON).

Appointees serve four-year terms and must be actively participating on an apprenticeship governing body for at least four years or have at least four years of experience in workforce development or investment activities, vocational training or education, apprenticeship program administration or a related discipline.

The council must hold at least four annual public meetings. The BOLI Commissioner serves as the chair and may cast the deciding vote. The council selects a vice chair.

Duties⁴

The council enforces the state's apprenticeship and training statutes, under the direction of the BOLI Apprenticeship and Training Division. The council and division must:

- establish policy for the promotion, expansion, and improvement of apprenticeship and training programs;
- review, approve, and register program standards;
- establish committees and approve nominations to local and state joint committees;
- deregister standards, terminate programs, and remove members of any committee, for inactivity or inadequate activity, or for failure to abide by applicable statutes;
- cooperate with interested state and federal agencies, including the Department of Education, the State Workforce and Talent Development Board, and other providers of related training and curriculum;
- adopt rules for gathering information through subpoenas or testimony; and
- perform such other functions and duties as are necessary.

The council and division may also:

- adopt rules to enforce and administer the apprenticeship and training statutes;
- conduct investigations, issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, obtain evidence, administer oaths and take testimony in all matters relating to the council's duties and functions; and
- petition the circuit court to enforce a subpoena.

⁴ [ORS 660.120 \(2023\)](#).



Apprenticeship and Training Council, State

Agency: **Labor & Industries, Bureau of**

Authorization: **ORS 660.110**

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

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

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Current Appointments

Phillips, Nathan

Trades Employer

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **11/19/2025 - 11/18/2029**

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025

Ms Swenson, Amanda L

Trades Employee

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **5/15/2023 - 5/14/2027**

5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023

Stuart, Evan

Trades Employer

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **5/25/2022 - 5/24/2026**

11/19/2021 - 5/24/2022

Gandarilla, Iris

Trades Employee

Position Number: **4**

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

Jefferies, Nicholas

Apprenticeable Employer

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026**

Lowery, Kayla

Apprenticeable Employee Rep

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 4/25/2027**

Saldivar, Francisco

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

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

Aranda, Brenda

Public Member

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **3/15/2025 - 3/14/2029**

2/16/2024 - 3/14/2025

Stephenson, Christina	Term(s):	-
CHAIR, Ex-Officio, Labor Commissioner		
Position Number: 9		

Vacant Positions