

Executive Appointments Legislative Review
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OFFICE: Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, State Board of

APPOINTEE: Amber Kaatz of Silverton; New appointment replacing Felton
Kristen Wings- Yanez of Portland; New Appointment replacing Stromberg

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY: ORS 144.025

TERM: Kaatz: Partial four-year term; September 20, 2012 – July 5, 2015
Wings-Yanez: Partial four-year term: October 22, 2012 – December 10, 2015

ECONOMIC INTEREST FILING (ORS 244.050): Not required.

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: ORS 144.005 – ORS 144.025
Affirmative action policy: See ORS 182.100. Diversity criteria: See ORS 236.115.

- At least three but no more than five members. (KAATZ, WHEELER, WINGES-YANEZ)
- At least one member must be a woman (WHEELER)
- Four-year terms
- Governor may remove any member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office
- Members shall devote their time to performance of the duties imposed on the board and shall not engage in partisan political activity
- Members shall receive salary set by the Governor and may receive actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- Governor selects the chairperson and vice chairperson

DUTIES & AUTHORITY: ORS 144.035
Appointed by the Governor on the basis of qualifications necessary to perform the duties of the office

- Assign members to hearings panels
- Apportion matters for decision to hearing panels
- Oversee Board's duties performed in accordance with ORS Chapter 144.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, State Board of

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 144.005&015
Members: Min: 3 Max: 5
Term length: # year(s): 4 Limit: None
Senate confirmation required?: Yes

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Member Name and Address

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| (3) Amber L. Kaatz
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Silverton, OR 97381
Replacing Aaron D. Felton
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| (1) Candace E. Wheeler
363 Eagle Feather Street NW
Salem, OR 97304-4363
Term(s): 02/01/2006 - 01/31/2010
02/01/2010 - 01/31/2014 | Home: 503-540-0263
Work: 503-945-0904
E-Mail: candace.wheeler@doj.stae.or.us |
| (2) Kristin Wings-Yanez
8558 SW 8th Avenue
Portland, OR 97219
Replaces Jeremiah P. Stromberg
Term(s): 10/15/2012 - 12/10/2015 | Home: 503-327-5061
Work: 971-673-1880
E-Mail: kristin.winges@doj.state.or.us |

Date: September 6, 2012 (for September 12, 2012 hearing)
To: The Honorable Diane Rosebaum, Chair
Senate Rules Committee
From: Amber Kaatz, Board Member Nominee
Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision
Subject: **Confirmation Statement**

Thank you Chair Rosebaum and members of the Senate Rules Committee, I am Amber Kaatz, before you today seeking confirmation of the Governor's appointment to serve as a member of the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision. I was raised an Oregonian and I am honored to testify before you today.

Having worked in the criminal justice field since 1994 (until 2008 with Umatilla County Community Corrections in various roles and most recently as a grants coordinator and manager for the Criminal Justice Commission), I saw the Governor's nomination as a tremendous opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Oregon by bringing my education, knowledge, experience and dedication to this Board.

I am humbled by the Governor's nomination and look forward to working with the Board in collaboration with DOC; CC; the Governor's Office; members of the Legislature; and the many other key stakeholders to continue carrying-out important board functions, including a commitment to protecting the rights of victims and promoting public safety, in as transparent and effective manner as possible.

I thank you for this opportunity to come before you, and will be happy to answer your questions.

Statement of Interest

Kristin Wings-Yanez

I write to express interest in an appointment to the Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision. I have dedicated my career to public service, and I intend to continue serving Oregon in whatever way I can. This position excites me for several reasons. First, I have spent the last four and a half years representing the Oregon Department of Corrections on civil rights and tort suits brought by incarcerated individuals. I am fascinated by the legal and societal underpinnings of our criminal justice system and efforts towards prisoner rehabilitation, and I would be thrilled to have a direct role in that system. Second, I work closely with ODOC, from top management to the officers in the institutions, and I have also worked with local parole offices and, in many cases, with the State Police. I hold these public safety organizations in the highest regard, and I would look forward to an expanded working relationship with them and other agencies. I would also enjoy the committee work that I know is a part of this position. I understand that BOPPPS is charged with applying the convoluted rules governing prison sentences and parole. My experience as a government lawyer has exposed me to a wide variety of complex legal and administrative rule issues, and I believe I would be well suited to handle that task. I have carried a large caseload, with increasing responsibility, and I do not shy from hard work and difficult decisions. I would be deeply honored to serve on the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision; thank you for the opportunity to put my name in for this appointment.