



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: May 18, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

COMMISSION ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointee

Hiral Pandya of Beaverton

Term

06-10-2022 - 06-09-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 185.610 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 11 Oregon residents to ensure the representation of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans:

- nine members appointed by the Governor (ALYAJOURI, COX, IGLESIAS, LEUNG, MCCLELLAN, **PANDYA**, PHAN, SONEOULAY-GILLESPIE and VACANT);
- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (DEMBROW); and
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT).

Members serve four-year terms. The commission elects its chair and vice chair for one year and a majority constitutes a quorum.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 185.610 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The commission works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the state and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting them. Its duties include:

- identifying needs and barriers to economic development and trade opportunities and advising state agencies and officials;
- establishing an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate the commission's work;
- compiling information relating to services available to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, including education and training programs, work programs, dispute resolution programs, trade opportunities, housing programs, health programs, mental health and substance use disorder programs, and welfare programs from local, state and federal sources and through private entities;
- developing and sponsoring programs in cooperation with Asian and Pacific Islander American groups and organizations to keep constituency informed of services available to them;
- assessing all programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and making recommendations to improve them;
- serving as liaison to other state boards and commissions;
- reporting regularly to the Governor on the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, specifying programs, projects, and activities that the commission will undertake; and
- meeting at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission for Women to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance.

⁴ [ORS 185.620 \(2021\)](#) and [ORS 185.625 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 185.610
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Mohamed Alyajouri

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 04-01-2019 - 03-31-2022

Susan S Cox

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024
06-01-2017 - 05-31-2020
12-19-2016 - 05-31-2017

Michael Dembrow

Position Number: 10

Senator
Term(s):

John Iglesias

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 11-20-2021 - 11-19-2025

Jackie Leung

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 09-25-2020 - 09-24-2024
09-25-2017 - 09-24-2020

Marilyn McClellan

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026

Hiral Pandya

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 06-09-2026

Sam Phan

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Diversity & Inclusion

Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 05-25-2021 - 05-24-2025 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2021	

Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Fu Li House Speaker's Appointment	House Democrat Leader	01/01/2000	12/31/2002
5	Peter Leung House Speaker's Appointment (1st term Governor's Appt)	House Co/Speaker	11/20/1997	11/19/1999
5	Thomas Higashi Speaker of the House Appointment	House Democrat Leader		
5	John Lim, Rep House Speaker's Appointment	House Democrat Leader		
5	Nick Kahl, Rep House Speaker's Appointment	House Co/Speaker's Office		
5	Gene Whisnant House Speaker's Appointment	House Co/Speaker		
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5	Carla C Piluso Representative	House Co/Speaker		

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Neha C Subramanyam	Governor	03/15/2021	03/14/2025
7	David Y Tam	Governor	10/01/2015	09/30/2018
7	David Y Tam	Governor	05/25/2015	09/30/2015
7	Mahendra B Shah	Governor	10/01/2012	09/30/2015
7	Moinuddin Shaik	Governor	04/10/2011	04/09/2012
7	Teresa A Ferrer	Governor	04/10/2009	04/09/2012
7	Teresa A Ferrer	Governor	10/01/2008	04/09/2009
7	Moji Momeni	Governor	04/10/2006	04/09/2009
7	Massoud G Saberian Congressional District 1	Governor	02/01/2003	01/31/2006
7	Massoud G Saberian Congressional District 1	Governor	02/01/2000	01/31/2003
7	Massoud G Saberian Congressional District 1	Governor	02/01/1998	01/31/2000
7	Nadia M Kahl	Governor	11/20/1995	11/19/1997