



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: September 14, 2020
By: Tyler Larson, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON VOLUNTEERS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND SERVICE

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Volunteers Commission for Voluntary Action and Service subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Daniel Altamirano of Beaverton; New Appointment
Jorge Cruz of Portland; Reappointment
Adele McAfee of Bend; Reappointment
Elias Villegas of Woodburn; Reappointment

Term

Altamirano: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023
All reappointments: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2023

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 458.555 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of at least 15 and not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ The members of the commission must be citizens of this state who have a proven commitment to community service and who have a demonstrated interest in fostering and nurturing citizen involvement as a strategy for strengthening communities and promoting the ethic of service in all sectors of this state.⁵

Membership must include:

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 458.555 \(2019\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 458.558 \(2019\)](#).

- an individual with experience in educational, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth (**CRUZ**);
- an individual with experience in promoting involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism (SCHUBERT);
- a representative of community-based agencies or organizations within this state (FIELDMAN);
- the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
- a representative of local governments in this state (**McAFEE**);
- a representative of local labor unions in this state (EDWARDS);
- a representative of business (CORNELIUS);
- a person at least 16, but not more than 25, years of age who is a participant or supervisor in a national service program (**ALTAMIRANO**; BARNES; BUCKLAND); and
- a representative of a national service program (CUMBERBATCH; TODD).

Membership may also include individuals from the following groups:

- educators (**VILLEGAS**);
- experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities and individuals (BRITO; DEIZ; JONES; PALSHIKAR; RIX; SNEAD);
- members of Native American tribes;
- at-risk youths who are out of school; and
- entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (WESSELS).

In making appointments of members, the Governor shall ensure that no more than 50 percent of the appointed members are from the same political party and no more than 25 percent of the appointed members are state employees.

The commission must select a commission member as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for terms, and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices, as the commission determines.⁶ A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission must meet at least once every three months and at the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the commission.

Duties and Authority

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is the federal agency that leads service, volunteering, and grant-making efforts in the United States under the Americorps and Senior Corps programs.⁷ States that establish a Service Commission are eligible to receive grants through those programs. The commission is responsible for developing a

⁶ [ORS 458.560 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ Corporation for National and Community Service, *About CNCS*, <https://nationalservice.gov/about> (last visited August 4, 2020).

comprehensive national service plan and administering national and community service programs in the state.⁸

The commission must:⁹

- develop programs and provide oversight and administration of programs granted to this state by the CNCS under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993;
- prepare state applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service for financial assistance for state-based service programs;
- develop projects, training methods, curriculum materials, and other materials and activities related to state service programs that receive assistance directly from the Corporation for National and Community Service;
- engage citizens in service and strengthen communities and create statewide access for all Oregon citizens to a variety of volunteer opportunities;
- encourage youth and young adults to engage in their communities through voluntary action;
- promote recognition of volunteerism and service into the daily operation of public, private and nonprofit sectors throughout the state by promoting a statewide volunteer recognition plan open to all sectors and assisting efforts by Oregon communities to encourage citizen involvement in volunteerism;
- biennially submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly which: details commission activities during the preceding two years; reviews and summarizes the content of reports accepted by the commission on behalf of the Governor; assesses the state of national service in Oregon; and contains specific recommendations for any additional legislation the commission deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the Oregon Volunteer and Community Service Act or to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the commission;
- identify goals to develop and facilitate the initiation of public and private entity programs that will encourage and reward citizen participation and volunteerism; and
- adopt a set of recommended best practices for use by organizations and entities in screening volunteers and establish and maintain an outreach program regarding the screening of volunteers.

The commission may:¹⁰

- establish advisory and technical committees as the commission considers necessary to aid and advise the commission in the performance of commission functions; and
- apply for and accept grants, contributions and assistance from any federal, state or local government agency and any foundation, individual, or organization.

⁸ Higher Education Coordinating Commission, *Oregon Volunteers Commission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/institutions-programs/workforce/Pages/oregon-volunteers-commission.aspx> (last visited August 4, 2020).

⁹ [ORS 458.568 to 458.595 \(2019\)](#).

¹⁰ [ORS 458.565 to 458.575 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Voluntary Action and Service, Oregon Volunteers Commission for

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 458.555

Members: Min: 15 Max: 25

Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2

Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Human Services

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Daniel I Altamirano

16-25, Supervisor of Service Program for school-age youth,
campus-based or national service program

Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2023

Position Number: 16

Sierra J Barnes

16-25, Supervisor of Service Program for school-age youth,
campus-based or national service program

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022

Position Number: 15

Pablo R Brito

Volunteer Sector Representative

Term(s): 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020

Position Number: 9

Mila Buckland

Youth Engaged in Service

Term(s): 05-03-2017 - 05-31-2019

Position Number: 15

Ross W Cornelius

Business Representative

Term(s): 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020

Position Number: 5

Jorge A Cruz

Expert in education, training and development needs of Youth,
particularly disadvantaged youth*; (Secondary: National Service
Program Representative)

Term(s): 12-01-2020 - 11-30-2023

12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020

Position Number: 3

Shenika L Cumberbatch

Services Expert: Public Policy (Secondary: National Service
Representative)

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022

Position Number: 14

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Voluntary Action and Service, Oregon Volunteers Commission for

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Human Services

William R Deiz
Service Delivery Expert

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 03-01-2016 - 02-28-2019
04-01-2013 - 02-28-2016

Heidi D Edwards
Local Labor Organization

Position Number: 17

Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021

Michael C Fieldman
Community-based Agency Representative

Position Number: 12

Term(s): 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020
02-18-2011 - 02-17-2014
02-18-2008 - 02-17-2011

Todd M Jones
Services Expert: Service Learning

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022

Adele D McAfee
Local Government Representative

Position Number: 10

Term(s): 12-01-2020 - 11-30-2023
12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020

Jayesh S Palshikar
Volunteer Sector Representative

Position Number: 22

Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021

Nathan K Rix
Services Expert Representative: Civic Engagement (Secondary:
National Service Program Representative)

Position Number: 13

Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 09-22-2022

Derenda M Schubert, PhD
Volunteerism and service for older adults (55+) Representative*

Position Number: 18

Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020
01-01-2015 - 12-31-2017

Courtney M Snead
Services Expert Representative: Civic Engagement

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 12-16-2021

Joshua L Todd
National Service Program Representative

Position Number: 21

Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020
01-01-2015 - 12-31-2017

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Voluntary Action and Service, Oregon Volunteers Commission for

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Human Services

Elias P Villegas

Higher Education Representative

Position Number: 20

Term(s): 12-01-2020 - 11-30-2023
12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020

Kelly D Wessels

DVSA Program Representative

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2021
06-01-2015 - 05-31-2018

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Voluntary Action and Service, Oregon Volunteers Commission for

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Human Services

Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
1	Cord D Bueker	Governor	05/25/2018	05/24/2021
1	Brenda Brooks	Governor	12/13/2015	12/12/2018
	Superintendent of Public Instruction; Governor's Designee			
1	Brenda Brooks	Governor	12/13/2012	12/12/2015
	Superintendent of Public Instruction; Governor's Designee			
1	Marilyn D Walster	Governor	07/01/2004	06/30/2007
	2(d) Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee; PGP			
1	Beverlee R Jackson	Governor	02/17/2001	02/16/2004
	Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee; R			
1	Beverlee R Jackson	Governor	06/01/2000	02/16/2001
	Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee; R			
1	Marilyn D Walster	Governor	02/17/1998	02/16/2001
	Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee; D			
1	Marilyn D Walster	Governor	02/17/1995	02/16/1998
	Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee; D			
1	Marilyn D Walster	Governor	02/17/1994	02/16/1995
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
4	Gary L Carroll, II	Governor	05/03/2017	05/31/2019
	2(a) Disadvantaged Youth; D			
4	Diana J Teem	Governor	03/01/2013	02/28/2016
	2(a) Disadvantaged Youth; R			
4	Diana J Teem	Governor	03/01/2010	02/28/2013
	2(a) Disadvantaged Youth; R			
4	Thomas C Cope	Governor	02/01/2007	01/31/2010
	2(a) Disadvantaged Youth; Non P			
4	Thomas C Cope	Governor	02/01/2004	01/31/2007
	2(a) Disadvantaged Youth; Other			
4	Callie H Lambarth	Governor	09/01/2000	08/31/2003
	National Service Program; Other			
4	Cathy M Rios	Governor	02/17/1997	02/16/2000
	National Service Program/Business; D			
4	Jean A Cain	Governor	02/17/1994	02/16/1997
	National Service Program; R			
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Jeannemarie C Halleck	Governor	12/01/2017	11/30/2020
	Community Based Agency Representative			
11	Eva S Schweber	Governor	07/01/2010	06/30/2013
	2(g) Business, D			
11	Eva S Schweber	Governor	07/01/2007	06/30/2010
	2(g) Business, D			
11	Christee A Sweeney	Governor	05/01/2002	04/30/2005
	2(g) Business; D			
11	Maria R Rius	Governor	11/01/1995	10/31/1998
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Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
19	Susan M Knight	Governor	06/01/2015	05/31/2018
	CASA Program			
19	Katherine P Philipson	Governor	02/18/2008	02/17/2011
	2(h) Youth Between 16-25; D			
19	Mike T McLaran	Governor	07/01/2004	06/30/2007
	2(g) Business; R			