



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: May 28, 2020
By: Tyler Larson, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Michael Alexander of Portland, Reappointment
Patricia McDonald of Portland, Reappointment

Term

Alexander: June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2024
McDonald: February 17, 2020 – February 16, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 778.215 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of nine commissioners appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ Commissioners must be citizens of the United States and the State of Oregon and must have resided within the state for one year immediately preceding appointment. Commissioners serve four-year terms and may be removed for malfeasance after a hearing and upon determination of the Multnomah County Circuit Court. Not fewer than two board commissioners must be residents of each county constituting the port district:

- Clackamas County (LAM, PEARCE);
- Multnomah County (**ALEXANDER**, CUPRILL-COMAS, NIEMI, O'HOLLAREN);
- Washington County (**MCDONALD**, TSURUTA); and,
- Other Counties outside the port district (LEVY).

¹ See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

² See [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ See [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 778.205 to 778.235 \(2019\)](#).

The board must hold at least one meeting each month. The Governor must designate one commissioner to serve as president of the board, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor and who must designate from the other members of the board a vice president, treasurer, and secretary of the board who serve at the pleasure of the president. If a commissioner refuses to serve, ceases to have the required qualifications, or fails to attend for the period of 60 successive days any of the regular or special meetings of the board regularly and duly called and held, the commissioner's place on the board is vacant. The board may grant a leave of absence not exceeding three months to a commissioner unable to attend meetings of the board by reason of illness or continued absence from the City of Portland.

Duties and Authority

The board sets policy for the operation of the Port of Portland. The board must:⁵

- oversee the finances of the port, including the issuance and sale of revenue bonds and the approval of contracts for work and materials;
- determine the fair value of property acquired by the port; and
- provide assessment of the damages and benefits of the filling or reclamation of any low, swamp, or submersible land as contemplated by the port.

The board may:⁶

- by ordinance make, modify, or abolish regulations for the use, navigation, and placement therein or removal of obstruction from the rivers, harbors and waterways controlled by the port;
- create an executive committee of which every commissioner is a member and of which a number less than a majority, as the board may determine, may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;
- legislate with respect to the internal affairs of the Port of Portland by the adoption of ordinances; and
- by ordinance adopt, amend, or repeal regulations as convenient or necessary to provide for policing or regulating the use of properties owned, operated, maintained, or controlled by the port and of facilities located at or in conjunction with these properties.

⁵ [ORS 778.020 to 778.165 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 778.085 to 778.260 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Port of Portland, Board of Commissioners of the

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 778.215
Members: Min: 9 Max: 9
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Jobs/Economy

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Michael C Alexander Multnomah County	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 06-01-2020 - 05-31-2024 06-01-2016 - 05-31-2020	

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Alice M Cuprill-Comas, Chair Multnomah County	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023 10-01-2015 - 09-30-2019	

Katherine Lam Clackamas County	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	

Robert L Levy Umatilla County	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 05-01-2017 - 04-30-2021 05-01-2013 - 04-30-2017	

Patricia A McDonald Washington County	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 02-17-2020 - 02-16-2024 02-17-2016 - 02-16-2020	

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Policy Area: Jobs/Economy

Meg M Niemi
Multnomah County
Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023

Position Number: 8

Sean B O'Hollaren
Multnomah County
Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022

Position Number: 5

Linda M Pearce
Clackamas County
Term(s): 10-01-2016 - 09-30-2020
10-01-2012 - 09-30-2016

Position Number: 1

Tom Tsuruta
Washington County
Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020
12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016

Position Number: 9