



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments  
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## 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:<sup>1</sup>

### Appointees

#### *New*

Katy Coba of Salem  
Richelle Luther of Portland

### Term

06-10-2022 – 06-09-2026  
06-10-2022 – 02-16-2024

#### *Reappointment*

Sean O'Hollaren of Portland

05-25-2022 – 05-24-2026

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 778.215 \(2021\)](#).

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

Required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of nine commissioners who are U.S. citizens, and Oregon residents for at least a year immediately preceding appointment. They serve four-year terms and may be removed for malfeasance. A minimum of two must reside in each county constituting the port district:

- Clackamas County (LAM and STRADER);
- Multnomah County (ALEXANDER, CUPRILL-COMAS, NIEMI and O'HOLLAREN);
- Washington County (LUTHER and SAMPAT); and
- Counties outside the port district (COBA).

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 778.205 to 778.235 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The Governor designates the president of the board, and the president designates a vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The board must meet at least once a month. If a commissioner refuses to serve, no longer qualifies, or fails to attend any duly noticed meetings for 60 successive days, their appointment may be vacated.

## **Duties<sup>4</sup>**

The board sets policy for operation of the Port of Portland, including:

- overseeing port finances, including the issuance and sale of revenue bonds and the approval of contracts for work and materials;
- determining the fair value of port property; and
- assessing damages and benefits of filling for reclamation of any low, swamp, or submersible land contemplated by the port.

The board may:

- regulate the disposition of obstructions from rivers, harbors, and waterways controlled by the port, by ordinance;
- create executive committees as specified;
- regulate internal port operations via ordinances; and
- provide for policing or regulating the use of port and related properties by ordinance.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 778.020 to 778.260 \(2021\)](#).

# 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	

Katy M Coba Marion County	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 06-09-2026	

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	

Richelle Luther Washington County	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 02-16-2024	

Meg M Niemi Multnomah County	Position Number: 8
Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	

Sean B O'Hollaren Multnomah County	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 05-25-2022 - 05-24-2026 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	

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Ketan R Sampat Washington County Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 9
Stuart W Strader Clackamas County Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 1