

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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RESIDENTIAL OMBUDSMAN AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN ADVISORY BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Re-appointee

Melanie St. John of Portland

Term

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 441.416 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 Oregon residents:

- seven individuals appointed by the Governor (ALLEN, ALRICK, COHEN, **ST. JOHN**, GLAUS, WILLIAMS, VACANT);
- one individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (JANSSEN);
- one individual appointed by the President of the Senate (STOCK);
- one individual appointed by the House Minority Leader (SMITH); and
- one individual appointed by the Senate Minority Leader (MOWRY).

Governor appointees may not have a financial or fiduciary interest in residential facilities, long term care facilities, or service providers, or involvement in the licensing or certification of residential facilities, long term care facilities, or service providers. One member is appointed by the Governor from each list of four names submitted by organizations for seniors, organizations for persons with mental illness, and the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. Of the four remaining members, two must have

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 446.416 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

expertise in the provision of guardianship, conservatorship, and other fiduciary services for persons with inadequate resources. Members serve four-year terms.

The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board must meet at least once each month and confer each month with the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Duties⁴

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program serves long term care facility residents through complaint investigation, resolution, and advocacy for improvement in resident care. The board monitors the program and advises policymakers on related issues.

The board must:

- monitor the Long Term Care Ombudsman program;
- advise the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on the Long Term Care Ombudsman program; and
- nominate, after interviews and according to prescribed criteria, three persons to fill the Long Term Care Ombudsman position or to fill a vacancy in the position.

The board may review any action by the ombudsman appealable to the board and, if the board disagrees with the action of the ombudsman, refer the resolution back with instructions.

⁴ [ORS 441.416 to 441.419 \(2023\)](#).



Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board

Agency: **Aging & People with Disabilities (ODHS)**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Authorization: **ORS 441.416**

Board Admin: **Fred Steele**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **11**

Address:

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

830 D Street NE

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

Janssen, Roberta

Term(s): **8/7/2023 - 8/6/2027**

House Speaker's Appointee

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Position Number: **1**

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Ms Stock, Sherry

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Senate President's Appointment

10/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **2**

Mr Smith, Matthew "Matt" S

Term(s): **3/14/2025 - 6/30/2028**

House Minority Leader Appointee

Position Number: **3**

Mr Mowry, Dwight D

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

Senate Minority Leader's Appointment

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Position Number: **4**

11/28/2016 - 6/30/2018

Allen, Diana L

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Governor's Appointee

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **8**

Mr Alrick, Daniel L

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

OCDD Recommendation (IDD Expertise)

Position Number: **5**

St. John, Melanie

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

Governor's Appointee

4/26/2023 - 6/30/2025

Position Number: **6**

Glaus, Ronald

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Governor's Appointee

Position Number: **7**

Mr Cohen, Gerald J	Term(s):	7/1/2026 - 6/30/2030
Governor's Appointee (Expertise in guardianship, conservatorship, and fiduciary services)		5/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
Position Number: 9		

Mr Williams, Mark M	Term(s):	12/17/2022 - 12/16/2024
Governor's Appointee (Expertise in guardianship, conservatorship, and fiduciary services)		12/17/2018 - 12/16/2022
Position Number: 10		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Hines, Allen M	Governor	2/14/2020	2/13/2024
11	Mr Giles, Thomas "Tom" B	Governor	4/1/2015	3/31/2019