



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Date: October 27, 2021  
By: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst  
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

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## OREGON VOLUNTEERS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND SERVICE

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

### Appointees

Greg Carpinello of Milwaukie; New Appointment  
Jared Pruch of Eugene; New Appointment  
Heidi Edwards of Beaverton; Reappointment  
Jayesh Palshikar of Wood Village; Reappointment

### Term

Carpinello: November 19, 2021 – November 18, 2024  
Pruch: November 19, 2021 – November 18, 2024  
Edwards: May 24, 2021 – May 24, 2024  
Palshikar: May 24, 2021 – May 24, 2024

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of at least 15 and not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 458.555 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 458.558 \(2019\)](#).

Membership must include:

- 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 (**CARPINELLO**; DEIZ; JONES; **PALSHIKAR**; **PRUCH**; 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.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> States that establish a Service Commission are eligible to receive

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<sup>6</sup> [ORS 458.560 \(2019\)](#).

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

grants through those programs. The commission is responsible for developing a comprehensive national service plan and administering national and community service programs in the state.<sup>8</sup>

The commission must:<sup>9</sup>

- 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:<sup>10</sup>

- 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.

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<sup>8</sup> 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).

<sup>9</sup> [ORS 458.568 to 458.595 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>10</sup> [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: 19
Mila Buckland Youth Engaged in Service Term(s): 05-03-2017 - 05-31-2019	Position Number: 15
Greg Carpinello  Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 11-18-2024	Position Number: 1
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 Term(s): 03-01-2016 - 02-28-2019 04-01-2013 - 02-28-2016	Position Number: 2
Heidi D Edwards Local Labor Organization Term(s): 05-25-2021 - 05-24-2024 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	Position Number: 17
Heidi D Edwards Local Labor Organization Term(s): 05-25-2021 - 05-24-2024 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	Position Number: 17
Michael C Fieldman Community-based Agency Representative Term(s): 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020 02-18-2011 - 02-17-2014 02-18-2008 - 02-17-2011	Position Number: 12
Todd M Jones Services Expert: Service Learning Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022	Position Number: 8
Adele D McAfee Local Government Representative Term(s): 12-01-2020 - 11-30-2023 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020	Position Number: 10
Jayesh S Palshikar Volunteer Sector Representative Term(s): 05-25-2021 - 05-24-2024 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	Position Number: 22
Jayesh S Palshikar Volunteer Sector Representative Term(s): 05-25-2021 - 05-24-2024 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	Position Number: 22
Jared Pruch Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 11-18-2024	Position Number: 4
Nathan K Rix Services Expert Representative: Civic Engagement (Secondary: National Service Program Representative) Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 09-22-2022	Position Number: 13

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**Policy Area:** Human Services

Derenda M Schubert, PhD Volunteerism and service for older adults (55+) Representative* Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020 01-01-2015 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 18
Courtney M Snead Services Expert Representative: Civic Engagement Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 12-16-2021	Position Number: 7
Joshua L Todd National Service Program Representative Term(s): 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2020 01-01-2015 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 21
Elias P Villegas Higher Education Representative Term(s): 12-01-2020 - 11-30-2023 12-01-2017 - 11-30-2020	Position Number: 20
Kelly D Wessels DVSA Program Representative Term(s): 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2021 06-01-2015 - 05-31-2018	Position Number: 6

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#### Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	Pablo R Brito Volunteer Sector Representative	Governor	12/01/2017	11/30/2020
9	Ashley M Aitken AARP Senior Program	Governor	01/01/2015	12/31/2017
9	Bandana Shrestha 2(b) Senior Program	Governor	07/01/2009	06/30/2012
9	Bandana Shrestha 2(b) Senior Program, I	Governor	07/01/2006	06/30/2009
9	Gerald J Cohen 2(b) Senior Program, I	Governor	02/17/2003	02/16/2006
9	Gerald J Cohen Senior Program, I	Governor	02/17/2000	02/16/2003
9	Phil Keisling D	Governor	02/17/1996	02/16/1999
9	Phil Keisling	Governor	02/17/1994	02/16/1996
Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Jeannemarie C Halleck Community Based Agency Representative	Governor	12/01/2017	11/30/2020
11	Eva S Schweber 2(g) Business, D	Governor	07/01/2010	06/30/2013
11	Eva S Schweber 2(g) Business, D	Governor	07/01/2007	06/30/2010
11	Christee A Sweeney 2(g) Business; D	Governor	05/01/2002	04/30/2005
11	Maria R Rius I	Governor	11/01/1995	10/31/1998